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WET BEHIND THE EARS

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

At the Santa Monica Swim Center on Wednesday Lifeguard Rick Tang (right) along with two other instructors partnered with the Santa Monica Red Cross to teach 18-22 year olds from other countries basic lifeguarding skills that they will then take with them to camps across the United States this summer. The class features four days of lifeguard training and one day of water safety instructor training.

Transparency issues lead to grassroots school group

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN In light of a string of controversies that have plagued the school district, each centered on questions of accountability and transparency, a group of parents have formed a grassroots organization aimed at bringing in a new era of leadership.

Powered by active and vocal school parents, LEAD — Leadership, Effectiveness, Accountability, Direction — organized in response to the issues of financial management and special education that have cast a shadow on the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, the coalition hoping to fuel stronger leadership on the Board of Education and in central administration.

"We feel there is something we can bring to the process and while we intend to be constructive, we want to hold the district leadership accountable," Debbie Mulvaney, one of the co-chairs of the organizing committee, said. "We want to be part of the process because we want a positive outcome."

The announcement on Wednesday came just days after Superintendent Dianne Talarico announced she is leaving this month to head the Burlingame School District in Northern California. The superintendent's departure did not influence the timing of the organization's announcement, organizers said.

Mulvaney, whose son will soon graduate from Lincoln Middle School, said she would hope the school board will seek public input in the selection of both the interim and permanent replacement for Talarico, emphasizing transparency in the process. Several board members have pledged to an open process that will include public input sessions.

"Being Santa Monica with a very active resident population, I expect leaders to emerge and to push the envelope," school board President Oscar de la Torre said about the formation of LEAD. "In the end, I think we are all on the same page."

The district has faced trying times in the past two years, starting with the resignation

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Thanks to voters, rent control lives on

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The Santa Monica tenants rights faction is celebrating after a statewide ballot measure they deemed would ultimately abolish rent control protections was defeated in the California primary election on Tuesday.

Two competing ballot measures — Propositions 98 and 99 — faced off in the primaries, both of which sought to restrict eminent domain, one of which would have phased out rent control statewide, the other coming out victorious.

California had a low-turnout for the June 3 primary, including in Los Angeles County which saw only 18 percent of registered voters cast a ballot.

The winner — Prop. 99 — makes it illegal for governments to seize homes for private developers, the measure drafted in

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The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce will install its 2008-09 board of directors at its annual gala at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel. The chamber will also honor its new chairman. The gala will include live music, an auction and raffle prize. For more information, call 310.393.9825 ext. 30.

Breathe easier
235 Hill St., 6:30 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Mixed level class designed to slowly and carefully work on strength, flexibility and balance. The focus is on unblocking the resistance in our joints, muscles and minds, and restoring the weak energy links in our mind/body system. This event takes place at the Church in Ocean Park. For more information, call (310) 621-2144.

The Meathands have it
4455 Overland Ave. Culver City, 8 p.m.
The "Magic Meathands" perform an hour of fully improvised hilarity based on audience suggestions and participation. The show is presented by director Bill Johnson, in a great cafe that offers delicious coffee, food, drinks and comfortable couches. What sets this improv group apart is their personal connection with the audience and community, so their best material comes directly from the people around them. For information, call (310) 559-8868.

Friday, June 6, 2008

Get crafty
1855 Main Street, 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
The Contemporary Crafts Market returns for its 23rd year at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. Over 250 national and international craft artisans present a variety of works to the public. Visitors can find interior design pieces, fine jewelry, and an array of handmade goods that continually redefine crafts in America. Hand blown glass, woodwork, and ceramics are among some of the favorites. For more information contact the Civic at (310) 458-8551.

The inner workings
1900 Pico Blvd., 2:03 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.
The Santa Monica College Life Sciences Department is pleased to present a lecture on human anatomy from Dr. Gunther von Hagens, anatomist, inventor of plastination and creator of Body Worlds, the original and only anatomical exhibition with an established body donation program, bringing the beauty and complexity of anatomy to the general public.
Body Worlds 3 & The Story of the Heart is currently on exhibit at the California Science Center. The lecture is free and open to the public. Space is limited and seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information contact SMC at (310) 434-4452.

Spring sing
601 Pico Blvd., 7:00 p.m. — 10:00 p.m.
The Santa Monica High School Choral Department presents the Spring Choral Concert. Come and hear the beautiful music performed by Samohi choral students. The performance will be held in Barnum Hall, Samohi's historic theater. Tickets are sold at the door — $5 for students and $10 for adults. For more information contact Barnum Hall's ticket office at (310) 458-5939.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

Proposed property swap riles participants

BY ALICE OLLSTEIN
Special to the Daily Press

OCEAN AVE Property owners looking to swap land with City Hall so that more affordable housing can be built feel they are not being given the same attention as the owner of a beachside hotel even though they believe their deal is superior.

The owners of two lots located at 603 Arizona Ave. and 2600 Broadway feel that City Hall is not being genuine in its evaluation of their properties and want to know why the issue has not come before the City Council for a vote five months after recommendations were made to the Housing Commission.

They feel that the owners of Casa del Mar, which is located adjacent to the city-owned lot to be swapped, are offering a deal that is inferior because it would cause City Hall to replace 127 parking spaces.

"We felt like we had been dealt with unfairly," said Barbara Dehne of 603 Arizona, LP, which owns the Arizona and Broadway properties.

Their concerns are shared by at least one councilmember, who asked for city staff to continue evaluating the offers before making a final recommendation to the council.

In an effort to provide lower-income Santa Monicas with more affordable housing, City Hall began negotiating a swap of its 1920 Ocean Way lot for another, larger property.

In July of 2007 the city's Housing Division sent out a Request For Proposal for a property swap in order to build more affordable housing on the beachfront. By the deadline in August, three properties entered into the running: 603 Arizona Ave., 2600 Broadway and 1828 Ocean Ave., which is owned by Casa del Mar and currently serves as a parking lot for employees.

According to criteria set forth by the City Council, they were looking for sites that could increase affordable housing, with preference given for proximity to the 1920 Ocean site. Of the three proposals received, the 1828 Ocean site has the highest potential housing yield and is in closest proximity to the city property, city officials said.

At a Housing Commission meeting late last year, city staff recommended negotiating exclusively with the owners of 1828 Ocean — Neptune Walk LLC and Edward Thomas Companies., which runs Casa del Mar and Shutters on the Beach.

Dehne found this "unfair, or at a minimum, misleading."

Dehne noted that 1828 Ocean was the only site violating an RFP requirement — no

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EMPTY: **City Hall is looking to swap this vacant lot adjacent to Casa del Mar so that it can build more affordable housing. A group that wants to trade two lots for the one feels it is not being treated fairly and wants city staff to reconsider its recommendation to deal strictly with Casa del Mar.**

NBA Finals already divisive for Santa Monica

BY MICHAEL MIDDLEHURST-SCHWARTZ
Special to the Daily Press

WILSHIRE BLVD Demetri Panos sits at his usual seat at the bar in Sonny McLean's, hoping to drum up some luck for his Boston Celtics a full day before tip-off.

Born and raised in Boston, Panos previously had made the bar his "fortress of solitude" for Red Sox games.

But as the NBA season progressed, Panos began to stop in to follow the Celtics' rise to the top of the league standings.

After three closely contested series, Panos said he is relieved to see Boston reach the finals against the Los Angeles Lakers, the team he despises most.

"It's classic east coast versus west coast," Panos said. "It's the series everyone wanted to see."

Panos is just one of many impassioned Santa Monicans preparing for tonight's opening game of the NBA Finals set to tip-off in Boston at 6 p.m. The rebirth of the bi-coastal rivalry has already excited both Lakers fans and transplanted Celtic fans in Santa Monica alike.

At Yankee Doodle's sports bar on the Third Street Promenade, manager Jairo Hernandez has prepared to overstaff for each game.

Lakers playoff games always bring out crowds, Hernandez said, but the addition of the Celtics has the bar prepared to have standing room only throughout the series.

"This is a Laker town, but there's going to be even more to this with Boston and all of the passion their fans bring," Hernandez said.

With tickets starting at $350 each for opening night, many Santa Monicans will be priced out of attending the games at the Staples Center when the series returns to Los Angeles.

But some of even the most fervent fans would prefer to watch the series at the bar among their friends.

"We have people in here two hours before the games start so they can save seats and

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Positive review

Editor:

Recently I had the pleasure of enjoying your beach front in Santa Monica and watch my grandchildren enjoy playing in the Pacific Ocean. I too live near the beach in Florence, Oregon (slightly cooler water here).

I met enjoyable people on the pier, the beach and took in the markets along your front street. I appreciated it all.

One of the persons I enjoyed greatly was one of your freelance writers and I would have enjoyed a longer visit since I too do freelance writing.

The past 28 years I have been a realtor in Oregon and couldn't help but sing the praises of our white dunes and beaches in the Florence area. I hope some of your residents will pay us a visit sometime and also enjoy our beaches, river and many lakes.

Thank you for the warm hospitality your community showed me.

Elsie Moore
Florence, Ore.

Lakers hater needs to wake up

Editor:

Amazing the SMDP allowed [Kenny Mack] to waste a whole page with [his] hate. You twisted more facts in this story than Bush did to justify war.

Gee Kenny, I guess Shaq gets a full pass from your manure-filled timeline, and you imply that Jackson is about money only.

It would have been kind of novel and interesting if you had written the piece from the perspective of a transplanted Easterner rooting for your team among all of us native Angelenos, but you choose the hate road and filled in the piece (I really mean it) with your nasty hatred.

