Schwarzenegger signs Calif. budget 85 days late

Judy Lin

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed the most overdue state budget in California history Tuesday, skipping the usual fanfare because he said the Legislature's efforts on the $144.5 billion spending plan were nothing to celebrate.

Nearly a quarter of the way through its fiscal year, the state finally has paid up billions of dollars to pay medical clinics, nursing homes, daycare centers and contract vendors. The 85-day impasse stemmed from a partisan legislative standoff over how to close California's $15.2 billion deficit.

The government signed the budget bills in his office, rather than the Capitol rotunda where budgets are usually signed.

"Who didn't feel like celebrating in the rotunda is that it is inexcusable to have a budget that's three months late," Schwarzenegger said after signing the budget before a small gathering of local officials. "It's an awesome class. I'd recommend it to anyone," industrial technology junior Aaron Buckley said.

"There are a lot of misconceptions about Jesus and this class presents the archeological and historical side of who Jesus was," Lloyd-Moffett said.

Most people have an agenda when they talk about Jesus, but this class is different, Lloyd-Moffett said.

"It's not my role to make you believe or disbelieve; my role is to present the evidence from an unbiased perspective," he said.

"It's not as demanding as some of my other courses, I really just want the students to learn."

Those who show up hoping to add on Wednesday may be biased. The class limit is 200, but Lloyd-Moffett said he will add as many students as there are seats in the room.

"The more people taking an academic look at Jesus, the better," he said. "Part of the educational goal for me is to make people see things from a different perspective; this is a figure that's talked about a remarkable amount on campus, and the oppor-
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The class was popular the first time around and is one of Lloyd-Moffett’s favorites to teach. The reason for open spaces at the start of the quarter is due to lack of awareness of the class, Lloyd-Moffett speculated.

“Last time students saw the coming of Jesus was through flyers and word of mouth and they were drawn to it,” he said. “But the second coming seems to be a surprise,” he added humorously.

Students who took the class last spring found it enlightening.

“It was interesting to find out how this one man has caused so much discussion and turmoil in history,” said English senior Robyn Dawley. “I felt like it was one of those classes that you wanted to write everything down in, not so you have it to use for the test, but so you have it.”

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to the rainy day fund require voter approval, as does a plan to borrow $10 billion from future lottery revenue to help stabilize the next two state budgets. Schwarzenegger said a special election is likely to be scheduled for June.

Democratic Assembly Speaker Karen Bass reiterated her call to have a commission review the state’s tax structure, while Republican leaders pledged to fend off tax increases in the next fiscal year that will start July 1.

Those negotiations are expected to be just as frustrating as this year’s, as the state’s economy continues its tailspin. Lower tax revenue and automatic spending increases are expected to produce a deficit of at least $1 billion in the 2009-10 fiscal year.

The governor’s finance director, Michael Cohen, said revenues were based on the belief that the state’s economic troubles would bottom out by the end of the fiscal year and begin to recover next year.

Next year’s shortfall will grow significantly if voters reject the lottery proposal, which is expected to add $5 billion annually for the next two years.

After signing the budget, Schwarzenegger took part in a rally for Proposition 11, the Nov. 4 ballot initiative that would take authority to draw legislative districts away from state lawmakers and give it to an independent citizen’s commission overseen by the state auditor.

Schwarzenegger says the current system creates a conflict of interest that prevents truly competitive races for Assembly and Senate seats.

When districts are weighted strongly for Democrats or Republicans, only the most partisan candidates win and head to Sacramento. That dynamic makes compromise extremely difficult, Schwarzenegger has said, pointing to this year’s protracted budget deadlock as an example.

explore

what’s new on campus this week

all week:

Free food samples from all the new restaurants on campus including 19 Metro Station, Fusion Bowl, Sweet Destinations, Baja Sol, Rockin’ B-P-Q and more.

today:

Tour the revamped second floor of the library and see the brand-new Julian’s Patisserie on opening day from 2-4 p.m. See yesterday’s paper for the full story on the renovation.

Thursday:

After hearing the first of ASI’s concerts in the plaza, attend the brand-new Starbucks’ ribbon-cutting ceremony at 4 p.m at the former site of Julian’s Cafe.
Democrats conduce to let offshore drilling ban expire

Andrew Taylor
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Democrats have decided to allow a quarter-century ban on drilling for oil off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts to expire next week, conceding defeat in an months-long battle with the White House and Republicans set off by $4 a gallon gasoline prices this summer.

