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**NAMES & FACES**

**The housewives' demise no shock**

The announcement that the show - the eighth - will be the last for ABC's "Desperate Housewives" was only a minor surprise to cast members. "I knew the show was only going to go on for one or two more years. I kept hoping it would be Season 9 because I love the show," says **Felicity Huffman**, who plays Lynette Scavo. "I was surprised, but it wasn't a total shock."  
Huffman praises ABC for announcing ahead of time this would be the end, giving the writers time to work toward a proper finale.  
ABC entertainment President **Paul Lee** wanted to make sure that "Desperate Housewives," a show he says put ABC on the map, had its "victory lap." And series creator **Marc Cherry** says it's just the right time to end the show.  
"I think the only thing harder than creating a hit show is knowing when to end it, especially when you've got, I think, one of the most amazing casts in the history of television, who continue to deliver amazing performances week after week," Cherry said.  
The end of "Housewives" will make life a little easier for **Brenda Strong**, who is the voice of Mary Alice Young. She starts work on the new "Dallas" series in October and was going to have to do double duty. Her hope is the finale will leave everyone a little happier and not be a blood bath on Wisteria Lane.  
**James Denton**, who plays Mike Delfino, says he's a little nervous about being unemployed but looks forward to not having to exercise so much to keep in shape. He plans to throw away his handyman's belt, pull up his pants and look for his next job.  
If **Marcia Cross**, the cooking maven Hodge, is right, Denton and the rest of the cast won't be appearing in a feature-film version of the TV series. Cross says she just doesn't see that happening.



Michael Rozman Warner Bros.

**HAT TRICK**

Talk show host Ellen DeGeneres mimics a statue of Mary Tyler Moore on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," during a visit Tuesday to Minneapolis, where the sitcom was set.

Times Books says the book will draw upon "unparalleled access to exclusive sources" with inside knowledge of the Murdoch empire. Times Books, an imprint of Henry Holt and Co., said Tuesday that a publication date has not yet been set.

Another book on the scandal, Guardian journalist **Nick Davies**'s "Hack Attack," was acquired recently by Faber & Faber, a major imprint of Times Books. Both are owned by Macmillan Publishers.

- Associated Press

**Birthdays bunch**

Singer Ronnie Bennett Greenfield (**Ronnie Spector**) of the Ronettes is 68. Singer-refugee **Ian Anderson** of Jethro Tull is 64. Singer **Patti Austin** is 63. Actress **Rosanna Arquette** is 52. Actor **Antonio Banderas** is 51. Singer **Neneh Cherry** is 47. Singer **Aaron Hall** is 47. Singer **Lorraine Pearson** of Five Star is 44. Singer **Michael Bivins** (Bell Biv DeVoe, New Edition) is 43. Actress **Angie Harmon** is 39. Country singer **Jennifer Hanson** is 38. Singer **Nikki Bratcher** of Lucie is 31. Actor **Ryan Eggold** ("90210") is 27. Actor **Divas Till** ("Hannah Montana") is 21.

- Associated Press

**Singer DeGraw released from hospital**

Singer-releaser **Gavin DeGraw** has been released from a New York City hospital after an attack that left him with a broken nose, a concussion and other injuries.

DeGraw tweeted Tuesday afternoon that he didn't remember much of Tuesday's beating. Police say DeGraw was attacked by a group of men in the East Village. No arrests have been made yet.

A representative says the 34-year-old DeGraw also suffered black eyes, cuts and bruises.  
DeGraw canceled concerts this week in upstate New York and Massachusetts after the assault. "I only know I can recover from here. ... I love u guys."

- Associated Press

**Two N.Y. Times staffers to write Murdoch book**

Two New York Times reporters have a deal for a book about the phone hacking scandal that has shaken **Rupert Murdoch's** News Corp.  
London-based correspondent **Sarah Lyall** and investigative reporter **Don Van Natta Jr.** will collaborate on a currently untitled work.

**SMART MOUTHS**

"China has warned the United States that its days of squandering borrowed money are over. Maybe we shouldn't tell the Chinese that we spent \$76 million to see the 'Smurfs' movie."

"A year after they were rescued, most of the Chilean miners are still unemployed. Most employers are hesitant to hire them because of that giant gap in their résumés."

Conan O'Brien

"About 45,000 Verizon employees are on strike after failing to reach a new contract. Yeah, things are so bad, the S&P downgraded them from 'Verizon' to 'AT&T.'"

Jimmy Fallon

"We owe China more than a trillion dollars. Why don't we just give them Florida?"

Jimmy Kimmel

**SETTING IT STRAIGHT**

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**Schwarzenegger Broke the Law in Tribal Compact Negotiation**

When former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger campaigned for office in 2003, he insisted his predecessor, Gray Davis, had been too generous in casino compact agreements with California Indian tribes. To stem the state's growing budget deficit, Schwarzenegger vowed to make tribes pay their "fair share" in any agreements he negotiated.