The laugh is going to be on you when Pau and Lamar dominate the middle and the Lakers take this series quickly. Funny how you think basketball is only about the "stars."

I think it's a team game. Our bench is going to tear the Celtics a new one.

The Lakers dominated the Spurs, and actually got jobbed by the refs, not helped. The Celtics went seven games against the Hawks, who lost more games than they won.

The West is the best, and the East would be second best. Well Kenny we do agree with one thing, I also predict Garnett will be mumbling.

You will be in my thoughts, Kenny. You better hope your beloved Greenies win this year because they are very old. The Lakers are young, vibrant, unselfish, focused, and will have Bynum back next year along with a veteran or two willing to play for the exception in exchange for a ring. Ha ha ha ha. It is great to be a Lakers fan.

Michael Alexakis
Santa Monica





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Grilled to perfection

MY HUSBAND ISN'T A STEREOTYPICAL guy's guy.

Unlike some men, Rick doesn't personally change the oil in our car. In fact, he never personally notices when anything's even wrong with the car (although I suspect if black smoke were pouring out from under the hood or if the car itself disappeared, it might dawn on him eventually that something is amiss).

While he's spent the past two to three years assembling various pieces of Pottery Barn furniture for our home, Rick's not especially handy, either (but to be fair, given the fact that the instructions have all been in French, or written in English by someone who only speaks French, he hasn't fared all that badly).

And most of the things he fixes around the house end up needing to get fixed from his fixes. Pretty much everything he touches costs us money.

Other than being a sports fanatic, Rick is really more Richie Cunningham than Fonzie, more Bob Denver than Bob Vila. Which is why it surprised me when he expressed interest in getting a grill, which we just bought.

Even though there were only 90 minutes after we got home from the store before we were due to go to a movie, he started taking the grill parts out of the box immediately. While I walked to the car to leave for the movie he still had a screwdriver in hand, determined to piece together as much of his new prized possession as possible before I drove away without him.

The next morning he was up at 7 a.m. and back outside immediately.

In his pajamas and slippers, with a pot of coffee by his side, he stayed with the grill for a good five hours before it stood on its own, the first flames licking the air as sweetly as the smell of honeysuckle on a warm summer night.

He spent most of the rest of the day staring at the grill with deep pride and admiration, inspecting it from every angle, pointing out its best features — again — whenever he could get me to go outside (apparently all of its features are its best, so narrowing the list down to just a few proved to be challenging). Our neighbors (the men, anyway) stopped over one by one to pat Rick on the back and congratulate him on a grill well done (ahem).

He fired it up early in the evening for an inaugural meal of steak and shrimp. With every bite during dinner he explained his meat-marinating process, the spices used on the shrimp and how often the steaks and skewers were rotated to achieve pink perfection.

The man who has a solid history of boiling mac and cheese beyond recognition had turned into a Cordon Bleu valedictorian within hours.

After dinner he voluntarily washed the dishes.

I watched in awe as my husband — the same one who regularly jams the food-stuck All-Clad copper-core pots and pans in the dishwasher without giving them a rinse or a second thought — washed, scrubbed and polished by hand his LSU grill set and then gently nestled the tools back into their stainless-steel briefcase.

Two nights later he was back at the grill, delicately slicing the skin off the salmon so it could be cooked on both sides. He peeled back the husks on the corn ears to remove their silky strands and then wrapped them up again so they, too, could experience the 360-degree love on the three-burner goddess.

UNLIKE SOME MEN, RICK DOESN'T PERSONALLY CHANGE THE OIL IN OUR CAR. IN FACT, HE NEVER PERSONALLY NOTICES WHEN ANYTHING'S EVEN WRONG WITH THE CAR (ALTHOUGH I SUSPECT IF BLACK SMOKE WERE POURING OUT FROM UNDER THE HOOD OR IF THE CAR ITSELF DISAPPEARED, IT MIGHT DAWN ON HIM EVENTUALLY THAT SOMETHING IS AMISS).

The next meal plan was for hot dogs (not every night will be gourmet, he explained), to be boiled in a pot on the side burner and then split down the middle and grilled flat to realize the classic all-American dinner. Organic vegetarian chili, also cooked on the side burner, served with shredded Colby and Monterey Jack cheese, would be an optional side dish.

Then he channel-surfed his way over to Giada De Laurentiis, Bobby Flay, Paula Deen and the rest of the Food Network gang as they displayed their grilling chops (ahem, again) in South Beach, Fla. Rick took mental notes on the pork tenderloin with spicy chile-coconut tomato salad and Hawaiian beef teriyaki.

"Which do you want me to make tomorrow night? How about Sunday night? I can make the teriyaki next week, if that works for you."

He might not be able to rebuild a carburetor or caulk a shower, but he also doesn't spit, gamble, drink excessively (much), cuss (much) or watch hockey (thank God). And he came with me to see the "Sex and the City" movie and even offered to take me for a pre-show cosmopolitan (God bless him). Who needs a guy's guy when you have one who's just happy to grill?

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Your column here

Sandra Smith

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Bring back dispatch

IN 1988 I WAS HIRED AS A communications operator/dispatcher for the Santa Monica Fire Department. For the eight years prior to that I was a dispatcher for the Santa Monica Police Department where I also spent a few years as a supervisor.

Within my first year as a dispatcher for the SMFD I was made aware that Chief Jim Hone was actively collecting information in order to prove that having the police department dispatch for fire would be more cost effective and response efficient.

Cost effective, yes, that was never disputed. Eliminating four dispatchers by putting them into the already budgeted positions at the police department, having only one center to improve and maintain, are two of the main cost saving arguments. But when it came to efficiency his interpretation was way off.

Fortunately, my civilian supervisor, myself and the firefighters who worked the office were able to convince most of the fire personnel that this would be a disaster not only to the SMFD but also to the citizens of Santa Monica. Research told us that when dispatch is taken over by the police, fire takes a back seat to all police matters. Response times become longer and the wrong apparatus/resources end up being dispatched.

The first mistake the SMFD and City Hall made was to install a CAD (computer aided dispatch) system and expect it's dispatchers to use it with inadequate training. The CAD system, which had potential, was programmed by a person who knew nothing about fire fighting or fire dispatching. Hence the CAD system was completely inadequate in performance, and with rushed inadequate training of it's operators, even worse.

The next mistake made was forcing the SMFD to move into the Public Safety building. That building is six stories of police department and one half of one floor dedicated to the fire department. We were an afterthought. The police didn't want the fire there any more than the fire wanted to be there.

Every firefighter that I have talked to since the takeover has told me of extremely extended response times. It takes L.A. longer to answer phones, sometimes the caller being put on hold. One person takes the call, filling in the spaces on the computer screen, they or someone else dispatches the call, reading the information from the computer screen, then sending the resources the CAD indicates.

When I dispatched, pre-CAD, one person took the call and asked for the information needed.

From their own knowledge and experience, they dispatched the call having first hand knowledge of the type of call and all the info the victim gave or was asked for. The same person dispatched the appropriate/closest unit because our dispatchers knew the city streets, addresses, districts, businesses, residential makeup, etc. Our response times were fast due to our knowledge and that we could dispatch while we still had the person on the phone. We were EMD (emergency medical dispatch) trained. We were also EMT's (emergency medical technicians).

At that time, pre-CAD, our dispatchers each had numerous years at the department. Out of four dispatchers our lowest in seniority had over 10 years.

When it became clear that we were moving to the new building our supervisor retired, the woman second in seniority to me resigned and went to another department, I did some time at the new center and ended up being forced to retire due to medical reasons. The department turned their backs on us. After all our time and dedication they made no attempt to talk us out of leaving or to make arrangements in order for us to remain.

We wondered why. They hired, from the outside, a new supervisor with no real fire dispatching experience and hired dispatchers with no training to take our place. There was still two of us left but it was made sure that they were kept in their place. If the regional dispatch has extended the response time only 30 seconds then they are basing it on the response times from after CAD and the new, untrained dispatchers and supervisor.

We proved that it would be a mistake to have police take over so Hone found another way to dispose of dispatch under the guise of being cost effective and response efficient.

The only way to regain the old response time/call efficiency is to bring back the "Signal Office" located at one of the fire stations, with a CAD system programmed by or with the assistance of a firefighter/paramedic and a senior civilian dispatcher. … No, this is not the most cost effective, but it is what is needed to bring back the reliable, efficient, effective and desired response that the SMFD was once known for.

SANDRA SMITH is a former dispatcher with the Santa Monica Fire Department.

The Q Line

The new face of marriage

The California Supreme Court recently ruled and upheld that gay and lesbian couples can now legally tie the knot in the state.

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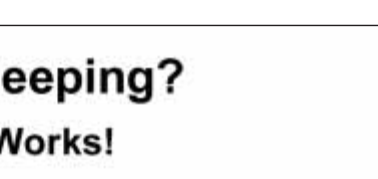
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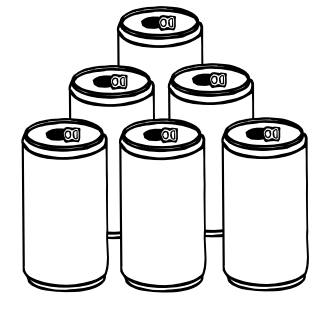



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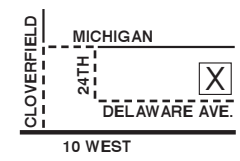
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State initiatives likely to draw conservatives this November

BY SAMANTHA YOUNG
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES For California voters used to facing ballots filled with complicated initiatives, Tuesday's primary election was an oddity.