Appropriations Committee Chairman David Obey, (D-Wis.,) told reporters Tuesday that a provision continuing the moratorium will be dropped this year from a stopgap spending bill to keep the government running after Congress recesses for the election.

Republicans called that effort a sham that would have left almost 00 recoverable oil beneath coastal waters now off-limits.

Just last week, the House passed legislation to open waters off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts to oil and gas drilling but only 50 or more miles out to sea and only if a state agrees to energy development off its shore.

Democrats have made lifting the ban a key campaign issue after gasoline prices spiked this summer and public opinion turned in favor of more drilling. President Bush lifted an executive ban on offshore drilling in July.

"If true, this capitulation by Democrats following months of Republican pressure is a big victory for Americans struggling with record gasoline prices," said House GOP leader John Boehner of Ohio. Democrats had clung to the hope of only a partial repeal of the drilling moratorium, but the White House had promised a veto, Obama said.

The Interior Department's current five-year leasing plan includes 18 billion barrels of recoverable oil beneath coastal waters now off-limits. While the ban on energy development will be lifted if the Senate goes along with the House action, it doesn't mean any federal sale of oil and gas leases in the offshore waters — much less actual drilling — would be imminent.

The Interior Department's current five-year leasing plan includes potential leases off the Virginia coast but probably would not be pursued unless the state agrees to energy development. And the state is unlikely to do so without Congress agreeing to share federal royalties with the state.

The congressional battle over offshore drilling is far from over. Democrats are expected to press for broader energy legislation, probably next year, that would put limits on offshore drilling. Page 5
Gov. Palin meets privately with her first world leaders

Sara Kugler, Associated Press

Sarah Palin met her first world leaders Tuesday. It was a tightly controlled crash course on foreign policy for the Republican vice presidential candidate, the mayor-turned-governor who has been outside North America just once.

Palin sat down with Afghan President Hamid Karzai and Colombian President Alvaro Uribe. The conversations were private, the pictures public, meant to build her resume for voters concerned about her lack of experience in world affairs.

"I found her quite a capable woman," Karzai said later. "She asked the right questions on Afghanistan."

The self-described "hockey mom" also asked former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger for insights on Georgia, Russia, China and Iran, and she'll see more leaders Wednesday on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly meetings.

"I have my reservations against Palin with her family asking for privacy. I don't really like that hiding."

-Jeremy Loh, landscape architecture freshman

"I think it's sneaky: a good way to hide she is more conservative than Bush and McCain. I think it is conniving."

-Dan Fisher, engineering sophomore

"It's kind of sad. They are using her as bait for photos and not for the interest of the country."

-Andrilita Rodriguez, art and design sophomore
Iran’s Ahmadinejad: U.S. ‘empire’ nears collapse

Slobodan Lekic

Iran’s president addressed the U.N. General Assembly Tuesday declaring that “the American empire” is nearing collapse and should end its military involvement in other countries.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said terrorism is spreading quickly in Afghanistan and that the power of the U.S. should end its interference to their own borders,” Ahmadinejad said.

He accused the U.S. of starting wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to win votes in elections and blamed a “few bullying powers” for trying to undermine Iran’s nuclear program.

Ahmadinejad’s hardline rhetoric came as no surprise and offered little in the way of compromise at the U.N., where he faces a new round of sanctions if no agreement is reached on limiting Iran’s nuclear capabilities.

While he reiterated that the country’s nuclear program is purely peaceful, the U.S. and others fear it is aimed at producing enriched uranium to make nuclear weapons.

Iran already is under three sets of sanctions by the U.N. Security Council for refusing to suspend uranium enrichment. Washington and its Western allies are pushing for quick passage of a fourth set of sanctions to undermine the international community’s resolve, but are likely to face opposition from Russia.

“A few bullying powers have sought to put hurdles in the way of the peaceful nuclear activities of the Iranian nation by exerting political and economic pressures against Iran,” he said.

Ahmadinejad also lashed out at Israel on Tuesday, saying “the Zionist regime is on a definite slope to collapse, and there is no way for it to get out of the chasm created by itself as well as its supporters.”

