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Mallory Rae Dies

Dies family circulating petition for Capps investigation

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Looking for answers, the family of the late Mallory Rae Dies is circulating a petition for a federal investigation into Lois Capps and actions taken by her office following the young woman's death at the hand of former congressional aide Raymond Victor Morua III.

Available online at thepetitionsite.com, the petition authored by the Vow4Mal Foundation urges Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce Dudley to call for the U.S. Department of Justice to appoint a special prosecutor

to investigate allegations made in a five-part series by investigative journalist Peter Lance and published in the News-Press.

Ms. Dies' father, Matt Dies, pointed to reports that Mrs. Capps' staff was involved in forging Mr. Morua's signature on Veterans Affairs paperwork in an attempt to get Mr. Morua, 32, out of jail and into a treatment facility.

He questioned whether Mrs. Capps knew about the actions or whether it was a case of a rogue staff.

"There are several questions," said Mr. Dies, who believes the representative owes her constituents answers.

With Mrs. Capps taking a "no comment" approach, Mr. Dies wants a special prosecutor appointed to get Mrs. Capps under oath, he said.

But with federal jurisdiction outside the purview of the District Attorney's Office, Assistant District Attorney Hillary Dozer said he isn't sure the department's official involvement would be of any advantage to the petitioners.

To his understanding, the special prosecution of these type of allegations would fall on the U.S. Attorney General's Office, which can also request that a special prosecutor be appointed in cases it doesn't believe it can adequately investigate.

The Office of the Inspector General could also look into the allegations, and Congress itself has the ability to investigate its own members, said Mr. Dozer.

Any citizen can request what the petition is seeking, and the title of "district attorney" wouldn't give any additional weight, Mr. Dozer said.

The prosecutor wasn't aware of any attempts to officially contact the District Attorney's Office and request its involvement.

After launching the petition Wednesday evening, Ms. Dies' supporters had collected 400 signatures — online and gathered around Santa

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Global fix

Day 1 of Earth Day at Alameda Park is half fun, half education



NIK BLASKOVICH/NEWS-PRESS

More than 230 booths and displays were on hand for the first day of the Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival on Saturday at Alameda Park.

By TED MILLS
NEWS-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

The first day of the weekend-long Earth Day Festival in Alameda Park looked to be a success.

After a surprise April shower the night before, the thousands of attendees at the two-block park only had to contend with a sometimes chilly and persistent wind.

Other than that it was a sunny day

in which to mingle among booths, listen to live music, and get educated about ways to make the world a less polluted, more sustainable place.

California leads the way in many environmental areas, from reducing emissions to promoting organic farming and solar, but there's plenty more work to do.

The Festival, which has spent the last five years at Alameda Park, boasts some 35,000 attendees over

the two days — a healthy estimate although admission is free and there is no "gate" — and features more than 230 stalls, booths and exhibitors.

This year the Festival is based around five initiatives, and organizers ask visitors to pledge to do the same if they feel so inclined: Drive Less, Eat Local, Choose Electric, Go Solar and Ditch Plastic. There were plenty of examples of each to

get visitors excited.

"We have a 'Fossil Free' by '33 campaign," said Sigrid Wright, associate director at the Community Environmental Council, the organization that hosts the event.

Ms. Wright was on site the whole day to oversee and help out.

"We want to move our region away from fossil fuels. But when people ask, 'Well what does that mean,' it's

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Sarah Bindine, raffle director for the Museum of Contemporary Art Santa Barbara, calls the winner of the Million Dollar Home Raffle, Judy Rose of Irvine, after Saturday's drawing at Paseo Nuevo.

Museum of Contemporary Art awards \$1M prize in raffle

By ELIZABETH HAMILTON
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Irvine resident Judy Rose is now the owner of either \$1 million in cash, a \$1 million Santa Barbara home or a \$1 million Malibu home, depending on which she chooses.