The ballot featured just two, both related to the eye-glazing topic of eminent domain.

In November, it's back to normal. Voters will face a dizzying number of initiatives in an election already generating passions because of the presidential race and debate over same-sex marriage.

Eight measures have qualified for the general election ballot, and more are on the way. Among them are an initiative that would amend the state Constitution to ban gay marriage and another restricting minors seeking abortions.

"What you're going to see in the fall in California and other states is conservatives are going to work to draw voters out and give them a reason not to stay home," said David McCuan, a political science professor at Sonoma State University who has written extensively about California's initiative process.

"What Republicans are going to try to do is blunt the Democratic gains."

The historic presidential matchup between Barack Obama and John McCain already is likely to drive a record voter turnout. But those who might have sat out of the Nov. 4 election now might want to have a say on several of the ballot initiatives.

The proposals to ban gay marriage and require parental notification for minors seeking abortions are favorites of conservative voters and those independents who lean Republican.

"There are people who thought Obama will sweep it anyway, so why vote? These people will now vote," said Robert Stern, president of the Center for Governmental Studies in Los Angeles. "This is going to be a blockbuster election."

Those additional voters are unlikely to sway the presidential contest in California, but a summer filled with images of gay and lesbian unions and passionate debates about equality and the sanctity of marriage could reverberate nationally.

In turn, that could propel conservatives to the polls in other states.

"I think the big question is, 'Does this re-ignite the debate nationally?'" said Kareem Crayton, an assistant professor of law and political science at the University of Southern California's Gould School of Law. "It could be a problem for Barack Obama if he doesn't very early on make clear what his decision is."

California's gay marriage initiative has the potential to tip the outcome of other measures on the ballot and the few local races in which Republicans and Democrats will be going head to head. That would include the race in the Republican-leaning 11th Congressional District, which stretches from the San Joaquin Valley to the eastern San Francisco Bay area.

Incumbent Jerry McNerney, a Democrat, is trying to hold onto the seat he wrested from a Republican stalwart in 2006. His opponent in November is Republican Dean Andal, a former state assemblyman.

Judging from recent history, it could be an uphill battle for the initiatives.

Voters have approved roughly one in three initiatives during the last 10 years. Those that come with a price tag will be an even tougher sell.

Lawmakers have ignored repeated requests by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to put a water bond on the ballot, but Republicans plan to renew the push. Their cause was bolstered Wednesday after the governor declared a statewide drought emergency and suggested he might bypass the Legislature if they failed to put a bond on the ballot this year.

"We must work together to ensure that California will have safe, reliable and clean drinking water not only a year or two from now but 20, 30, 40 years from now," Schwarzenegger said at a news conference in Sacramento. "So I hope that the legislators get the point. Let's get to work, and let's get a water infrastructure package done this year."

Four of the qualified initiatives ask voters to spend money. It would go toward children's hospitals, drug rehabilitation programs for nonviolent state prisoners, criminal justice programs and high-speed rail.

Other initiatives target the treatment of farm animals and require utilities to generate 20 percent of their energy from renewable sources by 2010.

Supporters of another three initiatives have turned in signatures in an effort to qualify for the November ballot, said Kate Folmar, a spokeswoman at the Secretary of State's office.

They would ask voters to expand the rights of crime victims, approve a $5 billion bond to promote alternative fuels and renewable energy, and change how the state draws boundaries for state legislative districts.

Associated Press Writer Don Thompson contributed to this report from Sacramento.

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■ **The Secretary of State has until June 26 to certify citizen initiatives for the November ballot. The Legislature also has until that date, but lawmakers often extend the deadline for their own measures.**

Actors union said to have more deals allowing work on films

BY RYAN NAKASHIMA
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES A person with the Screen Actors Guild says the union has signed more than 300 waiver deals allowing members to work on films by independent producers even if there is an actors strike.

The person, who was not authorized to speak publicly and requested anonymity, says the films include "Edge of Darkness" starring Mel Gibson and "Bad Lieutenant," starring Nicolas Cage.

The contracts are offered to independent producers with no ties to the major Hollywood studios that are involved in ongoing negotiations with the guild. The current contract expires on June 30.

The waivers require producers to retroactively abide by whatever deal is eventually reached between the guild and the studios.

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California's high court refuses to stay gay marriage ruling

BY LISA LEFF
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO California's highest court on Wednesday refused to stay its decision legalizing same-sex marriage in the state, clearing the final hurdle for gay couples to start tying the knot this month.

Conservative religious and legal groups had asked the California Supreme Court to stop its May 15 order requiring state and local officials to sanction same-sex unions from becoming effective until voters have the chance to consider the issue in November. The justices' decisions typically become final after 30 days.

An initiative to ban gay marriage has qualified for the Nov. 4 ballot. Its passage would overrule the court's decision by amending the state constitution to limit marriage to a man and a woman.

In arguing for a delay, the amendment's sponsors predicted chaos if couples married in the next few months, only to have the practice halted at the ballot box.

The attorneys general from 11 states submitted briefs backing that claim. California does not have a residency requirement or waiting period for obtaining marriage licenses, forcing other states to consider whether it would recognize California gay marriages.

The four justices who denied the stay request — three of them appointed by Republican governors — were the same judges who joined in the majority opinion that found withholding marriage from same-sex couples constituted discrimination. The three dissenting justices said they thought a hearing on whether the stay should be granted was warranted.

Ronald Prentice, executive director of the coalition sponsoring the November measure, predicted the court's refusal to put the brakes on its historic ruling would motivate gay marriage opponents to vote for the ban.

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"Certainly it was our hope that one or more members of the majority decision would recognize that they had overstepped their bounds, and would allow the November vote to speak on behalf of the state's citizens," Prentice said. "We are obviously disappointed by their continued arrogance to overrule the will of the people."

The majority did not elaborate on its reasons for denying the stay, but simply issued a one-page order saying its original ruling on marriage would be final at 5 p.m. on June 16.

Wednesday's denial clears the way for gay couples in the nation's most populous state to get married starting June 17, when state officials have said counties must start issuing new gender-neutral marriage licenses.

"We have exhausted our state court remedies here," said Glen Lavy, an attorney for the Alliance Defense Fund, which filed the leading stay request and is part of a coalition backing the fall ballot measure.

Lavy added that taking the issue to the federal courts was not an option because the Supreme Court did not give his group legal standing in the case. California Attorney General Jerry Brown, whose office defended the gay marriage ban before the court, had urged the justices not to grant the stay.

"This was a 4-3 vote for legal chaos," Lavy said. "This refusal to wait until the constitutional process is played out confirms that this is kind of agenda-driven."

Gay rights advocates had urged the court to let same-sex marriages begin as quickly as possible, arguing there was no legal basis for continuing to subject gay couples to unequal treatment.

"These petitions clearly sought to do something that went far beyond the issue of same-sex marriage," said San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera, whose office represented the city in successfully suing to overturn California's one man-one woman marriage laws. "It would be unprecedented to postpone constitutional rights based on a speculation of how a political scenario may or may not have played out."

California has an estimated 108,734 same-sex households, according to 2006 U.S. Census figures. The state already offers same-sex couples who register as domestic partners many of the legal rights and responsibilities afforded to married couples, including the right to divorce and to sue for child support.

In its May 15 ruling, the high court struck down state laws against same-sex marriage — including a gay marriage statute approved by voters in March 2000 — and said domestic partnerships that provide many of the rights and benefits of matrimony are not enough.

Backers of the fall initiative now hope to add California to the list of 26 states that have approved constitutional amendments banning same-sex marriage. It is unclear whether marriages performed before the fall election would be nullified if the amendment passes. Some legal scholars have said the Supreme Court might get called on again to settle that question.

Despite the uncertainty, hundreds of couples already have scheduled appointments to obtain marriage licenses at San Francisco City Hall on June 17 and in the weeks after. Mayor Gavin Newsom said the city planned to have extended hours to avoid "a mass wedding."

"We want to allow for hundreds, if not thousands, of people to come to San Francisco to start their lives together" Newsom said.

Two polls taken after the court overturned the marriage laws but before the amendment qualified for the ballot had different findings on voter attitudes toward the measure.

A Los Angeles Times poll of 705 registered voters found that 54 percent of those surveyed backed the measure and 35 percent opposed it. A Field Poll of 1,052 voters found that support for the amendment stood at 40 percent and 43 percent, depending on how the question was asked.

Associated Press Writer Malia Wollan contributed to this story.

Schwarzenegger declares statewide drought in California

BY DON THOMPSON
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SACRAMENTO Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is proclaiming a statewide drought after two years of below-average rainfall, low snowmelt runoff and the largest court-ordered restrictions on water transfers in state history.

His office said he would issue an executive order Wednesday directing the state's response to unusually dry conditions that are damaging crops, harming water quality and causing extreme fire danger across California. Many communities already are requiring water conservation or rationing to deal with the shortfall.

Schwarzenegger's statewide drought declaration is the first since 1991, when Gov. Pete Wilson acted in the fifth year of a drought that lasted into 1992.

The executive order directs the state Department of Water Resources to speed water transfers to areas with the worst shortages. It also tells state officials to help local water districts with conservation efforts and directs agencies to help farmers suffering losses from the drought.

In addition, the governor is naming two "water czars," one to coordinate conservation programs and the other to speed water transfers around the state.