The Iranian president is feared and reviled in Israel because of his repeated calls to wipe the Jewish state off the map, and his aggressive pursuit of nuclear technology has only fueled Israel’s fears.

Ahmadinejad accused “a small but deceitful number of people called Zionists” of undermining a “few bullying powers” for trying to undermine Iran’s nuclear program.

Ahmadinejad’s address Tuesday came hours after President Bush made his eighth and final appearance before the 63rd session of the United Nations General Assembly at UN headquarters. Throughout history every force that has entered Afghanistan has left in defeat,” Ahmadinejad said.

His speech came just hours after President Bush made his eighth and final appearance before the U.N. General Assembly, urging the international community to stand firm against the nuclear ambitions of Iran and North Korea.

“A few nations, regimes like Syria and Iran, continue to sponsor terror,” Bush said. “Yet their numbers are growing fewer, and they’re growing more isolated from the world. As the 21st century unfolds, some may be tempted to assume that the threat has receded. This would be comforting. It would be wrong.”

At one point during Bush’s 22-minute speech, Ahmadinejad turned to Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki and gave a thumbs down.

As in past years, the United States only attended the U.N. meetings, so as not to risk a question being asked of Bush.

McCain’s presidential campaign has shielded the first-term Alaska governor for weeks from spontaneous questions from voters and reporters, and went to striking lengths Tuesday to maintain that distance as Palm made her diplomatic debut.

Palm’s meeting with Karzai, found her voice drowned in the resumption of the drilling bans that have been in place since 1981.

“He future resolution of offshore drilling will have to be addressed with a new president,” said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in a statement.
Critics have hailed "In Search of a Midnight Kiss", directed by Alex Holdridge, as the best American indie film in years, with comparisons to Woody Allen's early works such as "Manhattan" and "Annie Hall". The film is entirely black and white and gives the viewer the unique perspective of spying on someone's private life. It has an unscripted feel, which leads to extremely genuine dialogue, with few awkward moments.

Meet Wilson (Scoot McNairy). Most areas of his life are completely disjointed, and he spends his days wallowing in self-deprecating squalor about a life that didn't work out. Single, never ready to mingle, the failed playwright takes his friend's advice and posts an ad, "misanthrope seeks misanthrope" style on craigslist.com to avoid being alone in Los Angeles on New Year's Eve.

It is not long after posting that he receives more than he bargained for by way of a phone call by a mysterious woman. When he is instructed to meet her at a café, he obliges, and finds himself in the passenger seat of his best friend's car, reluctantly listening to a blunt lecture on condoms on his way to the date. It is safe to say that nice-guy Wilson has never met anyone like self-medicating Vivian (Sara Simmonds) before, and he probably never will again. But one thing is certain; this date is anything but ordinary, and as they stroll through downtown Los Angeles, one cannot help but feel taken aback by Vivian. She is beautiful, but rough and manic at the same time. At times it is almost too much to watch, and it is pretty unbelievable that he doesn't run back to the car after her haughty introduction.

With more time and lots of banter, it is possible to get used to her personality, and perhaps even appreciate her rashness. As the film progresses, we see her character develop into more than just a crazy sunglass-wearing man-hater (thank God!) and into her real role of being the damaged and abused wife of a crazy, abusive Texan "bitch." Her character is a lot to take in; you should probably just see the film to understand for yourself.

The film really is beautiful, with thoughtful voiceovers and a gorgeous look at the otherwise harsh streets of Los Angeles. Through the black and white veil, we are able to see a more genuine nature at its most raw. It not only for its truth and brilliance. I felt moved by the film's candid ability to represent everyday people, in an extraordinary way. Wilson's character is undoubtedly the real gem: no matter how loud Vivian's voice was in the film, it was Wilson that made it what it was. He is charming, without being overwhelming. As they explore the city, Wilson and Vivian learn about each other, and foster an understanding connection, as well as a strong attraction. Wilson does not want her to leave, and neither does she, although she puts up a pretty dramatic show of displeasure with him for a while. They really don't have much in common, but it worked because both characters were able to really appreciate odd little things. She wanted to be an actress, and he a playwright, and rightfully so because in the end, she is acting how he would want her to. The film's ending is tragic, but in a true to life way that isn't at all conventional. People make mistakes, and people get into tough situations. And yes, it is true that often times these situations can and will not be resolved by the end of the allotted two hours of film. In fact, in this case, nothing is resolved, and it shouldn't be any other way. This film is something both genders can relate to and enjoy. It is an artistic expression of a snapshot of a day a piece of two people's 24 hours, in search for more than just a midnight kiss.
A lovely baby bump... check it out?

