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**EMOTIONAL:** Albert Huang holds the hand of Betty Mui, whose late husband, Chi Mui, had been Huang's mentor, as he announces his decision to step down as San Gabriel mayor and City Council member.

## Mayor of San Gabriel resigns

Albert Huang, who was arrested Friday, may face battery and robbery charges.

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Once, Albert Huang was the pride of his community, a young mayor and only the second Asian American to serve on San Gabriel's City Council. Now he may well be remembered for fighting with a woman at a dumping house late at night and for being arrested.

At an emotional news conference in his lawyer's office on Tuesday morning, the 35-year-old Huang, who is also an architect and developer, announced his resignation from the San Gabriel City Council. He said he was tired of the bad press he and his family have been getting since his arrest Friday.

"When I saw someone had posted a picture of my daughter on the Internet, it is when a line has been crossed," Huang said, reading softly from a prepared statement in English.

He then added in Chinese: "I don't want my family to be hurt anymore. I will sacrifice anything to protect them."

Huang's face contorted and he seemed on the verge of crying when Betty Mui, the widow of Huang's former mentor, stood at the podium to speak on his behalf.

Mui's husband, Chi Mui, was a respected community leader. [See Mayor, AA6]



**PROTEST:** San Gabriel residents including Ray Mak, center, express anger with Huang during the news conference at his lawyer's office, where Huang resigned.

### ELECTION 2010

## Strategies may decide who wins governor's race

Whitman is targeting independents. Brown is seeking to ensure that Democrats vote.

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As the gubernatorial candidates sprint to election day, Meg Whitman and Jerry Brown are following two distinct paths that speak to their strengths and weaknesses as candidates and the segments of the electorate that are vital to each.

Republican Whitman is aggressively courting independent voters across the state. She aired four new anti-Brown ads in the last week. She is campaigning in media markets large and

small every day and cluttering mailboxes around the state. A recent mailing — a glossy 24-page brochure — went to nearly 1 million independent voters. Whitman is targeting specific groups on the theory that even a motivated Republican base is not enough to guarantee her election.

Democratic nominee Brown is not nearly as visible but has concentrated his actions in Los Angeles and the Bay Area, the party's twin power centers, trying to motivate core voters with visits from popular Democrats such as Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. With his party less enthused than the GOP, Brown is also pressing independent voters with his assertions that Whitman is seeking office to benefit herself and California's privi-

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Incumbent seeks new term to meet goals. AA5

leged class.

"He's shooting a shotgun, hoping the blast is sufficiently broad enough and large enough that it will attract the kind of support he needs," said Larry Gerston, a political science professor at San Jose State. "She's shooting a rifle, picking her targets carefully."

The Whitman campaign is in overdrive, with the candidate riding around the state in a large green bus em- [See Campaigns, AA5]

## Study faults state 2-year colleges

Many institutions are failing to prepare California's future workforce, it says.

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Seventy percent of students seeking degrees at California's community colleges did not manage to attain them or transfer to four-year universities within six years, according to a new study that suggests that many two-year colleges are failing to prepare the state's future workforce.

Conducted by the Institute for Higher Education Leadership & Policy at Cal State Sacramento, the report, released Tuesday, found that most students who failed to obtain a degree or transfer in six years eventually dropped out; only 15% were still enrolled.

In addition, only about 40% of the 250,000 students the researchers tracked between 2003 and 2009 had earned at least 30 college credits, the minimum needed to provide an economic boost in jobs that require some college experience.

There were also significant disparities in the outcomes of black and Latino students. Only 26% of black students and 22% of Latino students had completed a degree or certificate or transferred after six years, compared to 37% of whites and 35% of Asian Pacific Islanders.

Latino students were half as likely as white students to transfer to a four-year university — 14% versus 29% — and black students were more likely than others to transfer to private, for-profit institutions without obtaining the credits needed for admission to the University of California or Cal State.

The findings point to a troubled college system that needs revamping, said study coauthor Nancy Shulock, executive director of the

higher education institute.

"It's not an understatement to say that the future of California is at stake," Shulock said. "Unlike other developing countries with which California and other states have to compete, each generation is getting less educated and attaining fewer higher degrees. The gaps are large and critical and when you look at the future face of California, they are the ones for whom we're not delivering much success."

The study comes as in- [See Colleges, AA5]

## TRIBUNE CHIEF TO STEP DOWN

MICHAEL ONEAL, STEVE MILLS AND STACY ST. CLAIR REPORTING FROM CHICAGO

Randy Michaels, Tribune Co.'s embattled chief executive, has decided to resign his post at the Chicago-based media company and intends to leave before the end of the week, sources close to the situation said.

He will be replaced by a four-member office of the president that the sources said would comprise Eddy Hartenstein, chief executive and publisher of the Los Angeles Times Media Group; Tony Hunter, president and publisher of the Chicago Tribune Media Group; Nils Larsen, Tribune's chief investment officer; and Don Liebentritt, chief restructuring officer.

The development comes after weeks of turmoil at the [See Tribune, AA2]

## Justice Thomas' wife seeks apology

After 20 years, she won't get one. Anita Hill says she stands by her Senate testimony.

KATHLEEN HENNESSEY REPORTING FROM WASHINGTON

Almost 20 years after the fact, the wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas has called the woman who accused her husband of sexual harassment and asked for an apology.

In a message left on Anita Hill's office voice mail, Virginia Thomas asked her husband's former aide to "consider an apology sometime and some full explanation of why you did what you did with my husband."

Hill is a professor at Brandeis University in Massachusetts, and the message



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**VIRGINIA THOMAS** She left her request on Anita Hill's voice mail at Brandeis University.

was left Saturday, Oct. 9, at 7:30 a.m. A spokesman for the university confirmed that Hill turned the message over Monday to the school's Department of Public Safety.

"And they in turn informed the FBI," said An-



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**ANITA HILL** In hearings in 1991, she accused Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment.

drew Gully, senior vice president of communications and external affairs. "They felt it was the appropriate thing to do."

At the university, Hill is a professor of social policy, law and women's studies. Hill became a household name

and the subject of a national conversation about sexual harassment after her explosive testimony at Thomas' contentious confirmation hearings in 1991. On Tuesday, Hill said she had nothing to apologize for.

"I certainly thought the call was inappropriate," Hill said in a statement. "I have no intention of apologizing because I testified truthfully about my experience and I stand by that testimony."

Hill told the Senate Judiciary Committee that Thomas had repeatedly boasted of his sexual prowess and described scenes from pornographic novels. In what Hill called "one of the oddest episodes," she testified that Thomas once picked up a soda can from his desk and said, "Who has put public hair on my Coke?"

Thomas, a conservative, forcefully denied the allega- [See Anita Hill, AA6]



Paramount Pictures

### 'Happy Days' star Tom Bosley dies

Bosley, shown with fellow cast members Henry Winkler, Ron Howard, Marion Ross and Erin Moran, was a Tony-winning stage actor. He was 83. AA7

### Cancer risks linger after study

Women who got hormone therapy years ago still have elevated risk of disease, death. AA2

### Audit to gauge Bell's solvency

County supervisors order a comprehensive review to vet the city's financial stability. AA3

### Bowen seeks another shot

Woes have slowed efforts to modernize the office of secretary of state. AA5

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