California depends on winter snow accumulating in the Sierra Nevada for much of its summer water supply. But March, April and May were the driest winter months on record, forcing water use cutbacks by farmers and urban residents alike.

The governor is warning that conditions could be even worse in 2009 if there is another dry winter.

Snow measurements last month found the Sierra held just 69 percent of an average winter, and that runoff into California rivers was at just 55 percent of a normal year.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation said this week it would cut water supplied to Central Valley farms to 40 percent of the amount growers contract for with the federal government.

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> **Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger**

That could mean hundreds of acres of crops won't be planted this year, according to the giant Westlands Water District, which supplies growers who produce about $1 billion worth of crops each year.

Schwarzenegger is using the drought declaration to push his nearly $12 billion proposal to build more reservoirs and a canal to direct water around the troubled Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The delta funnels Northern California water to giant pumps that send it to central and southern California cities and farms. But a federal court order last year requires that more of the water be left for declining fish populations.

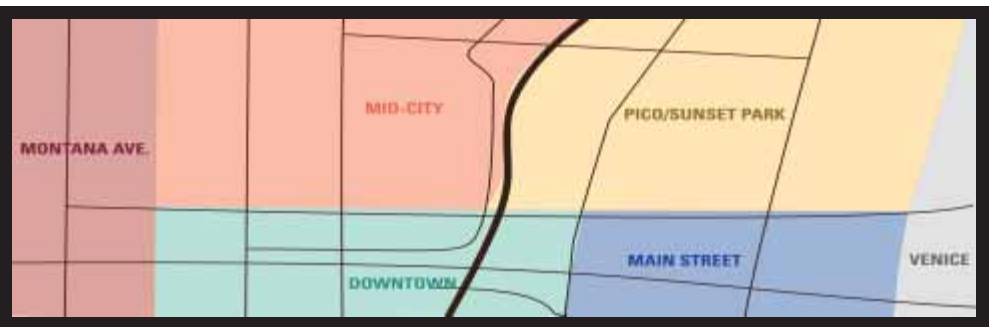
The governor wants voters to approve a $12 billion bond to fund delta, river and groundwater improvements, conservation and recycling efforts, and reservoirs. But legislators have not agreed to the plan despite ongoing negotiations with the administration.

Schwarzenegger reiterated in Wednesday's prepared remarks that he is committed to getting a bipartisan legislative agreement for a bond measure.

"This drought is an urgent reminder of the immediate need to upgrade California's water infrastructure," Schwarzenegger said. "There is no more time to waste because nothing is more vital to protect our economy, our environment and our quality-of-life."

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New group hopes to usher in an era of school accountability

FROM LEAD PAGE 1

of Chief Financial Officer Winston Braham in November 2006, fueling speculation that he had a fallout with the administration over a proposed teacher salary raise. Braham, who refrained from signing off on the salary raise, was restricted from speaking publicly about the circumstances surrounding his departure for months because of a confidentiality agreement in his exit contract, drawing criticism from the community.

A financial consultant was later hired, eventually finding the district could accommodate the salary raise if it made some fiscal modifications, which were adopted.

The clause was eventually lifted and Braham spoke out during a City Council meeting last summer, which revealed little about why he eventually left.

It was in that same meeting when the council decided to withhold roughly half a million dollars in city funding to the school district, concerned about confidentiality clauses in special education settlement agreements. The issue eventually led to the release of a report in April that found while confidentiality clauses and settlement agreements were legal, there was concern in its utilization in Santa Monica-Malibu, which has seen more than 140 in the past three years.

The confidentiality clauses have since been suspended entirely by the school board and the district has started the healing process.

The organization grew out of conversations between parents who shared the same feelings about the problems with transparency, figuring there was a way they could provide constructive criticism to school leaders "than complaining in idle conversations," Laurie Lieberman, co-chair of the organizing committee, said.

"By 'lack of accountability,' we mean in part listening to the community and the appointed advisory committees and really hearing what people on those committees are saying," Lieberman said, referring to the Financial Oversight Committee and the Special Education Advisory Committee.

LEAD organizers stressed the coalition is not meant to be an adversary to the other major school lobbying group in the district — the Community for Excellent Public Schools — pointing out that several of its founders, including Mulvaney, are also members of CEPS.

"We would hope to be as successful as CEPS has been," Mulvaney said. "We are an … organization with ultimately the same goal of having the best school district that we can possibly have."

Shari Davis, the chairman of CEPS, said she had spoken with the LEAD founders while they were still forming their organizational ideas, noting that the two groups are complementary.

"We are very much in sync on what we want for the district," Davis said. "Our emphasis being on the funding side of making sure the school has the resources they need will work well with a group promoting leadership and reform."

Much like CEPS, LEAD will also make endorsements for candidates running for the school board. Four seats will be up for grabs this November, including for former board member Emily Bloomfield's half-term.

The organization is in the process of developing guidelines for endorsing candidates.

"We want to be open to all potential candidates and incumbents and talk to everyone to determine who we will endorse and who embodies the type of leadership we think the district needs," Mulvaney said.

Transparency will also extend to the grassroots organization.

The founders say the organization is open to the community and the general membership will have the power to elect the steering committee, which has yet to be established. LEAD is currently being run by the organizing committee.

"We really hope to be seen as a constructive organization," Lieberman said. "We see ourselves as trying really hard to not be out there criticizing the board, but saying if we were out there, what would we be doing?"

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ROLLIN'

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Students of del Sol School in Manhattan Beach hit Santa Monica's Farmers' Market Wednesday to raise money for their project "Roll it Forward." The group of students, ages 9 through 13, aims to raise $27,500 to send wheelchairs to the over 1 million people in developing countries who need them. Production and delivery of just one of the pictured wheel chairs costs $50. As of Wednesday they raised $7,701. For more information, visit www.RollitForward.org.

Pavley beats Levine in run for senate seat

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response to its adversary, 98, whose opponents, like Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, said used the issue of eminent domain as a front for ending rent control.

But Prop. 98 backers, which include apartment and property owners like the Action Apartment Association in Santa Monica, say that 99 does not go far enough to protection private property against eminent domain, saying that it doesn't protect homes and leaves out businesses and places of worship.

"It's very clear the voters wanted eminent domain protections," Carl Lambert, the president of the Action Apartment Association, said. "Unfortunately, 99 does very little to protect them."

Prop. 98 backers attributed their loss to the confusion caused by the placement of Prop. 99 on the ballot, both appearing nearly identical on the face with the exception of some differences that includes environmental protections and rent control. Since both measures were on the same ballot, the one that received more "yes" votes passed.

"The pro rent control faction resorted to underhanded tactics like putting a confusing initiative on the ballot," Lambert said. "It was specifically designed to confuse the voters and they outspent us 6-1."

Approximately 39 percent of voters gave the thumbs up to Prop. 98, as opposed to 62.5 percent for Prop. 99, which received more than two million yes votes to 98's one million.

"My faith in the electorate has been proven valid," Patricia Hoffman, the co-chair of SMRR, said. "I just think that it's fabulous the voters figured out 98/99."

"Because 98 was so badly written and was so duplicitous, the voters just saw through it," Hoffman said.

Prop. 98, the California Property Owners and Farmland Protection Act, would've slowly phased out rent control over time, allowing units that fall under the Rent Control Ordinance to be priced at market rate once they are vacated.

The measure's supporters say that rent control provisions are archaic and were instituted during World War II as a program to deal with the housing shortage. Backers also point out that rent control is illegal in 44 states and California is one of three that permit it.

But opponents said that 98 had several consequences, including jeopardizing environmental protections and limiting the state's ability to build water projects.

"This is clearly a tremendous victory for those who are committed to preserving and producing affordable housing and protecting our environment … and controlling clean drinking water," Larry Gross, the executive director of the Coalition for Economic Survival, said.

The Los Angeles-based organization is a tenant group that pushed for rent control in Los Angeles and West Hollywood.

Prop. 98 supporters said on Wednesday that they hoped to work with the pro-rent control faction to help close some of the loopholes in 99 to include businesses, family farms and places of worship.

"Throughout the campaign, Prop. 99 proponents repeatedly assured voters that after election day they would address the measure's shortcomings through the legislative process," Jon Coupal, the president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, said. "We would gladly join such efforts with the governor and legislation to protection all homes and all private property."



PAVLEY

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, which crafted 98, said it will considering qualifying another proposition if the legislature does not act.

PAVLEY TO REPRESENT DEMS IN NOVEMBER

Among the victors on Tuesday was former Assemblywoman Fran Pavley who captured the democratic ticket for the state Senate race in the 23rd district, beating out Assemblyman Lloyd Levine (D-Woodland Hills). The 23rd District includes the San Fernando Valley and parts of the Westside, including Santa Monica and Malibu.

Pavley, the first mayor of Agoura hills and long-time school teacher, captured 66 percent of the vote to Levine's 33 percent. She will face Rick Montaine, a republican from Calabasas, in November.

"I ran to be able to return to Sacramento and continue to work on serious policy issues affecting California," Pavley, who termed out of the assembly in 2006, said.

The Agoura Hills resident has spent the past two years campaigning for the Senate seat while working for the Natural Resources Defense Council as a senior climate advisor and at the UCLA School of Public Policy and Social Research as a distinguished fellow.

She doesn't anticipate a tough race against Montaine in November, pointing out the small percentage of republicans in the San Fernando Valley.

"This is an overwhelmingly democratic district," she said.

