

# Obama wraps up Calif. fundraising trip

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — President Barack Obama on Saturday wrapped up a week that saw him raise campaign money for Democrats on both coasts. Obama attended a “round table” discussion at the home of Democratic donor and Zynga founder Mark Pincus and his wife, Ali, with about 25 supporters who paid up to \$32,400 for the privilege, according to Democratic officials. It was Obama’s fourth California fundraiser in three days and was closed to media coverage. This coming week brings more of the same for the

president, including his long-anticipated, first appearance at a campaign rally this election season. At an event Wednesday in Bridgeport, Connecticut, he’ll help boost Gov. Daniel Malloy and state Democrats. Malloy is in a tight re-election race in a state Obama won easily in 2012. Obama has worked hard all year to raise money for Democratic congressional and gubernatorial candidates. But his dismal approval ratings — in the low 40s, according to recent polls — so far have sidelined him from the campaign trail as candidates have avoided ap-

pearing with him, especially those from states where Obama lost in past years. But it has been expected that Obama, unpopular or not, would have to step up his involvement in the final weeks before the Nov. 4 elections, in which control of the Senate will be the night’s biggest prize. Democrats are currently in charge of the chamber, but Republicans can regain control by picking up just six seats. The political party that controls the White House historically loses seats in Congress in the midterm election of the president’s second term, history that

hardly favors an incumbent nearing the end of six years in office. Obama has chastised core Democratic constituencies for turning away from politics in nonpresidential election years but also has urged them to snap out of their midterm election slumber and vote next month. “There’s a congenital problem that we have as Democrats, and that is, in nonpresidential elections, in midterm elections, we don’t vote. We don’t vote,” he told about 300 supporters at a Democratic National Committee event at a San Francisco hotel Friday night.

## CAR SHOW

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About 500 people attended last year’s inaugural car show, and with more cars, vendors and activities this year, the event expects to get bigger and bigger each year said Miguel Diaz, one of the organizers. About 30 cars competed in the car show from clubs such as Del Valle Car Club, Rukillos Car Club and Desert Cruisers Car Club.

“It shows the community we’re here and doing anything to help the community,” Diaz said. “It’s a fun family event.” Nonprofit organizations were not charged a booth fee to participate, and for-profit vendors agreed to donate an amount to a local nonprofit in order to participate, Garcia-Ruiz said. “Everything goes back into the community,” she said. “It’s awesome,” said Seeley resident Eddie Noriega “The cars, the people coming together. It’s

the community.” Heber resident Frank Aguirre arrived right as the event opened at 3 p.m. and said for him, “It’s the people, the vibes, the cars. It’s a good time.” “We should have this more often,” he added. Visit the “Proyecto Heber” Facebook page or email proyectoheber@yahoo.com for more information. **Staff Writer Chelcey Adami can be reached at 760-337-3452 or cadami@ivpressonline.com**

## SHAWII

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He noted that it’s one thing to read about Native American culture in a class but another thing to actually experience parts of the culture for yourself. There’s also a disconnect between generations in and out of the Native American community, and events like this “could spark questions about heritage,” Elliott added.

Museum Director Neal Hitch said the success of the event is a testament to the grassroots community effort over the last 37 years to get the museum open and running. “If you look at everything going on today, it is a functional, fun place to be and I think that everywhere you look, people are enjoying themselves and having a really good time.” The event was also the museum’s last large public event for the year as con-

struction is beginning on the permanent exhibit. The museum will reopen with that exhibit in the spring. “Almost any community you talk to, what they judge the health of the community by is the quality of life and that quality of life is often the cultural things to do there, something to do that makes you feel like you’re participating in a larger part of the community,” Hitch said. “Really supporting the cultural institutions is really the most

important thing about wanting live here and the quality of life living here.” The museum will continue to do programs and school events as they prepare for next year, and volunteers are always needed. Visit www.ivdesertmuseum.org for more information. **Staff Writer Chelcey Adami can be reached at 760-337-3452 or cadami@ivpressonline.com**

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“We were, at the PUC, less than enthusiastic about Sen. Hueso’s bill last year,” he said, and explained that the regulators were directed to prioritize green energy according to “least cost and best fit.” Geothermal energy is, presently, more expensive than wind and solar. “We saw the earmarking 500 megawatts of geothermal energy with a lack of transmission capacity as being contrary to the policy direction that we have and we’d been following for some time,” he said.

Peevey said he favors a bill that would have regulators and local stakeholders come up with an integrated plan that deals with the Salton Sea. “We heard from regulators that the grid doesn’t need 500 megawatts of geothermal. And it’s too expensive and IID can’t deliver it anyway — that’s three strikes, you’re out,” Kelley responded. “The Salton Sea doesn’t have that kind of time and the state of California needs to deal with that.” **Staff Writer Antoine Abou-Diwan can be reached at 760-337-3454 or aabou-diwan@ivpressonline.com**

## CALTRANS

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It is unclear how much money and time the new technology will save the department, Caltrans Deputy Director Steve Takigawa said. A pilot program monitoring 200 vehicles cut fuel consumption by 16 percent because workers improved their driving and maintenance of the vehicles improved. Caltrans also estimates it will save at least \$500,000 each year by ending manual vehicle logs. Caltrans managers and workers are still sorting out how to interpret and handle the new technology. “We’re not trying to put the fear into our employees,” Takigawa said. “We’re saying that we value our employees, that this is the right thing to do, and that it’s in their interests.”

Caltrans’ largest union, Professional Engineers in California Government, say reports generated by the monitoring devices could be misinterpreted or unfairly used to limit employees’ movements. “Our main concern is that employees and their supervisors know what’s OK and what isn’t,” said Bruce Blanning, the union’s executive director. “If you’re on an assignment in the field for a couple of days and you’re off the clock, can you take (a Caltrans vehicle) to a restaurant for dinner? To a movie?” The union and Caltrans officials are discussing the issues and technology. **Check out our website at www.ivpressonline.com**



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**Zoe Woel, MD - Medical Director Board Certified Radiation Oncologist**

Dr. Woel received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA and earned her Doctor of Medicine degree from the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, VA. Dr. Woel's postdoctoral training included an internship in Internal Medicine at St. Mary's Medical Center in San Francisco, CA and she completed her residency in Radiation Oncology at the Joint Center for Radiation Therapy at Harvard Medical School. She continued her education at the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston, MA where she participated in a program focused on clinical effectiveness.

Prior to joining Imperial Valley Cancer Center, Dr. Woel served as an attending Radiation Oncologist at St. Barnabas Medical Center's Radiation Oncology Department in Livingston, NJ where she was an American Cancer Society Diamond Ball Honoree. She was also an attending radiation oncologist in the Radiation Oncology Department at St. Vincent's Comprehensive Cancer Center in New York, NY and appointed assistant professor of radiation oncology at New York Medical College in New York, NY.

**The Facts**

- ONE in EIGHT WOMEN will develop invasive breast cancer during their lifetime.
- Excluding skin cancer, BREAST CANCER is the MOST COMMON CANCER among women.
- In 2012, approximately 226,870 NEW CASES of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in the U.S.
- A woman's best overall preventative health strategy is to REDUCE KNOWN RISK FACTORS such as avoiding obesity and weight gain, increasing physical activity, and minimizing alcohol intake.

Source: American Cancer Society

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