

Stern criticizes FCC chairman Powell

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Shock jock Howard Stern made a surprise call to a radio station during an interview of the Federal Communications Commission head, claiming the chairman only got his job because his father is Secretary of State Colin Powell.



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Stern called in to KGO-AM radio in San Francisco during a live interview Tuesday with FCC Chairman Michael Powell. After claiming Powell consistently avoids him, Stern began to question his credentials.

"How did you get your job? It is apparent to most of us in broadcasting that your father got you your job, and you kind of sit there and you're the judge, you're the

arbiter, you're the one who tells us what we can and can't say on the air," Stern said. "And yet I really don't even think you're qualified to be the head of the commission."

Powell, a Republican, was appointed to the commission by President Clinton in 1997 and became chairman when President Bush took office in

2001. Powell denied Stern's charge and listed his qualifications, saying he is an attorney and was chief of staff of the Justice Department's Antitrust Division.

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Stern, who battled for

years with the FCC and conservative critics over his salacious show's content, is moving his show to Sirius satellite radio when his contract with Infinity Broadcasting Corp. expires in 2006.

Stern's show was dropped by media conglomerate Clear Channel Communications in April after the FCC proposed a \$495,000 fine against it for comments made by Stern. Clear Channel reached a record \$1.75 million settlement with the FCC in June to settle complaints against Stern and other radio personalities.

"I don't think that we have made any particular crusade of the 'Howard Stern Show' or you," Powell said during the 20-minute interview.

"Yeah, OK, Michael," Stern replied. "That's why I've received the largest fines in history."

After Stern was off the air, Powell said Stern's argument was that there should be no limits on what he is able to do on the radio.

"If there are going to be limits, someone's going to have to define them and someone is going to have to enforce them."

Texas lifts reprieve, executes Green

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A man convicted in a 1992 murder case in which the troubled Houston police crime lab allegedly mishandled evidence was executed Tuesday evening despite last-minute legal battles and pleas from relatives of the murder victim that his life be spared.

U.S. District Judge Nancy Atlas had blocked Domin-

ique Green's execution after his attorneys argued that boxes of improperly stored and catalogued evidence, kept by the crime lab and recently discovered, could contain information relevant to the case.

The state attorney general's office objected to the reprieve, which was then lifted by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The U.S.

Supreme Court refused to grant a last-minute stay.

"There was a lot of people that got me to this point and I can't thank them all," Green said in a barely audible voice.

"I am not angry but I am disappointed that I was denied justice," he continued in his statement. "But I am happy that I was afforded you all as family and friends. I love you all. ... Please keep my memory alive."

Vote

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the polls across the country has been an ongoing effort this cycle after the fiasco experienced in Florida in the 2000 presidential election.

Representation at the rally included the National Urban League, National Action Network, Southern Nevada Coalition of Concerned Women, 100 Black Men of Las Vegas, 100 Black Women, Voices of America, Urban Chamber of Commerce, Assemblyman Kelvin Atkinson and CAAN. Noticeably absent from the rally were candidates and elected officials whose districts the Doolittle Center is in.

Clark County Commissioner Yvonne Atkinson Gates pointed out that there has always been only one early voting site in the heart of West Las Vegas, but other locations are nearby at local shopping malls. She was preparing for a commission board meeting and events related to Democratic Party's campaign on Monday during the rally.

Other individuals speaking at the rally included Larry Mosley, Bobbie Mullins, Stephen Brooks, Sandra Mack, Beverly Stewart, Louie Overstreet, Kelvin Atkinson, and Cordell Stokes. Their messages varied from urging those who have lost the opportunity to vote through the destruction of voter applications to use the provisional ballots to people contacting the NAACP if they need transportation to get to the polls.

Lost in all this process was the fact that there was no information displayed outside the Doolittle Center indicating that it was an early voting site. There were no banners, signs, sandwich boards or notices whatsoever.

ever.

An attempt was made to contact Clark County Registrar of Voters Larry Lomax to inquire about this matter along with addressing other concerns regarding the lack of sufficient early voter and Election Day sites in this community. Over the past three months, representatives of CAAN repeatedly communicated with Lomax's office to establish early voting and permanent Election Day sites within the community.

Two sites deemed acceptable to the community, Wendell Williams Elementary School and Victory Missionary Baptist Church, were not considered acceptable voting sites because of a perceived belief that they were partisan. A complaint that was allegedly made by an individual or organization to Lomax's office regarding these two sites was never substantiated and no verification of such was forthcoming from the office along with indicating the name or names of who filed the complaint.

Also, election department staff never attempted to meet with representatives of the community before or after determining both sites were unacceptable as polling sites or allow the community to suggest alternate locations that would be agreeable to all parties.

An opinion from the District Attorney's office supported the decision of the Registrar's office to remove the voting site from Victory stating that he had the discretion to do so. However, 48 other sites in predominately White churches throughout Clark County have not been held to such scrutiny as early or Election Day voting sites.

Malvo sentenced for 2nd sniper shooting

SPOTSYLVANIA, Va. (AP) — Teenage sniper Lee Boyd Malvo accepted a deal Tuesday in which he avoided the death penalty and was sentenced to life in prison without parole for one of 10 slayings that terrorized the Washington area in October 2002.

Malvo, 19, is already serving a life sentence for another one of the killings, and dropped his appeals of that conviction in connection with Tuesday's plea bargain. Malvo could still face a death penalty prosecution for other slayings.

Malvo was sentenced Tuesday for the Oct. 11, 2002, killing of businessman Kenneth Bridges. Under the plea deal, he also received an additional life sentence for the shooting of Caroline Seawell on Oct. 4, 2002. She recovered from her wounds.

Malvo's guilty plea took the form of an Alford plea, in which Malvo did not admit factual guilt but acknowledged the government has sufficient evidence to convict him. He cannot appeal the sentence.

Malvo declined to make a statement before he was sentenced.

Spotsylvania Commonwealth's Attorney William Neely said he consulted with the victims' families and they supported the plea bargain.

"He's spending the rest of his life in a maximum security prison where he'll be locked down 23 hours a day, seven days a week for the rest of his life," Neely said.

Malvo was convicted last year and sentenced to life in prison for the Oct. 14, 2002, murder of FBI analyst Linda Franklin, one of the sniper killings over a three-week span in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. His accomplice, John Allen Muhammad, is on Virginia's death row for one of the slayings. Neely said after Tuesday's hearing that Malvo appeared to be heavily
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This year, every vote has meaning. This year, every person's vote must be counted. But before you go to the polls, make sure you know your rights.

If your right to vote is challenged in your precinct, you have the right to cast a provisional ballot, a ballot that will be held until the question of your eligibility is resolved through complete and proper channels.

Don't be turned away. Demand your right to a provisional ballot. Even better, get involved with the citizens who are monitoring this election for fairness through the voter rights protection program.

The great decisions facing our nation must be determined by the people—our seniors, young adults, men and women alike.

Vote on November 2nd.

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It's your responsibility.

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