Schwarzenegger extracted tens of millions of dollars for the state general fund in deals he struck with 19 of California's tribal governments. But his demand for \$38 million, a 95 percent cut of new earnings, from San Diego County's Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians' request to add 900 new machines landed his administration in a losing federal court battle.

The federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) allows tribal "revenue sharing" only for specific purposes such as offsetting regulatory costs and impacts of casinos. Otherwise it's a tax, and states can't tax tribes. Indian tribes are governments, and governments don't tax other governments.

The Supreme Court declined review of the case, sending it back to the San Diego Court, which has given Rincon and the state - now led by a new governor - 60 days to negotiate a deal or submit to arbitration.

**Schwarzenegger "Fair Share" Demands were not Fair or Legal**

No one could really ignore the egregious nature of the monetary demands. Even the administration's own economic consultant, Dr. William Eadington, told the state that there was no financial advantage or incentive for the tribe to expand under Schwarzenegger's taxing scheme.

All of which leads to a key question Gov. Jerry Brown: If tribes should pony up revenue-sharing for additional slots, or new compacts what's a "fair share?"

Tribal governments also asked, "What is a 'fair share?'" Tribes asked California voters what they thought a fair share would be. And, as it turned out, voters understood fair share, even if Schwarzenegger never intended to.

**Californians Want Tribal Fees for Casino Gaming to be Fair**

A statewide poll conducted last August by the national opinion research firm of Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin and Metz, showed 75 percent of respondents thought tribes - even though they can't be "taxed" - should pay the equivalent of taxes, levied on businesses and corporations.

California corporate taxes range from 1.5 percent to 10.84 percent, depending on the type of business. However, this is after making deductions for overhead and operations. The Schwarzenegger administration was demanding the Rincon Band pay 10-15 percent on gross revenue, not net earnings, which amounted to a 40-50 percent tax.

**Courts Clarify Compacting Rules for Tribes and State**

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Gaming gives tribal governments the resource and obligation to bring tribal lands and communities into the 21st Century. And federal law supports this as the goal of tribal gaming. For people, who have only been on the path of progress for ten years, this is a very short window to catch up, and an expensive one.

It is also the most important opportunity tribes have had in 200 years. We do not want to jeopardize either public support or deprive tribal members of this chance to create a better future. Like the Rincon Band, California gaming tribes have been more than willing to pay reasonable fees directed at mitigating impacts on the environment and services to local communities.

Tribes feel an obligation to the public, which supported Class Three gaming on Indian reservations, not to the politicians, like Schwarzenegger, who rob Peter to pay Paul.

**California Indians Keep Promises to Voters**

When we went to the voters in 2000 to change the State Constitution to allow slot machines on Indian reservations, we promised to save taxpayer's money and use gaming revenues to get our people off dependency of taxpayer supported welfare. We have done that.

We promised to provide jobs and create taxpayers beyond our reservations. We have done that. We promised to meet our obligations as governments to improve the lifestyles and living conditions on reservations and create public services and government policies that make our reservations better neighbors.

Tribes have added fire departments, police, roads,

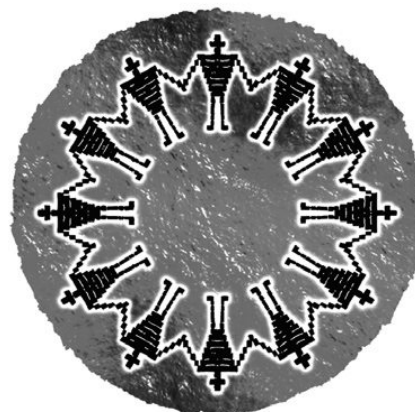
sewage, environmental and other infrastructure improvements that—add benefits both on and off our reservations—at no cost to taxpayers.

And we said, we would regulate our casinos and keep them free of crime and corruption, and we have done that. In addition to paying the state to co-regulate our casinos, we fund gaming commissions and staff them with the best expertise in the industry to protect our investment and the public.

**Returning Tribal State Compact Negotiations to Legal and Fair Agreements that Benefit Tribes and Taxpayers**

Yes, the table has turned as the Rincon Band goes into negotiations with the Federal Administration— which is now under a brown court order to deal fairly with the tribe as a result of the illegal and extraordinary tax demands of the Schwarzenegger administration. These court-ordered negotiations will reinstate the legal requirements for tribal state compacts, and set a precedent for fair and balanced revenue agreements between the tribes, the state, and local governments.

For California tribal governments that rely on casino revenue to meet our responsibilities, and pay our own way there is a deep and abiding appreciation for the support California voters have given us. We are grateful for the chance to help improve the lives and safety of our neighbors, at the same time we make progress on our reservations, as is, and continues to be driving the agenda.



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