Despite what the tabloids may want us to believe with their excessive pictures, a baby bump is not the newest back-to-school accessory this fall season. Although recently worn by Angelina Jolie, Jessica Alba, Jamie Lynn Spears and, yes, even the lovable Jon Stewart, early pregnancy may not be all that it's cracked up to be. Sure, you get to drink as many blue slushies as you want and you can blame hormones for everything from weird cravings to instantaneous feelings or even uncontrolled emotions, but there are negative consequences as well. As a college student already struggling to balance school work, and the cost of college, let alone groceries, unwanted pregnancy could have a negative effect on your college experience, especially when you are not ready to take on that type of responsibility.

When it comes down to it, if you'll rather avoid those racy freshmen 15, an easy option is available to you: it's called a condom. Use one. Make your partner use one. Whoever wants to be the wearer is more than welcome: girl or guy.

Male and female condoms are both up to 99 percent effective at preventing pregnancy, according to the Cal Poly Health Center and Planned Parenthood. This, however, does not take into account room for error. When condoms are not used and/or correctly used, the effectiveness of the condom will lower to 85 percent, assuming you don't use your teeth or other sharp objects. So before we get the school term started, let's get the condom crisis out of the way.

First and foremost, check the expiration date, because following all the directions won't matter if the condom is past its due date. It's also important to know that, when it comes to condoms, too is better than one. Doubling up with a male and female condom increases the chance of properly using the condom, if properly stored in a cool, dry place. To be sure before we get the school year started, let's get the condom crash course out of the way.

There are two types of female condoms. The Polyblend, made by Women's Health Network Inc., is a reservoir type to catch the ejaculate. The other type is the LARC, which contains a monolith that makes sure there are no air bubbles when rolling on the condom.

Of these there may seem like simple, nagging rules, they are important to remember if you want to enjoy sex and not be worrying about any aftereffects mid-thrust. Perhaps rapper Lil Waynine said it best: "Safe sex is great sex, better with a bra, cur you don't want that late text, but I think I'm late test."

If you do find yourself in that unwanted situation of unplanned pregnancy, there are things you can do. First, talk to someone. Students in the PULL.S.E. Peer Health center are open to confidential discussions, as is the counseling center and countless other agencies in San Luis Obispo. Explore your options to find the decision that's best for you.

But to avoid an unanticipated consequence, come to the Peer Health center for some free condoms, or pick up a box at the store. It's better to be prepared and be able to run to your sock drawer for some protection, than tell your beautiful date that the moment has been ruined while you run to your neighbor's mom to borrow a condom.

You can be frisky without being risky, so keep it classy at Cal Poly.

Melissa Norman is the Mustang Daily's new sex and relationship columnist. "Between the Sheets," will be appearing in this portion every Monday. Norman is a psychology senior and a member of Cal Poly's Educational Resources on Sexuality (E.R.O.S.) team. Write to her with your questions about sex, relationships and dating at betweentheshells@gmail.com.
Post-rock darlings Mogwai rode the hype train all the way from Glasgow to worldwide fame with the release of its 1993 debut "Young Team" but has increasingly tested the patience of fans secured on hype alone. 2006's "Mr. Beast" didn't have the novelty, excitement or dramas that made "Young Team" so well-loved among listeners and critics alike, and the result was a disappointing album that everyone was entirely justified to forget about. So what does a band like Mogwai do after the hype fails to make a poor album successful? They release a better one — the expectedly similar, yet engrossing, "The Hawk is Howling."

