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Prop. 8 goes on trial

Federal judges hear gay-marriage arguments

By Wendy Leung Staff Writer

Lawyers on both sides of Proposition 8 argued their cases before a federal appeals court Monday morning with hopes of steering the fate of same-sex marriage in California and perhaps the nation.

For more than two hours, three judges from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court from the judges will be handed down, of Appeals in San Francisco heard arguments on whether the gay marriage ban is constitutional and whether backers of the voter initiative have standing to appeal a lower court

It is not known when a decision but legal experts predict it could be in

During the televised hearing, Charles Cooper, one of the attorneys representing supporters of Proposi-

two or three months.

tion 8, argued that the reason society has an interest in keeping marriage between a man and a woman is because of procreation.

"Society has no particular interest in a platonic relationship between a man and a woman no matter how close it might be, or emotional relationships between other people as

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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

Supervisors sworn in

Rutherford starts new job

By Joe Nelson Staff Writer

Former Fontana Councilwoman Janice Rutherford was sworn in Monday as San Bernardino County Supervisor for the 2nd District - the largest district in the county in population and third largest in size.

Flanked by her husband, Steve Lim, and 3-year-old son Ethan, Rutherford stood before the dais in Board of Supervisors chambers in the San Bernardino County Government Center. Former assemblyman and state senator Bill Leonard, who mentored Rutherford during her early days as an up-and-coming politician, swore her in.

Leonard took Rutherford under his wing as an assemblyman, and Rutherford stayed in his employ as he went on to serve as a state senator and as a member of the state Board of Equalization.

"I hired her right out of college. She's like a daughter to me," Leonard said following Monday's swearing-in cerebefore a mony standing-room-only crowd. "Today is a very happy day for me."

Leonard now serves as the secretary of the State and Consumer Services Agency, a branch of the Governor's Office.

Rutherford took her seat behind the dais, the seat formerly occupied by Paul Biane, with Ethan on her lap. She said if she could carry out her new duties with half the success Leonard has in his career, she knew she would be successful.

Board Chairman Gary Ovitt, who won the June primary,



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Janice Rutherford is sworn in as county supervisor by Bill Leonard, right, Monday at the San Bernardino County Government Center. Rutherford's husband, Steve Lim, holds the Bible.

was sworn in by his daughter,

Rutherford led Biane by 2,076 votes in last month's general election. Biane, who had served as supervisor since 2002, conceded to Rutherford the following day, promising the transition to be the "smoothest in the history of the county." At least four of Biane's former staff members will now be working for Rutherford.

Ovitt said he was honored

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Inside

Pomona Councilwoman-elect Ginna Escobar is sworn in Monday. Page A8

LEFT: Fourth District Supervisor Gary Ovitt is sworn back into office Monday by his daughter Amanda, right, at the San Bernardino County Government Center, while his wife, Sue, looks on.

State budget work begins

Lawmakers are sworn in

By James Rufus Koren Staff Writer

Welcome. Now get to work. That was the message for new state lawmakers Monday as they were, within the space of an hour, sworn into office then called into a special legislative session to start working on the state's \$25 billion budget deficit.

"I'm excited - we worked hard to get here," said Assemblyman Mike Morrell, R-Rancho Cucamonga, who took the oath of office at noon Monday. "But we have a state that, I think, personally, has already fallen off the edge. ... In some ways, I'm overwhelmed."

Morrell and fellow Republican Tim Donnelly, R-Twin Peaks, both new Assembly members, were elected in November promising to rein in state spending and bring small-government values to Sacramento. On Monday, they and other new members of the Legislature inherited a deficit of about \$6 billion in the remaining six months of this fiscal year and \$25 billion over the next year and a half.

Morrell said the celebratory mood of being sworn in was definitely tempered by the special session and the budget deficit. But Donnelly said Monday he's excited to get down to brass tacks.

"I've been looking forward to getting to work," said Don-nelly, who, like Morrell, has never before held public office. "I came up here to get to work on the budget."

But it's not clear if that work will happen in earnest this month. Some lawmakers said the Legislature likely won't do much until Gov.-elect Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown takes office in January.

"I don't think you're going to see any action until Brown is sworn in," said Assemblyman Paul Cook, R-Yucaipa. "I think the new speaker wants to wait until Jerry Brown is sworn in."

Assemblyman Curt Hagman, **BUDGET** A5

ANNIVERSARY OF PEARL HARBOR

Norco naval center remembers attack

By Canan Tasci Staff Writer

NORCO — Hundreds of people are expected to attend today's fourth annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony at the Naval Surface Warfare Center.

Men and women who served in the military and survived the surprise attack by the Japanese on Dec. 7, 1941, will be honored.

The ceremony, which will be

speeches by a Pearl Harbor survivor, James J. Lee, and two Navy captains.

"As time goes on, there are fewer and fewer World War II era veterans, so it becomes even more important to have ceremonies like this to keep their memories alive," center spokesman Gregg Smith

The Riverside National Ceme-

well as drill teams from Norco and Fontana high schools, are expected to perform at the cere-

mony. There will be a moment of silence at 10:55 a.m., which was when the Japanese started their attack on the naval base in Hawaii. All eight battleships in the U.S. Pacific Fleet were sunk or badly damaged, 350 aircraft were

from 10 to 11 a.m., will include tery All-Services Color Guard, as destroyed or damaged and 3,500 Americans were

> People interested in attending today's ceremony must have a driver's license or governmentissued identification, car registration and proof of insurance.

People who plan to attend should arrive before 9:30 a.m.



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The battleship USS California sank during the The center is at 1999 Fourth St. Pearl Harbor attack on Dec. 7, 1941.

RANCHO CUCAMONGA

Toys for Tangles Tangles Salon is partnering with the Marines in a Toys for Tots

Drop off an unwrapped gift and you'll get a coupon for a free

conditioning treatment. Tangles, 7945 Vineyard Ave.. Rancho Cucamonga, is opened from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday. The salon will accept

donations through Dec. 20. Information: 909-941-6672

WEATHER Clear skies ahead

Sunday night's surprising strong storm dumped up to three-quarters of an inch of rain on the Inland Valley.

San Antonio Heights reported 0.79 inches, Mt. Baldy 0.73, Ontario 0.71, Upland 0.70 and Chino Airport 0.49.

Accuweather predicts mostly clear skies through the weekend with temperatures in the mid- to upper-70s each day.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA A8 Kyser dies

Jack Kyser, a Southern California economist who rose to become a leading authority on the region and its economic complexities, has died. He was 76.

Kyser, who most recently had served as chief economic adviser to the Southern California Association of Governments, died

sometime between Friday and Saturday at his Downey home, according to Hasan Ikhrata, the association's executive director.



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