She won the 10th annual Million Dollar Home Raffle hosted by the Museum of Contemporary Art Santa Barbara on Saturday.

The Million Dollar Home Raffle sold almost 18,000 tickets at \$150 each.

"It's lucky Saturday!" said raffle manager Sarah Hotarek.

Ms. Hotarek left a voicemail for Ms. Rose telling her the good news after pulling her yellow ticket from the drum.

Besides the grand prize Million Dollar Home Raffle, the Museum gave away other large prizes, including \$10,000 in cash, \$20,000 in cash, a getaway for two to Pebble Beach, a spa giveaway at Salt of Santa Barbara, and a whale-watching cruise.

The small, free, instant giveaways included gift cards to local businesses like Eureka!, McConnell's Fine Ice Creams and Brophy Brothers.

While many winners were locals, some prizes went to residents as far away as Boise, Idaho, and Anchorage, Alaska.

The raffle has awarded more than \$10 million in prizes over the last 10 years. It is the museum's largest fundraiser, and goes to support contemporary artists and art students.

The museum promotes artists of all disciplines by hosting art events and educating the community, Ms. Hotarek said.

The museum is open to the public and admission is free.

"We make sure creative experience is a route to empowerment," Ms. Hotarek said.

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SB's 232nd birthday celebrated at Presidio

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Santa Barbara natives, newcomers and visitors came together Saturday to honor the birth of Santa Barbara at the historic El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park.

More than 200 onlookers, including descendants of Santa Barbara's founders, were treated to a re-enactment of the city's creation 232 years ago, traditional song and dance and an appearance from Saint Barbara, portrayed by Renee Jackman Longo.

The celebration ended with visitors enjoying birthday cake provided by the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation.

The ceremony depicting the city's founding included a procession of Los Soldados del Real Presidio de Santa Bárbara.

The contingent dressed in Spanish colonial garb marched down Canon Perdido Street and into the Presidio, where members read off the names of those present during the founding day on April 21, 1782, raised the old Spanish flag, raised the cross and fired a volley from replica muskets.

"I came here because the history is in my blood," said Jim Martinez, the head of Los Soldados and a descendant of four of Santa Barbara's founders.

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The flag of Spain flies above El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park on Saturday during a re-enactment of ceremonies at the founding of Santa Barbara.

Months ahead, immigrants study for driver test

SBCC planning driving class for illegals

By AMY TAXIN
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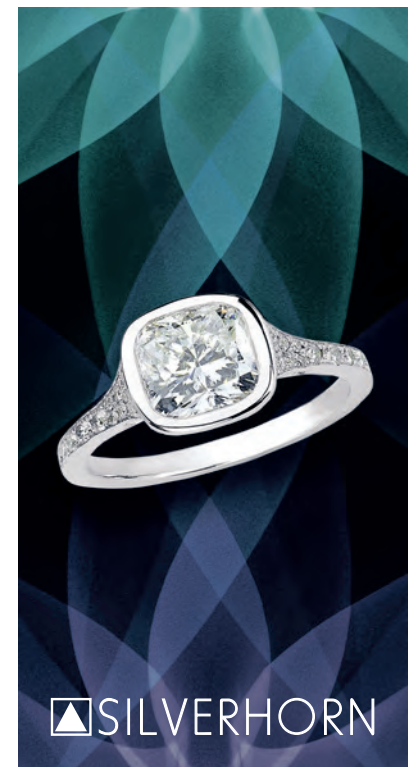
SANTA ANA — There's a lot riding on a California law to grant driver's licenses to illegal immigrants and supporters are already preparing prospective drivers to pass the test required to get one.

The Mexican consulate in Oxnard is hosting monthly driver's license test preparation classes. Santa Barbara City College is designing a 15-hour course to help illegal immigrants prepare. And the state's Department of Motor Vehicles has put together new audio materials in Spanish with months to go before the new licenses are issued.