No, this album isn't any different from what Mogwai has been doing since the '90s. It's the same instrumental work the band has always created. Treading the same ground over and over again could make a listener bored, or maybe even cynical, especially when rock music with vocals is so much a part of our musical culture. But "Hawk" fortunately has some sharp teeth while not simply resting on being loud, and it builds from building silences to crunching distortion without dragging on. Mogwai hasn't changed its ways with "The Hawk is Howling," and builds to a surging torrent of growling guitars and waves of fuzz. Very ambitious enough to prove the (Glasgow kind of hype Mogwai's debut once did, but it's just ambitious enough to prove the (Glasgow kind of hype Mogwai's debut once did, but it's a well-designed bridge into the riotous EP-

The completely instrumental album remains consistent with the band's prior releases. It's the same instrumental work the band has perfected (in a somewhat turgid manner) over the course of six EPs. The guitars and drums are layered with shimmering electronic. The Hawk is Howling" (right) was released on September 22, 2008. The completely instrumental album remains consistent with the band's prior releases.

Norris, the usual soft, down-tempo and moody affair Mogwai loves so much but acts to tie "Hawk" to the band's entire body of work. But the song's twinkling second-act breakdown picks up the pace and relaxes a simple xylophone for a drier couple of minutes before acting as a well-structured bridge into the rigorous EP-

Again, this track begins to differentiate "Hawk" from its predecessors, as it sounds uncannily like a Tool set-piece while retaining the atmospheric, prog-rock structure Mogwai has perfected (in a somewhat tiresome manner) over the course of six EPs. But current trends in the alternative music world seem to have rubbed off interest­ingly on Mogwai, adding subtle nuances to the band's sound that touch almost every new track. The psych­edelic titled "The Sun Smells Too Loud," pairs a dow, repetitive gui­tartack with cut­and-dry drumming and then bathes the whole thing with layers of shimm­ering and chill­ing rock suite into one fi­nal theme. The trick be­

And with the closer "The Precipice," Mogwai wraps the other nine songs of this post­rock suite into one final theme. The track be­

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Scottish band Mogwai's (left) new album, "The Hawk is Howling" (right) was released on September 22, 2008. The completely instrumental album remains consistent with the band's prior releases.

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Don't forget the liberties promised by our forefathers

Nearly two and a half centuries ago, the founding fathers of this nation risked their lives so they might one day live in a state of freedom unparalleled in the world. They risked their lives for the very principles that their ancestors had discovered and their sacred honor to repel the oppression of the most powerful country at the time. With a single fiery document, our Declaration of Independence, they communicated their shocking and unprecedented stance. The American Colonies, a Protestant gang of the best knowledocents in the world, would not suffer tyranny. It took a revolution to break the chains of oppression and to allow for the creation of an independent government.

Having fought and bled to escape the clutches of tyrannical forefathers who were, in their quest for liberty, to chop off the head of the beast of despotism, I ask: what has this process of fighting for freedom steered this nation further and further away from the principles upon which it was founded? Have we, as a nation, lost any of the saliency our forefathers had? Have we, as a country, lost any of the spirit of righteousness and individual rights that we were built on?

We must not, in our pursuit of happiness in the 21st century, allow for the host of social ills and injustices our forefathers had been forced to live with. The government has forced many of us to adhere to religious ideologies, have partaken in unpopular wars for the state betterment rather than the country's security, have pillaged, raped, murdered, and much more.

If we do not take a moment to ponder the consequences of our actions and how they have steered us away from the principles of our forefathers, we will be the worst offenders of the Constitution. It would have done little good if our forefathers had the ability to see the present day from their grave.

Once upon a time, there was an age when we were able to take a moment to ponder the consequences of our actions and how they have steered us away from the principles of our forefathers. It would have done little good if our forefathers had the ability to see the present day from their grave.

Be the change you wish to see in the world. The ends of government are to be restrained. To enforce this they drafted the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights is the Constitution of the Constitution; a document that enshrines the most basic individual rights which add even more to the American way of life.

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Liberty changing to match the whims of a world that has forgotten the principles upon which it was founded. A foreign tyranny could easily be replaced by a domestic tyranny. Our forefathers recognized that governments, even the American government, must have restraints. To enforce this they drafted the Bill of Rights, which spells out the justifiable limits of the rights of individuals and the limitations of government. Oppressive governments have forced people to adhere to religious ideologies, have partaken in unpopular wars for the state betterment rather than the country's security, have pillaged, raped, murdered, and much more.

