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- A-BOATHOUSE
 - B-DRESSING ROOM
 - C-LANDING
 - D-JUDGES, OFFICE
 - E-MANAGER'S OFFICE
 - F-ANNOUNCEMENT
 - G-GRANDSTAND
 - H-STARTING

SLIDING GATES
17, 29, 34, 37

12.0'

HINGED GATE

GATES 3, 5, 32, 39, 41, 45, 46

SLIDING GATES
GATES 40, 42

6.0'

SLIDING GATE

GATES 1, 2, 12, 22, 43, 48

10.0'

HINGED GATE

GATES 4, 6, 8, 15, 19, 28, 30, 33, 35, 36, 38

GATES 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31

GATE II

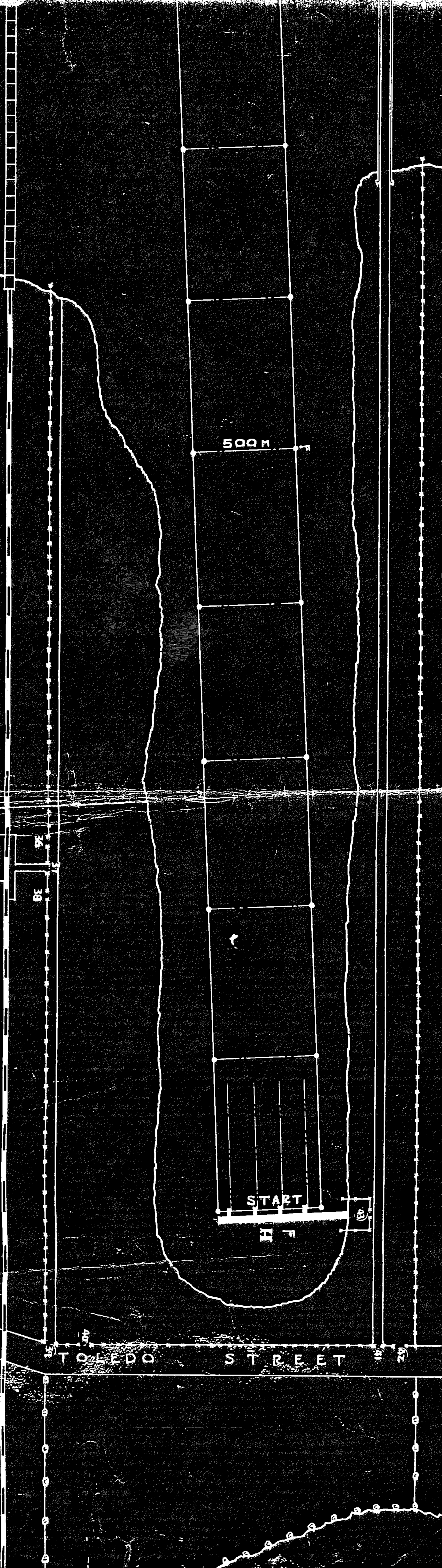
GATE 21

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START

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GENERAL LAYOUT PLAN 1932 OLYMPIC ROWING COURSE LONG BEACH MARINE STADIUM

SCALE IN METERS



SCALE IN FEET

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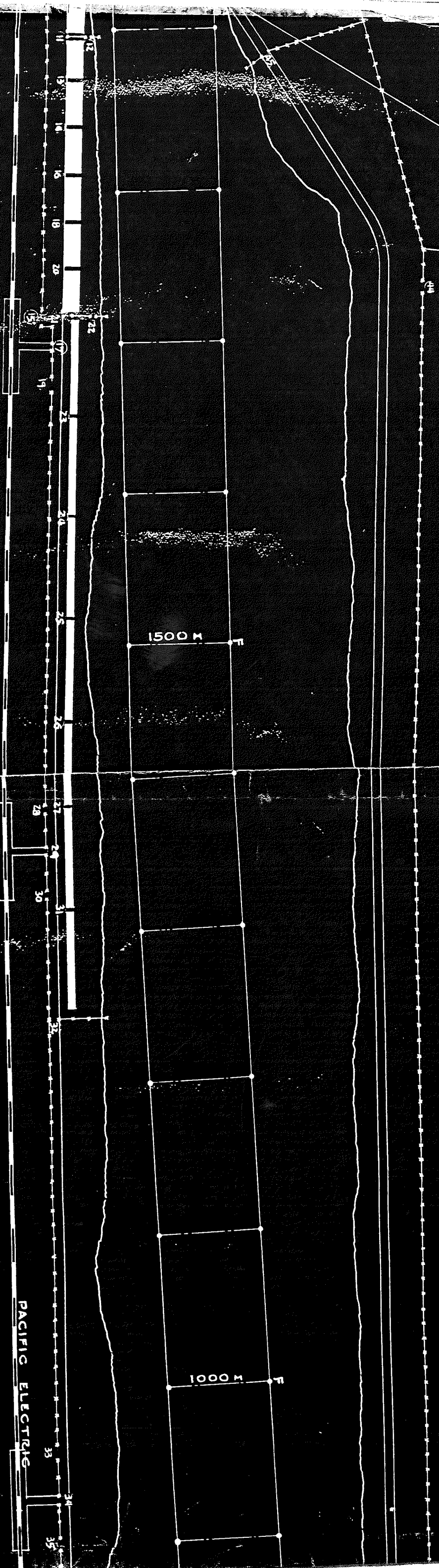
29'6"

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A Sig-Alert on Long Beach's waterfront

He hath no fury like a woman rower scorned.