The push comes after Nevada saw 90 percent of immigrants flunk the written test in the first few weeks a new driver authorization card was offered. The California DMV also is concerned that illegal immigrants may not know they need to take a

written test when they apply for a license, and that some applicants may not have the literacy proficiency needed to pass.

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America's space reconnaissance program started at Vandenberg AFB

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Santa Barbara County history revisited

launch vehicle. Unlike most Discoverer missions, the first flight carried only engineering equipment to record vehicle performance.

To lend credence to the program's cover story, the second vehicle launched on April 13, 1959, carried a small biomedical experiment into orbit and vanished after it mistakenly came down near Spitzbergen, Norway, close to the border with the Soviet Union.

The third mission on June 3 was the first and only launch from Vandenberg to carry live cargo — four black mice. Black mice were chosen so scientists could study the possible hair-bleaching effects of cosmic rays on the recovered mice. Instead of boosting the spacecraft into orbit, the Agena second-stage motor apparently fired downward, sending the capsule containing the mice into the Pacific Ocean, or burning up on re-entry.

Discoverer IV on June 25, 1959, was the first to carry a camera and thus the first true Corona test, but the payload failed to go into orbit.

The failures continued to mount until a partial success with Discoverer XIII. Launched on Aug. 10, 1960, the data capsule ejected on the 17th orbit on Aug. 11 and splashed down about 330 miles northwest of Honolulu, outside the nominal impact area where recovery aircraft circled,

waiting to snag the descending capsule.

A Navy team plucked the capsule from the sea, making this the world's first successful recovery of a man-made object ejected from an orbiting satellite.

Discoverer XIII was a diagnostic flight and in place of a Corona camera and film, it carried instrumentation to determine the reasons recovery of previous capsules had failed. A beaming President Dwight Eisenhower displayed the capsule and the American flag it had carried to the press.

Success finally smiled on Discoverer XIV. Launched on Aug. 18, 1960, the capsule containing 20 pounds of exposed film ejected from the spacecraft on the 17th pass and was recovered in midair.

This one satellite mission provided more photo coverage of the Soviet Union than all the previous U-2 aircraft missions combined. Images collected by Discoverer would debunk the so-called "missile gap" with the Soviet Union, and help shape the course of America's ICBM program.

Having worn out its cover story, the Discoverer name was retired in January 1962. The Corona program continued for another decade under the code name KEYHOLE.

Today's huge, super-secret reconnaissance satellites download their encrypted data electronically to receiving centers or mobile assets.

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COURTESY PHOTO

A Thor-Agena A rocket lifts off from Vandenberg AFB carrying Discoverer XIII, on Aug. 10, 1960.

Petition signed by about 1,000

DIES

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Barbara — within 12 hours, Mr. Dies said.

The total was approaching 1,000 signatures as of Friday, and Mr. Dies is hoping this weekend's All Gaucho Reunion helps bolster the cause, as his daughter was a UCSB alumnus.

A goal of 20,000 signatures has been set for the online petition and 421 had been collected as of Friday evening. Signatures were largely from California, but others came from around the globe, including Italy, France and New Zealand.

The petition is at www.thepetitionsite.com/996/536/291/mallory-rae-dies-petition/.

In custody since his arrest shortly after the Dec. 6 hit-and-run on Anacapa Street outside EOS Lounge, Mr. Morua pleaded guilty earlier this month to gross vehicular manslaughter in a plea deal with the District Attorney's Office.

Mr. Morua also admitted an enhancement for leaving the crash site and that he has two previous DUI convictions. He will be sentenced to 20 years to life in state prison when he is back in court May 28.

After spending the evening of Dec. 5 drinking at a downtown Christmas party hosted by the Santa Barbara Independent, Mr. Morua hit Ms. Dies with his Dodge Caliber as she legally crossed in the 500 block of Anacapa Street, authorities said.

Mr. Morua sped off, only to crash into a palm tree at the foot of Stearns Wharf on Cabrillo Boulevard, where police caught up with him.