Pavley, 59, held a celebration in Malibu on Tuesday night, an event attended by several hundred people.

She was endorsed by current state Sen. Sheila Kuehl, for whom Pavley is vying to replace.

Levine will be termed out at the end of the year. He defeated Montaine for the 40th Assembly District in 2006.

"I'm disappointed," Levine said. "I really love this job and wanted the opportunity to keep doing it."

Levine said he will determine over the next few days what his next steps will be, hoping in some capacity to remain in public service. The 38-year-old environmental advocate plans to endorse Pavley.

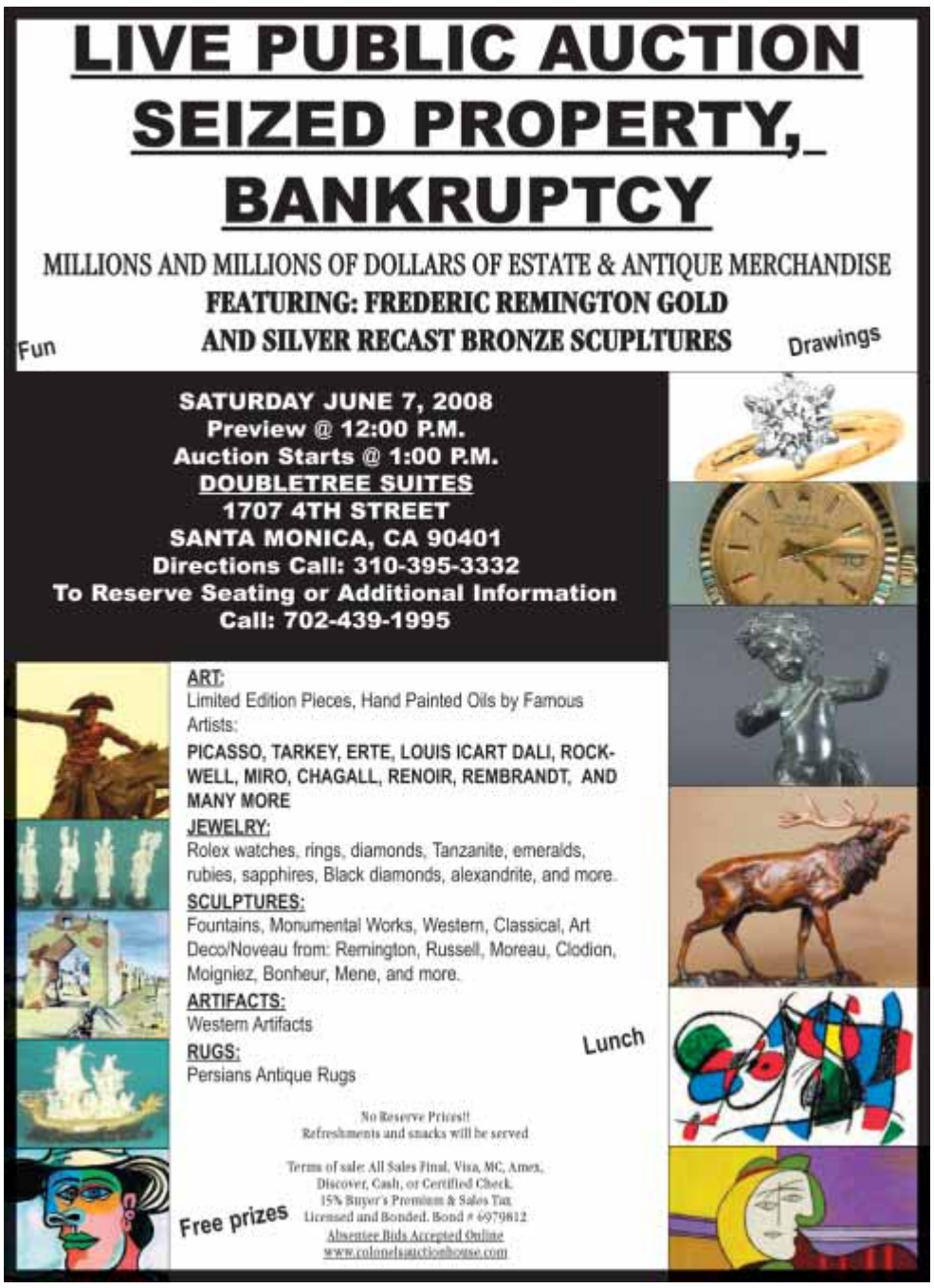
"It was a tough battle but I hold no ill will towards her and I hope she doesn't hold ill will towards me," Levine said.

For more election results, including District Attorney Steve Cooley's landslide victory, visit vote.sos.ca.gov or rrccmain.co.la.ca.us/.

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Negotiations for affordable housing lots raises doubts

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contingencies or encumbrances. The "contingencies and encumbrances" on the 1828 property exist because the space is currently being used as an employee parking lot.

Dehne and her team were surprised when, at the next Housing Commission meeting, what she called "a completely biased staff report" was presented recommending 1828 Ocean as the participant most viable for further negotiations. Her group protested this decision and were joined by Councilmember Kevin McKeown, leading the commission to agree to conduct a more detailed analysis of all the responding properties.

McKeown, who was the subject of political attack ads in the November 2006 election that were paid for by Edward Thomas, wrote an e-mail to the commission, saying, "This is not a decision based on the value of the three properties, but on the value of fair process and making sure that public decisions are made openly and not negotiated unequally."

McKeown recommended reopening the RFP to all interested parties including the original three.

The director of Housing and Economic Development, Andy Agle, explained that replacing the 127 parking spaces would be the responsibility of City Hall if the exchange is conducted, but that the challenge is "not insurmountable."Edward Thomas Director Tim Dubois further noted that parking is "just one of many things to be negotiated," but declined to elaborate.

Dehne believes City Hall has been negotiating with Edward Thomas for years and that the RFP was issued only because City Hall was required to by law.

"Maybe the city threw the RFP out because they had to," Dehne said. "We don't know how serious they were about negotiating with other properties [besides 1828 Ocean]. They're too focused on what they'd already been doing."

In the Nov. 15 council meeting, Dehne informed the Housing Commission that 2600 Broadway and 603 Arizona, LP combined in order to offer City Hall potentially two locations and many more affordable housing units.

Five months later, however, the council has yet to review the proposals.

The owners of the 1828 property feel that the decision is still up in the air.

"I haven't heard one peep from the city since the request for proposals," Dubois said. "There haven't been any discussions."

City Hall became the owner of the property located at 1920 Ocean Way in July 1979. The purpose of the swap is to provide more low-income housing in more diverse areas of pricey Santa Monica.

Other potential options available to City Hall include sale of the 1920 Ocean Way site without a swap or development of affordable units on the site.

"We are trying to achieve as much affordable housing as possible, because the need for such housing is a pressing issue in Santa Monica," Agle said . "We're losing due to vacancy decontrol and the Ellis Act, so we're doing whatever we can to combat the impact of those laws."

The Ellis Act, written in July of 1986, allows landlords to go out of the rental business, evict tenants, and withdraw units from the housing market.

Vacancy decontrol, which became effective in 1996 and was amended in 1999, means that a landlord can increase rents to whatever the market will bear when a unit is vacated.

"One of the things we've tried to achieve with affordable housing is geographical diversity," Agle explained. "We want housing in neighborhoods throughout Santa Monica, not concentrated in one area, to accommodate tenets with jobs, family and social networks. It's important to create mixed income neighborhoods and to have that element of diversity."

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Santa Monicans pledge hometown loyalty in Lakers-Celtics rivalry

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have the same arrangement from the last Celtics win," said Sam Fusaro, bartender at Sonny McLean's and a lifelong Celtics fan. "We're going to be a hundred Celtics fans deep for the first game with four or five Lakers fans sprinkled in there."

Despite having home-court advantage, Fusaro said the Celtics were playing the underdog role after several sports personalities chose the Lakers to win. While the Lakers needed 15 playoff games to reach the Finals, the Celtics played 20 games, including two seven-game series, before winning the Eastern Conference.

While Boston won both regular season match-ups, Lakers fan Garry Rolen is quick to point out that Los Angeles was without newly-acquired star Pau Gasol for each game.

"I think the Lakers are going to win," Rolen said. "They have the experience advantage and I don't think the Celtics can stop Kobe Bryant."

But not all Lakers fans share Rolen's optimism. Despite being a season-ticket holder, Santa Monica resident R.J. Cipriani said this was the Celtics' "year of destiny."

"They haven't won in a long time, so you know they're going to be hungry," Cipriani said.

Despite the animosity between the two teams, fans from both sides said the rivalry was one of respect.

Since moving to Santa Monica in 1996, Panos has had to hear his share of heckling at work for being a Boston fan.

After watching the Celtics reach the playoffs and fall short of the Finals each year since his move, Panos said he is content his team has made it this far.

"It's going to be fun no matter what the outcome is," Panos said.

And while a long running series may be better for his bar, Hernandez admits he has other allegiances.

"As a business man, I'd love a game seven," Hernandez said. "But as a Lakers fan, I'd love to see a four-game sweep."

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Nine arrests made in NY Colombo crime family takedown

BY TOM HAYS
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK A reputed acting mob boss and eight other suspected gangsters were arrested Wednesday on federal charges accusing them of coast-to-coast Mafia crimes, ranging from gangland hits in New York to a home invasion by police impersonators in Los Angeles, authorities said.