Or at least not one who believes that a good portion of the Alamitos Bay waterfront where the rowers train and compete between the Davies Bridge on Second Street and the Long Beach Yacht Club — a stretch also used by kayakers, canoeists, paddleboarders, dragon boaters, swimmers, sail boaters, small boaters, big



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boaters — is going to be narrowed up to 90 feet if the city of Long Beach has its way.

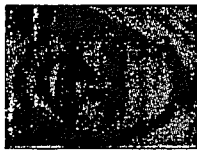
Indeed, Joan Van Blom, a

three-time Olympic rower who at the 1976 Montreal Games became the first American female to medal in the sport when she earned a silver in the single scull, is normally a soft-spoken, mild-mannered person of exemplary composure.

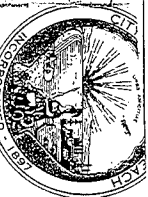
But when she called to voice her complaints about the Marine Bureau's proposed expansion of boat slips and docks in the basins three and four sections of Alamitos Bay, I couldn't believe this was the same sweet, gentle, even-tempered lady I'd interviewed on occasions across the years.

Well, actually, she was, but this version of Joan Van Blom, albeit still maintaining a dignified demeanor, was steadfast in her objections, firm in her complaints and resolute in her outrage.

"Long Beach designates itself as the 'Aquatic Capital of the World,' and yet it would like to take away two acres of waterway that would cause horrible crowding and even be quite dangerous," says Van Blom, who resides with her husband, four-time Olympic rowing competitor



Joan Van Blom



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and the California Adapted Rowing Program for the physically challenged.

"But it's just not the rowing community that will be impacted. It's all the other people who use the waterway. You take away almost 100,000 square feet of water, and there are, suddenly, going to be safety issues because everyone is going to be all bunched up in a dramatically smaller area."

The sporting world is spinning crazily out of control.

Manny Ramirez haughtily declines a two-year, \$45 million contract offer from the Dodgers — and then, of course, blithely declines a one-year \$25 million offer from the same team. A 6-foot, 245-pound Pittsburgh Steeler

linebacker named James Harrison returns an interception 100 yards in the Super Bowl with no time left in the first half and bounds into the end zone for what turned out to be a game-deciding touchdown. Alex Rodriguez, aka A-Rod, has a pejorative new nickname — A-Roid. And now the Aquatic Capital of the World apparently would like to extend docks on a popular waterway — and even build a

back to you," he promised.

"From our perspective, we're designing the marina to cover up space that isn't in use at this time," says Mark Sandoval, manager of Long Beach's marinas and beaches who's overseeing the proposed project. "It's not something they (the rowers) have access to anyway."

Joan Van Blom disagrees. "We feel violated and ignored," says Van Blom. "I understand it's being done to raise more money for the city. But aren't there other ways they can raise money?"

Well, for sure, one way is for those sophisticated economists at City Hall who invested \$25.8 million with Lehman Brothers a week before it filed for bankruptcy to be slightly more careful in their next brilliant foray — eh, folly — into the esoteric world of high finance.

Joan Van Blom also wonders about the legality of Sandoval's plan, considering Marine Stadium long ago was designated an historic landmark because of it having been the rowing venue for the 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles.

"We've had a firm foothold that, and we've been told that the historic designation doesn't extend beyond the Davies Bridge," says Sandoval. To which Joan Van Blom counters, "In 1993, Marine Stadium was designated by the city as a Long Beach historic site in the same form

objections.

"Before we do anything we must have approval from the Planning and Coastal Commissions," says Sandoval.

And Joan Van Blom promises that she and a lot of other people will bombard members of those august agencies with their opinions. "You would think that Long Beach would be doing everything within its power to make sure there continues to be enough room for those who use the Alamitos Bay waterway," says Van Blom, who still competes in masters rowing events and is a lifetime member of the Long Beach Rowing Association because of her Olympic involvement.

"I'm really disheartened that we're facing the prospect of losing so much space. It's just not right. It really angers me."

No kidding.

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Re: Your Records Request Dated February 10, 2009
Our File No.: A09-00471

Dear Mr. Goodhue:

In response to your request for records dated February 10, 2009, Mr. Sandoval does not have any responsive records. We interpreted your request broadly to include any public records that the City may have that relate to your request, and copies are attached to this response. As you may know, the City is currently preparing an environmental impact report that will address historical resource issues. Additional documents and other information may be generated in this process.

Very truly yours,

February 19, 2009

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