Letters to the Editor

Don’t you want to be one of the thousands of people who are using it primarily for medicinal purposes? The w'hole medicinal marijuana movement has not only the ability to make tough laws more just and humane, but also to make pot more accessible to the people who need it most.

It is not possible to overstate the importance of the legal marijuana movement. It is not possible to overstate the importance of the legal marijuana movement. It is not possible to overstate the importance of the legal marijuana movement. It is not possible to overstate the importance of the legal marijuana movement. It is not possible to overstate the importance of the legal marijuana movement.

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Seems to me that lights next to windows really don't need to be on during the day. That wastes energy. While on that subject, why are there fluorescent lights installed? I believe Cal Poly should be changing to LED lighting. LED lights don't burn out and use much less power per lumen than any other light because they don't produce any heat as a byproduct. LEDs provide huge cost savings in energy usage over the long run. Replacement costs (bulbs, man­power and disposal) are reduced to near zero.

Fluorescents can also harm the environment (they contain small amounts of mercury) unless disposed of properly as HazMat, which adds even more to the overall cost of their usage. Why use obsolete lighting in new facilities?

What's wrong with being a libertarian? Being a libertarian means you believe in the free market, limited government and voluntary association. Liberty is being able to engage in constitutional wars. And so Americans leave their families and their homes to fight in far flung countries for aims which the armchair generals in D.C. endlessly redline according to the new headlines.

The government is not supposed to dictate how we are to live our lives because they think they know what is best for us. In sum, government is not supposed to infringe on any aspect of our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

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**How to play the Daily Dots**

1. Find a playing partner.
2. Each person takes a turn drawing one line connecting two dots. Only horizontal and vertical lines can be drawn.
3. The first person to close a square, wins that square. To keep track, place winners initials in the box.
4. Once one square is closed, that player gets to go again. They continue until no more squares can be closed.
5. Player with the most squares wins.

**Girls & Sports**

HARRIS, I NEED YOU. LET'S TALK TO THOSE TWO!

NO WAY. YOU WANT TO STICK ME WITH THE NERDY ONE?

THAT'S NOT ENTIRELY TRUE.

I WANT YOU TO TAKE HER ONTO THE DANCE FLOOR, TOO.

**The New York Times Crossword**

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0820

**Across**

1. Form of a specific purpose (4)
2. Good at (7)
3. "Near" network (6)
4. Pipe type (7)
5. Baby material (7)
6. Back (6)
7. See 55-Down (6)
8. Like Abner (7)
9. Inlay material (6)
10. See 55-Down (7)
11. 'Next' network (5)
12. End-of-workout (7)
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18. Homes of twigs (6)
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22. Dependent (5)
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26. Clan symbol (5)
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31. Church council (6)
32. Anemone (6)
33. Tourament passes (6)
34. Comedy club outliers (6)
35. Cannon or "Murphy" Brower (7)
36. "I'd like to buy..." (6)
37. Commuters' tomatoes (7)
38. "Whip It" band (7)
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47. Granola morsel (6)
48. Minded (6)
49. Candice of (7)
50. Some sculptures (7)
51. "Miracle on 34th Street" Gale (7)
52. "I'm equally an error to... all men or no man!" Seneca (7)
53. "It was the best of times..." (8)
54. Tournament passes (6)
55. Word that can define 17- and 59-Across and 11-, 28- and 29-Down (5)
56. Modern ice cream flavor (6)
57. Scene of a fall (8)
58. Guitar in slang (6)
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60. Water around (6)
61. Early 10th-century year (6)
62. Support (6)
63. Gold gremlin (6)
64. Comely club (6)
65. Pantry raider (6)
66. Movie (6)
67. Canon (6)