Among those named in a racketeering indictment were Thomas "Tommy Shots" Gioeli, who authorities said was the acting boss of the Colombo organized crime family. Three other defendants already behind bars also were charged, including 89-year-old John "Sonny" Franzese, identified as the family's underboss.

Gioeli, 55, and the other defendants were awaiting arraignment on murder, robbery, extortion, drug dealing and other charges. The names of their attorneys were not immediately available.

The takedown — following a three-month investigation using turncoat mobsters and electronic surveillance — was part of a "relentless campaign to prosecute and convict the highest echelons of the Colombo family and La Cosa Nostra as a whole," said U.S. Attorney Benton Campbell.

He noted that former Colombo acting boss Alphonse "Allie Boy" Persico and another family member were convicted last year of orchestrating a 1999 murder.

Gioeli was charged in three of four slayings detailed in the indictment, including the 1992 slayings of two men amid a bloody civil war for control of the family. A Colombo captain was accused of participating in the shooting and killing of an armored truck guard, also in 1992, while the victim was delivering money to a cash-checking store in Brooklyn.

The indictment also alleges Gioeli participated in the holdup of a fur shop in February 1991 in which he posed as a customer shopping for a Valentine's Day gift. He and other bandits handcuffed the owner before they "filled garbage bags with fur coats" and fled, court papers said.

In 2006, two other defendants flew to Los Angeles to try to rob a home where they believed there was $1 million in drug money, court papers said. Donning hats and T-shirts emblazoned with "DEA" and carrying a fake search warrant, the men burst into the home and pistol-whipped a woman there, but never found the cash, the papers said.

It was the second high-profile mob case to be made in recent months: In February, prosecutors charged 62 reputed members and associates of the once-powerful Gambino crime family with murders, drug trafficking, robberies, extortion, and other crimes dating back to the 1970s.

Last Thursday, the lone fugitive in the Gambino case, Nicholas "Little Nick" Corozzo, strolled up to the FBI's office and surrendered on charges he ordered a decades-old gangland hit that took an innocent bystander's life.

He was ordered held without bail after pleading not guilty to racketeering, extortion and murder charges.

Soldier's skeletal remains found on Mississippi base

BY HOLBROOK MOHR
Associated Press Writer

JACKSON, Miss. Authorities were trying to determine Wednesday whether the remains of a soldier found in the woods of a National Guard training base are of a Kentucky guardsman who went missing before his unit deployed to Iraq.

Forrest County Coroner Butch Benedict said the remains, found Tuesday on the grounds of Camp Shelby, were in an Army uniform. Firearms were nearby. The 136,000-acre base is just south of Hattiesburg.

Lt. Col. Doril Sanders, a base spokesman, would confirm only that human remains were found on the base. He said the Army's crime lab will use DNA and dental records for identification. Pfc. Ryan K. Longnecker, who was 19 at the time, was training at Camp Shelby when he disappeared Aug. 6, 2007, along with his military-issued 9mm pistol and M4 assault rifle.

Shirley Ann Longnecker, the soldier's paternal grandmother, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that military investigators found her grandson's identification with the remains. However, she said the military stopped short of saying the remains belonged to Ryan Longnecker.

She said she doesn't know what may have happened to him.

"He seemed to be a people person, but he wasn't getting along with some of the people down there," Shirley Ann Longnecker said, adding that her grandson had once tried to get out of the military.

Longnecker is currently the only soldier reported missing from Camp Shelby, Sanders said. However, neither Sanders nor Benedict could confirm if the remains belong to the missing soldier.

Benedict said "the condition of the bones would probably be consistent" with decomposition that would occur in the timeframe since Longnecker was last seen.

The remains were found between two roads and "probably a few hundred yards from a building in a secluded area," Benedict said.

After Longnecker disappeared in 2007, the military led the investigation for months, then said Longnecker was absent without ordered leave and turned the case over to the U.S. Marshals Service.

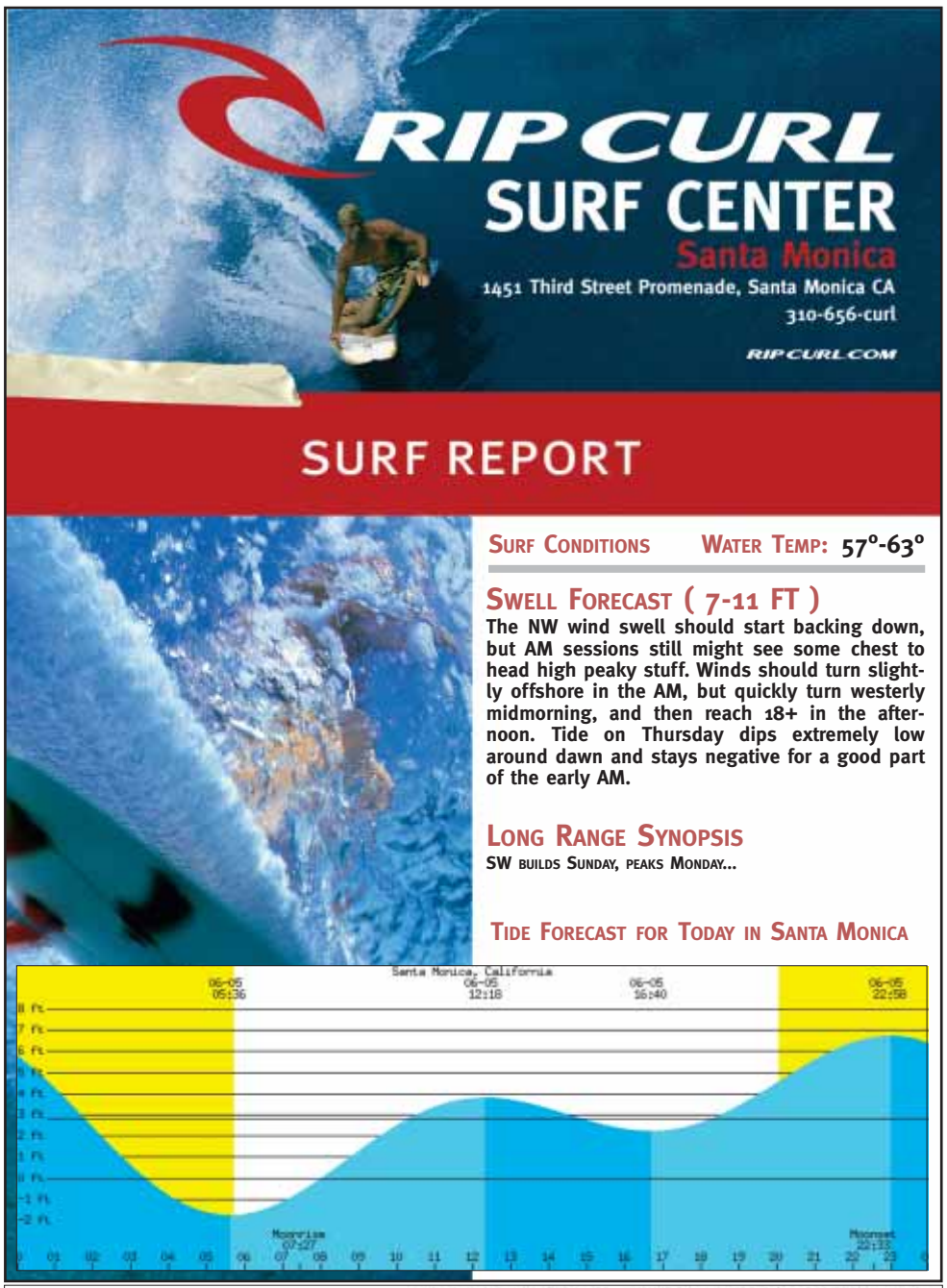
Longnecker was supposed to deploy with the Kentucky National Guard's Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 138th Field Artillery unit when he disappeared. About 160 members of Longnecker's unit and hundreds of troops from other areas were training at Camp Shelby at the time.

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Expect big ratings for Lakers-Celtics

BY RACHEL COHEN
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK The NBA finals' television ratings for the last eight years fall into two unmistakable categories: series with the Los Angeles Lakers, and series without them.

The four times that the Lakers — with their large market, big stars and storied tradition — reached the sport's grandest stage, the finals' average rating was never lower than a 10.2. The four times they weren't involved, the number was never above an 8.5.

But none of the Lakers' opponents during that span had the fan base, history and star power to rival their own. That changes this week, as ABC gets a glamour matchup overflowing with story lines when Los Angeles faces its old nemesis, the Boston Celtics.

"Everybody understood that the Lakers and Celtics is a beautiful finals, and we're happy about that," said John Skipper, executive vice president for content for ESPN/ABC. "You don't get the best matchup every year.

"This year we got it."

They didn't get it last year. The Spurs-Cavaliers series averaged a record-low 6.2 rating, which represents the percentage of homes with televisions tuned into the event. A sweep involving two teams from small markets is all but destined for dismal ratings.

The San Antonio and Cleveland markets combine for about 2.3 million households, according to Nielsen. For Los Angeles and Boston, it's about 8 million.

The differences in population alone would almost certainly boost ratings even if there weren't interest in the Lakers-Celtics rivalry among casual fans.

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If the series goes six or seven games, the NBA could attract its highest ratings in years. Since Michael Jordan's last championship in 1998 averaged a record 18.7 on NBC, no finals has drawn a rating higher than the 12.1 earned by Lakers-76ers in 2001.

Los Angeles faced the Pacers, Nets and Pistons in its other three recent finals appearances.