The congresswoman has maintained Mr. Morua wasn't representing her at the party.

The Dies family has filed negligence allegations against Mrs. Capps, the United States government and Mr. Morua in federal court.

The Dieses contend Mrs. Capps and the government knew about Mr. Morua's history of DUI convictions when they hired him to a position that required him to drive, according to the lawsuit.

Considering Mr. Morua's past, it was "highly foreseeable" that he could cause a serious crash, which could involve a serious injury or death, using the vehicle required for the job.

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Images released of shipwreck in San Francisco Bay

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SAN FRANCISCO — The first images of the newly discovered wreckage of a steamship that sank in San Francisco Bay in 1888, killing 16 people, were released Wednesday by federal ocean scientists.

The wood and iron steamship City of Chester went down on Aug. 22, 1888, after it was struck in dense fog by a larger ship.

The collision came soon after family members bid their loved ones safe passage and the Chester departed with 106 passengers for Eureka and Portland, Ore.

Moments later, it was split in two by the Oceanic, a ship more than twice its size, killing 13 passengers, including two children, and three crew members.

More than 125 years later, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration team found the shipwreck in 217 feet of water just inside the Golden Gate Bridge while the scientists were charting shipping channels.

A display featuring the images and history of the shipwreck is planned at San Francisco's Chrissy Field, which looks out over the spot where the Chester sank, just in front of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Laura Pagano, a member of the NOAA team, said she became emotional while learning they had found the wreckage.

"It was sad in a way because of the loss of life," she said, with the Golden Gate looming behind her. "But to be able to connect with maritime history from a wreck found ... more than 100 years ago was immensely fulfilling."

The crew used a multi-beam sonic imaging system to capture three-dimensional images of the wreckage.

The NOAA researchers then put together research about what happened, and found newspaper articles and transcripts of testimony from the accident investigation.

James Delgado, a NOAA shipwreck researcher and archaeologist who was chief scientist for the 2010 mapping of the Titanic, said newspapers at the time put much of the blame for the deaths on the crew of the Oceanic immigrant steamer that survived the ordeal with a few dents in its hull.

NOAA scientists, however, say much of the newspaper coverage failed to include witness accounts of heroism, and that the official investigation faulted the Chester's skipper with the accident.

"The papers initially reacted, talking about the tragedy and accusations that the Chinese crew stood by and let people drown," Mr. Delgado said. "But what happens is you start to see things also come out ... coun-

tering that. Some leapt in water to save a drowning child."

At the time, San Francisco Bay was one of the world's busiest and most important shipping ports.

While there was fog when the Chester set off, research showed the seas were calm except for a strong incoming tide that created a rip current off Fort Point that affected the Chester's ability to move quickly. The two ships spotted each other when they were about a half-mile apart but failed to reverse their engines in time.

The Oceanic's bow went 10 feet into the hull of the Chester, and the Oceanic's captain kept some momentum in the ship to keep the hole plugged in an effort to give people a chance to escape.

Still, five or six minutes later, the Chester was gone.