**Down**

1. Up to a (5)
2. IV flow (5)
3. Rec room item of old (5)
4. Granola morsel (6)
5. Waldo's peninsula (6)
6. "I'm equally an error to... all men or no man!" Seneca (7)
7. Flash drive filler (5)
8. Winter Umberto (5)
9. Validation of a pill (5)
10. Put on the tube (5)
11. See 55-Down (6)
12. End-of-work-week day (5)
13. Pioneering General Motors electric car (8)
14. "Honor of her" (5)
15. McCarthy sassy (5)
16. Part of the C.I.E. (5)
17. Goodie bag guide (5)
18. Clan symbol (5)
19. Me (6)
20. Hollywood (5)
21. See 55-Down (6)
22. See 55-Down (6)
23. A Cheever pilgrim (5)
24. "I'm equally an error to... all men or no man!" Seneca (7)
25. "It was the best of times..." (8)
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30. A Cheever pilgrim (5)
31. Church council (6)
32. Anemone (6)
33. Tourament passes (6)
34. Comedy club outliers (6)
35. Cannon or "Murphy" Brower (7)
36. "I'd like to buy..." (6)
37. Commuters' tomatoes (7)
38. "Whip It" band (7)
39. Stephens' procedure (7)
40. "I'm equally an error to... all men or no man!" Seneca (7)
41. Hosp. procedure (7)
42. Ones in (6)
43. Top-notch (6)
44. Philosopher (6)
45. "I'm equally an error to... all men or no man!" Seneca (7)
46. Bulwark (6)
47. Granola morsel (6)
48. Minded (6)
49. Candice of (7)
50. Some sculptures (7)
51. "Miracle on 34th Street" Gale (7)
52. "I'm equally an error to... all men or no man!" Seneca (7)
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The sun sets behind legendary Yankee Stadium on Sunday before the Yankees played the Baltimore Orioles in their last base game played there.

There will be a new stadium in Queens, too, though it will be hard for even baseball to figure out a way to make anyone feel sappy about Shea Stadium being demolished. And the Mets may actually make the playoffs, which would relieve the team of the burden of planning any ode to a stadium whose passing won’t be mourned.

Baseball revels in its rich traditions, but that hasn’t stopped the wholesale replacement of stadiums since Camden Yards ushered in the retro concept when it opened in Baltimore in 1992. The two New York stadiums are merely the latest examples of this trend, which will include a new stadium in Minnesota in 2010 and most likely one in Miami a year later.

Most of the old places weren’t worth remembering, and memories of them faded away quickly with the opening of new ballparks. It’s hard to imagine that happening with the first real stadium ever built for baseball, but it’s just as hard to imagine that it will soon be gone.

The old girl was given a fine goodbye and, whether Roger Clemens was invited or not, it was best that she didn’t show up. Having Joe Torre there would have been nice, but he’s busy managing a team fighting for the playoffs clear across the country.

Fans got to walk the field before the game, and see the old Yankee greats. But it was the final moments that seemed so special, mostly because it was kept so simple.

There was no podium set up on the field, no politicians speaking, and not a Steinbrenner in sight. It wasn’t sponsored by Budweiser, and there didn’t seem any organization to it at all.

Instead, Derek Jeter took the microphone to say a few words from his heart that actually sounded like they were from his heart.

He thanked the fans and he and his teammates then walked around the field with bats held above their heads in tribute to them.

With that, The House That Ruth Built ended a grand 85-year run of the likes of which will never be seen again.

My guess is that the Babe would have approved.
Yankee Stadium goes out in style

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The last pitch had been thrown at Yankee Stadium, and the players were saying their final goodbyes. Up in the stands, a few normally hard-bitten New Yorkers appeared to be getting a little teary-eyed over it all.

Baseball doessentimental than any other sport, but only the Yankees could pull off a closing like the one that went down in the Bronx the other night. Things got so warm and funny that Yankee fans almost forgot that the only reason the stadium got a proper send-off was that their collection of multimillionaires couldn't even come close to making the playoffs.

Think about it. Even with Yogi Berra behind the plate one final time and Reggie Jackson printing out to right field like he owned it, the night wouldn't have meant nearly so much if the Yankees were in the postseason and this wasn't actually the last game ever played in the stadium.

It was, though, and on the mound Babe Ruth's daughter tossed the last ceremonial first pitch. Julia Ruth Stevens is 92 now but was a little girl when her father inaugurated the stadium with one of his blasts into the right field seats of the new $2.5 million edition.

The Babe would have understood the need for a new stadium, though he might have been hard-pressed to figure out just what a martini bar was and why there had to be an art gallery in the place. The steakhouse alone would have sold him, along with the idea that he might get a piece of the seats that will go for $2,500 a game in the new place just across the street.

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The New York Yankees' Mariano Rivera collects dirt from the pitcher's mound Sunday in New York after the last baseball game at Yankee Stadium.