Ratings have already been up throughout the playoffs. In the conference finals, ESPN's ratings increased 47 percent from last year, TNT's rose by 20 percent, and ABC's were up 19 percent.

"There's a lot of great stories out there," said Norby Williamson, the executive vice president for production for ESPN/ABC.

Patriots player arrested, turns informant

BY DENISE LAVOIE
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON A starting lineman for the New England Patriots worked as an informant for federal drug agents after he was arrested in New York on a charge of carrying the powerful painkiller oxycodone without a prescription, an attorney said.

Nicholas Kaczur, 28, wore a wire to help agents build a case against his alleged supplier, Daniel Ekasala, according to Ekasala's attorney.

A Drug Enforcement Administration agent said in an affadavit that a cooperating witness — whose name was not revealed — wore a recording device during three drug buys in May. In each of the deals, the witness bought 100 OxyContin pills from Ekasala for $3,900 in cash, the agent wrote.

Ekasala's lawyer, Bernard Grossberg, said Kaczur was that cooperating witness.

Kaczur denied to The Boston Globe that he participated in the investigation, telling the newspaper, "I don't know what you're talking about, bro."

Kaczur has an unlisted telephone number and could not be reached for comment Wednesday. His agent, Vance Malinovic, did not return messages left by The Associated Press.

Stacey James, a spokesman for the Patriots, would not comment on Kaczur. She referred questions to the U.S. Attorney's Office, which declined to comment.

Ekasala, 34, was indicted Tuesday and remains free on an unsecured bond of $10,000. He pleaded not guilty Wednesday in U.S. District Court to three counts of possession of oxycodone with intent to distribute.

Ekasala was arrested May 13 after meeting the witness in a supermarket parking lot in Sharon and selling him 100 pills, according to the DEA affidavit.

Kaczur told the DEA he began purchasing OxyContin in November, getting 100 pills every few days, Grossberg said. The lawyer said he believes Kaczur inflated the quantity he bought to "increase his importance or usability to the DEA."

Ekasala, an unemployed construction worker and father of 2-year-old twins from Saugus, was sympathetic to Kaczur and somewhat in awe of him because of his status as a Patriots player, Grossberg said.

"As anybody who meets a professional athlete ... I think he became somewhat enamored by his contact with him, and was enticed to do certain things," Grossberg said.

Kaczur, who lives in Attleboro, was pulled over by state police in Whitestown, N.Y., on April 27, for driving 76 mph in a 65 mph zone. He was charged with a misdemeanor count of criminal possession of a controlled substance, said Sgt. Kern Swoboda, a spokesman for the state police.

Kaczur was issued a summons to appear in court on May 12, but Swoboda did not know the current status of his case.

BEACH REPORT CARD

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)
Number of sewage spills -- 1
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 3
Number of wet days -- 4
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / 2
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / 6

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cerrillo Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Alisos creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	D	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	F	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	D	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	B	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (paint zero)	A	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	D	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A+	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	D	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pica/Kenter storm drain	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DBW jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns

LEGEND
DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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MOVIETIMES

AERO THEATRE
1328 Montana Ave.
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Clint Eastwood: A Life in Film (2007) (NR) 81 min

The Beguiled (1971) (NR) 105 min

AMC LOEWS BROADWAY 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull 2 hrs (PG-13)
12:45, 2:15, 3:45, 5:15, 6:45, 8:15, 9:45
Made of Honor (PG-13) 1hr 41min
1:15, 4:00, 6:30, 9:15
Baby Mama 1 hr 36 min (PG-13)
2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:25

AMC 7 SANTA MONICA
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG-13) 2 hrs.
12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30
The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) 2 hrs 20 min
12:50, 4:00, 7:05, 10:15
The Strangers (R) 1hr 47min
12:35, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:35
Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) 1hr 51min
1:25, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
Speed Racer (PG) 2hrs 15min
10:40 a.m., 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40

LAEMMLE'S MONICA FOURPLEX
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

Up the Yangtze (NR) 1hr 33min
1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:35
The Visitor (ZPG-13) 1hr 48min
1:30 p.m., 4:20, 7:20, 10
Wonders are Many (NR) 1hr 34min
4:40, 9:55
Son of Rambow (PG13) 1hr 38min
1:50, 7:30
Bloodline(NR) 1hr 53min
1:20 p.m., 4:10, 7, 9:50
The Cool School (NR) 1hr 26min
11:00 a.m.

MANN'S CRITERION THEATRE
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Iron Man (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
12:10, 1:10, 3:10, 4:10, 6:10, 7:10, 9:10, 10:10
Sex and the City (R) 2hrs 15min
10:40 a.m., 11:20am, 12:20, 1:50, 2:40, 3:40, 5:10, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 9:20, 10:20
What Happens in Vegas (PG-13) 1hr 39min
12:00, 2:50, 5:20, 7:40, 10:30

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com



Party hard Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ If you feel the need to stay close to home, do so. You can probably get a lot done from your pad, even if it isn't work. Cutting back and slowing your pace is a perfect decision. Someone strolls into your life, adding a lot of action today or in the near future. Tonight: Make nothing difficult! Order in!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ At first you try to be diplomatic, but later you could toss restriction to the wayside. You could become a tad outrageous or crazy. Tonight: Why not go the whole way? Try a spontaneous party.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Relate more openly about a money/security-related matter. You might decide to be cautious at first. A partner encourages you to be slightly more indulgent. Only you can decide. Tonight: Pick up a favorite munchie.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You need to express who you are to the most complete level possible. At first you might be conservative, but as the day ages, you could become outrageous. Just make this your day to be! Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Step back. You might even want to close your door. Time taken now to reflect on different issues will come back to you in multiples. You'll lighten up considerably after you see the humor in a situation. Tonight: Rest up ... soon.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Though you might be serious, you have spunk and resilience. Your sense of humor comes out when dealing with someone you care about deeply. A relationship could go from very serious to simply silly in a few hours. Tonight: Start living it up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ A nagging doubt could infiltrate your strong, responsible exterior. Slow down if you believe you have made an error in judgment. You'll rebound with joy when the pressure eases. Cut out and make it an early day. Tonight: Treat a family member to dinner out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ A friend feels you need to look deeper into a situation. You could feel conflicted. There probably is no such thing as too much knowledge. Phones ring off the hook. Screen your calls if need be. Tonight: Let your mind roam, even if your body must stay put!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A partner has surprising resources. New beginnings come from out of nowhere if you defer to others and don't try to control a situation. You become joyous as the day ends. Tonight: Togetherness builds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Defer to others today. Listen to feedback from various sources. Many people revolve around you. Though you might try to detach, that attitude won't work for long. Tonight: Fun and games.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Focus on what you can do, even if an associate is slightly tight or refusing to relax with you. You discover that the sense of accomplishment feels great as you keep zeroing in again and again on one other task. Tonight: Easy does it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Others might be somber, but that doesn't mean you need to be. Loosen up and relax with a child or new friend. Laughter abounds. If you're really trying to work, focus on a creative project. Tonight: So what if it's Thursday night? Act like it is Friday.

Happy birthday

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★ Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

You might make more of splash this year than you intended to. Try for a touch of conservatism. You easily could let go and indulge, choosing one or two favorite areas. Spending could go overboard. Be careful with investments involving real estate. They might be very long to come to fruition. If you are single, your happy, indulgent ways attract many. An interesting person will appear on the scene this winter. If you are attached, the two of you could have a great time together, but you could let a lot of important goals fall to the wayside and not even care! CANCER feels good around you.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A DRAFT INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR 100 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD ANTENNA PROJECT

The City of Santa Monica has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the **Wireless Site at 100 Wilshire Boulevard.** The City of Santa Monica has prepared this Notice of Intent in order to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with information describing the proposal and its potential environmental effects. The Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration determined that implementation of the project will result in no significant effects on the environment with incorporation of the proposed mitigation measures and that a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared.

A Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project was originally circulated for a 20-day public comment period in April 2008. However, changes to the project, including lowering the height of the proposed UHF antenna and increases in the wattage of the proposed telecommunications equipment, have occurred since that time. As a result, the proposed project mitigation measures have been modified. Therefore, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15073.5(b)(2), recirculation of the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is required.

PROJECT APPLICANT: Media Flo USA Inc.

PROJECT LOCATION: 100 Wilshire Boulevard

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project site is located on the southeast corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Ocean Avenue in the City of Santa Monica, Los Angeles County, California. The associate legal description is Tract 35412, Lot 1 and the Assessor Parcel Id # is 4291-001-035.

The applicant, Media FLO USA, Inc. – a subsidiary of QUALCOMM Incorporated, is proposing to install, operate and maintain an unmanned wireless telecommunication facility on the rooftop of an existing, 21-story office building. The proposal would allow the company to provide entertainment services to customers, which include watching live, simulcast and time-shifted full-length television programming on their mobile phones and devices. The applicant proposes:

- ❑ One (1) 14.2-foot high UHF broadcast antenna mounted on a 62-foot high mast, as measured from the top of the building's roof; the mast would be a 6" diameter pipe;
- ❑ Two (2) 1.8-meter diameter KU band rooftop parabolic antennas mounted on 4" diameter pipes. One antenna would face west while the other would face south. The height of the antennas would be 26 feet above the building's roof;
- ❑ Two (2) GPS antennas mounted on a 5-foot high mast attached to an existing handrail; and
- ❑ One (1) 14-foot x 10-foot equipment shelter. The equipment shelter would be completely screened by an existing 20-foot high parapet wall.