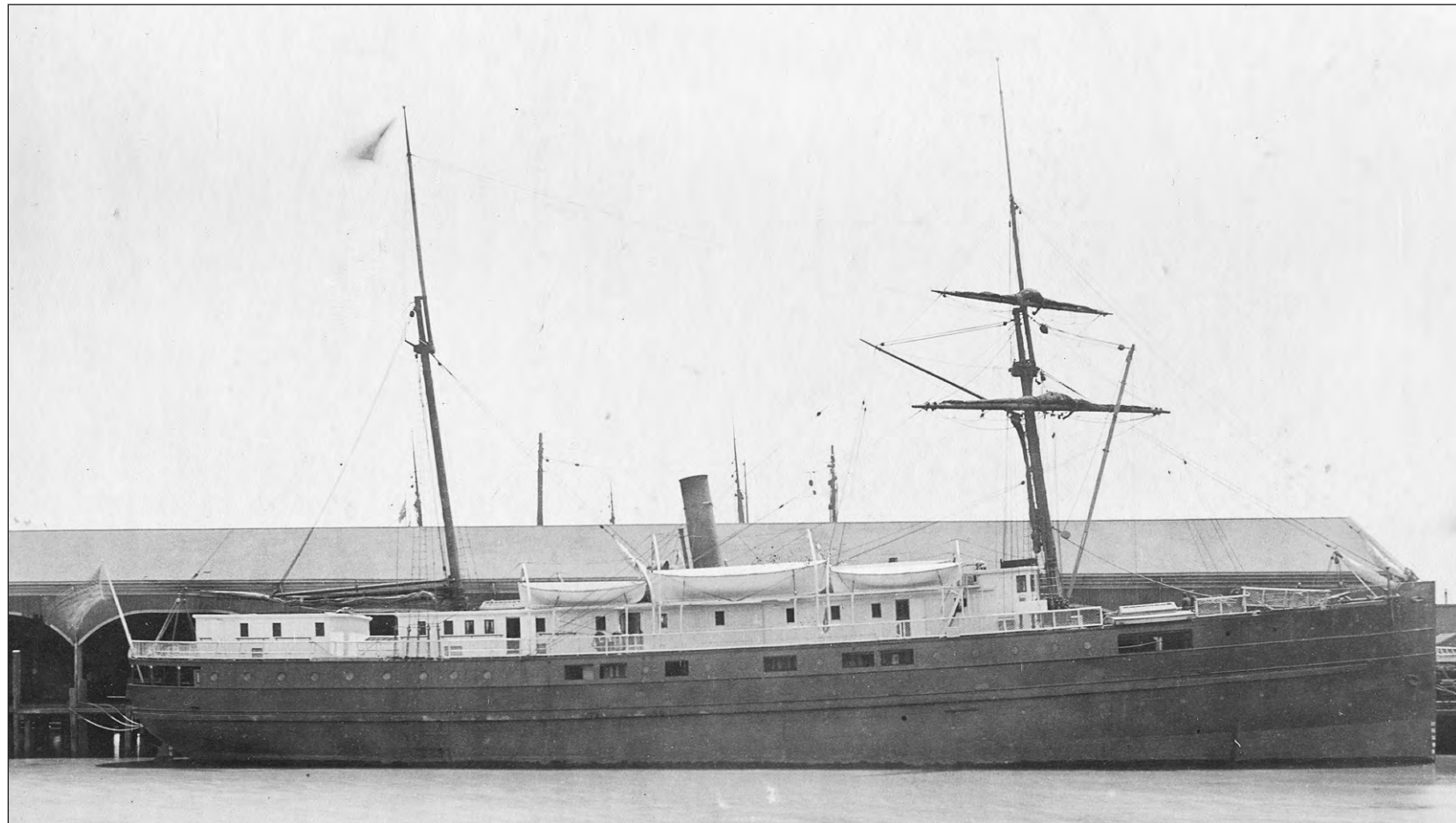
"The Oceanic crew was up on the bow reaching down to survivors on the Chester, lifting them on the deck," said Robert Schwemmer, NOAA's West Coast regional maritime heritage coordinator. "After the collision, in five or six minutes, the Oceanic crew went on to save a lot of people."

It was the second worst maritime disaster inside the bay in terms of loss of life, NOAA said. The worst was the SS City of Rio de Janeiro in 1901, a steamer that struck a reef inside the bay and led to the deaths of more than 120.



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Fishermen converge on a pier near the site of a shipwreck discovered on Wednesday in San Francisco. A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration team has found the shipwreck of the City of Chester vessel in the area. The ship sank in the San Francisco Bay in 1888 after a collision with a larger ship. The first images of the newly discovered wreckage were released Wednesday by federal ocean scientists.



The City of Chester