According to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Sections 9.04.10.06.110(b), the proposal would require a Use Permit to allow non-parabolic commercial antenna facilities to be installed on the roof top of a commercial building in the RVC zone. In addition to the SMMC requirements, the project would also be required to comply with the adopted guidelines of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for the installation of new wireless telecommunication facilities.

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available to be viewed at the following locations:
❑ City Planning Division Public Counter, Room 111, 1685 Main Street
❑ Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street
❑ Santa Monica Mail Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard

REVIEW PERIOD: A 20-day public review period will be provided for all interested persons to submit comments on the Draft IS/MND. **The comment period will start on June 5, 2008 and end at 5:30 p.m. on June 24, 2008.** Written comments should be sent to:

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ESPANOL: Esto es una noticia de la preparacion de un reporte sobre, lo cual puede ser de interes a usted. Para mas informacion, llame a Carmen Gutierrez, al numero (310)458-8341.

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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty
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	3		8		4			6
4			3		6	8	5	
		1		6				4
	6	4	1		3	7	8	
5				4		1		
	8	5	2		7			1
7			6		1		9	
1		6					2	

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

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7	8	6	3	9	4	2	5	1
9	1	4	6	5	2	7	8	3
5	3	2	8	1	7	4	9	6
8	9	3	5	2	1	6	4	7
1	6	7	4	8	9	3	2	5
4	2	5	7	6	3	9	1	8
3	7	9	1	4	5	8	6	2
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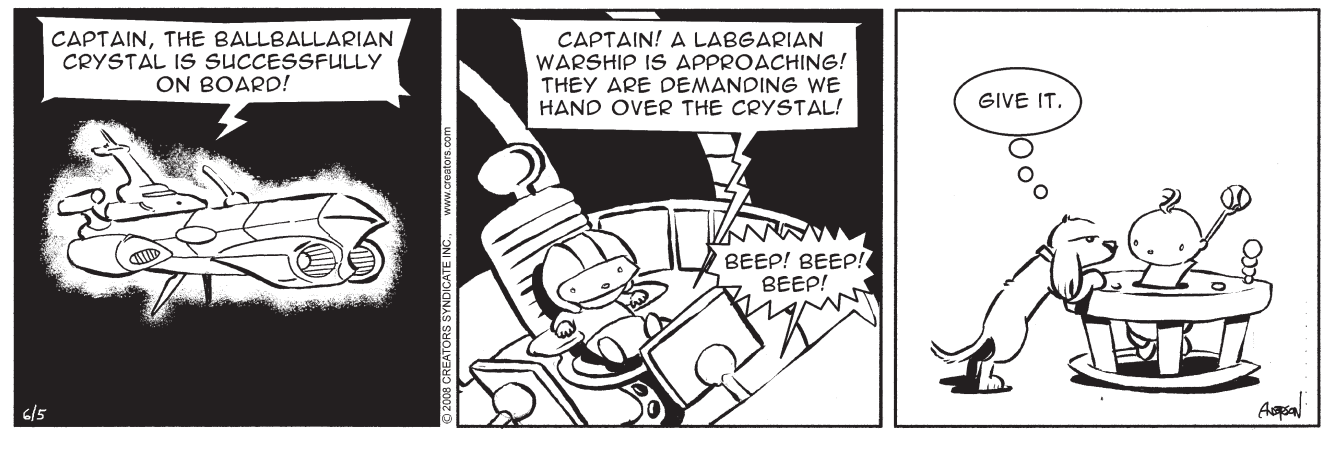
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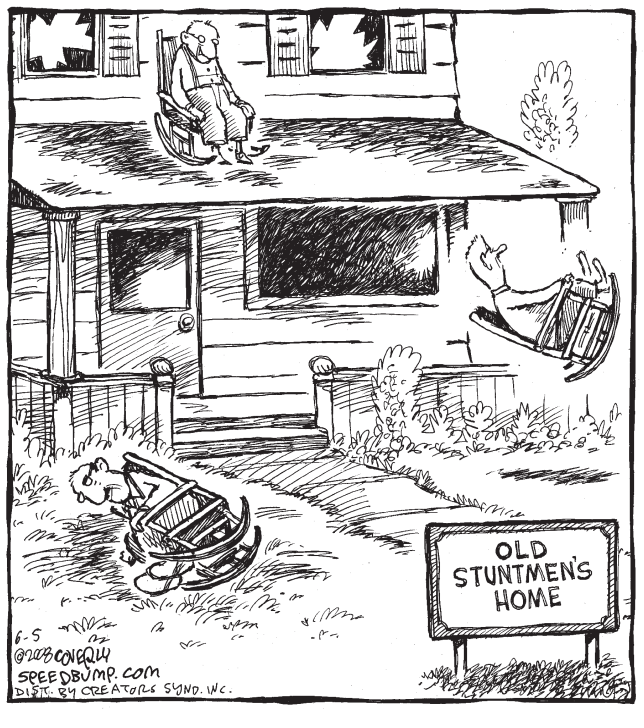
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Like lovebirds
6 Glass mishap
11 "... like I need — in the head"
12 Radium discoverer
13 Date trees
14 Speak
15 Calm
17 Flamenco cry
19 Cut off
20 Ave. crossers
23 Italian sandwiches
25 Saucy
26 Elevator door feature
28 Comic Martha
29 Prompt
30 Wonder
31 Hosp. VIPs
32 Reporter Potter
33 Behind in the score
35 Pointer
38 Future flowers
41 Bar buy
42 The Carpenters' "Close —"
43 Like London weather
44 Insolent look

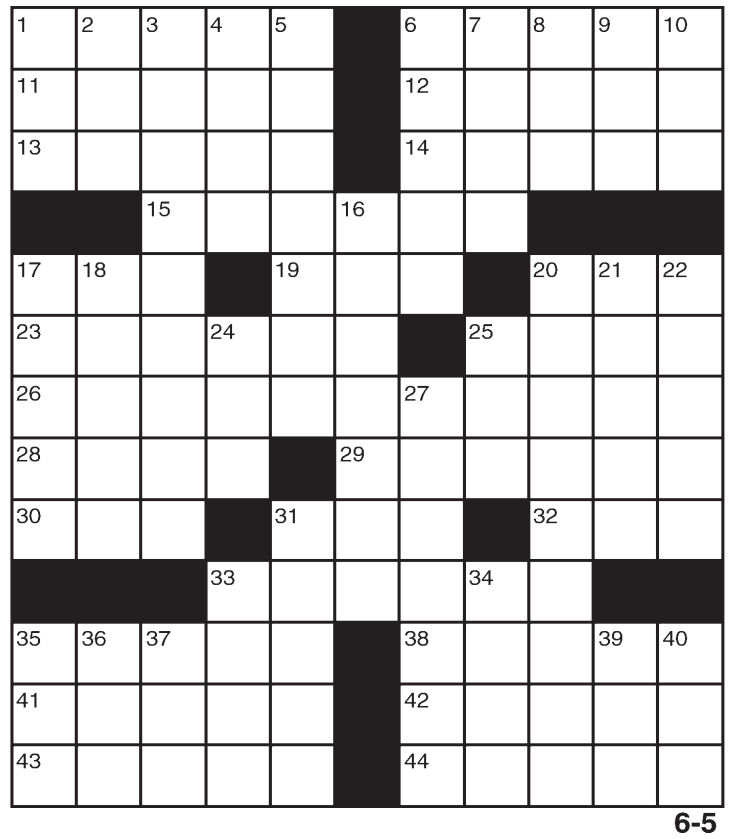
DOWN

1 Limit
2 "That's it!"
3 1995 Bond film
4 Ticklish Muppet
5 Fall
6 Bawl out
7 Undiluted
8 Nest-egg acct.
9 Ignited
10 Golf's Trevino
16 Shackled
17 "Thaïs," e.g.
18 Corbin Bernsen series
20 Helpful kind of dog
21 "Let's hear it"
22 Horse
24 Rink stuff
25 What % means: Abbr.
27 Stands firm
31 Boisterous
33 Drawn out
34 Bulb fill
35 Pound sound
36 Little hopper
37 Floor cover
39 Buck's mate
40 California's Big —

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E	R	A	■	C	A	B	■	L	E	D
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ One of the Internet's successful Web sites (10 million page views a month, with $500,000 in ads from companies including Verizon, McDonald's and General Motors) is a site that merely reports on what celebrities' babies are wearing, in that so many mothers are apparently obsessed with mimicking those clothing choices for their own tots. A May Wall Street Journal feature said sometimes the site's posting a photo of a celebrity baby incites a nationwide run on what it's wearing.

■ Salesman Chad Hudgens filed a lawsuit in January against his former Salt Lake City employer, charging that the boss and a "motivational trainer" used, as a "team-building" exercise, what was essentially the controversial "torture" practice of "waterboarding." The boss allegedly said that if salesmen tried as hard to close deals as they're trying to breathe during the simulated drowning, sales would soar. (2) British office worker Theresa Bailey, 43, was awarded the equivalent of about $10,300 by a court in Ashford, England, in May after she complained of sexual harassment by her otherwise-all-male direct-marketing team at Selectabase company. Among the "laddish" behavior was her boss's regularly "lift(ing) his right cheek" and expelling gas in her direction.

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1940 during the World War II Battle of France, Germany attacked French forces along the Somme line.

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duffme:	44, male, Minneapolis, MN
QTpie:	30, male, Chicago, IL
ty1989:	15, female, Naperville, IL
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slugger20:	17, male, Jackson, MS
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