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Palin resigning as Alaska's governor

Keeps any future political plans under wraps

By Rachel D'Oro
Associated Press

WASILLA, Alaska — Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin surprised supporters Friday and announced she is resigning from office at the end of the month,

leaving open the possibility she would seek a run for the White House in 2012.

The news rattles a Republican Party plagued with setbacks in recent weeks, including extramarital affairs

disclosed by two other 2012 presidential prospects, Nevada Sen. John Ensign and South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford. Palin and her staff kept her future plans shrouded in mystery, and it was



Gov. Sarah Palin says she will step down July 26.

unclear whether the controversial hockey mom would quietly return to private life

or begin laying the foundation for a presidential bid.

Palin hinted she had a bigger role in mind, saying she wanted to make a "positive change outside government." But she kept supporters in suspense, promising on Twitter: "We'll soon attach info on decision to not seek re-election ... this is in Alaska's best

interest, my family's happy ... it is good. Stay tuned."

In a hastily arranged news conference at her home in suburban Wasilla, Palin said she will formally step down July 26, and Lt. Gov. Sean Parnell will be inaugurated at the governor's picnic in Fairbanks. She said she had

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NEW LAW REQUIRES SAFETY COVERS OVER DRAINS



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All city pools and aquatic centers in Lexington, such as the Tate's Creek Aquatic Center shown above, comply with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act, a federal law that went into effect in December and requires safety covers over drains. The work cost the city nearly \$100,000, according to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.

MAKING POOLS SAFER

Georgetown facility one of many trying to comply

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GEORGETOWN — The black sport utility vehicle crept past the padlocked gates at Scott County's Suffoletta Family Aquatic Center, and Horacio Vieyra peered at the posted signs.

Clouds and rain from earlier that day had disappeared. Vieyra's children, sitting in the back

of the SUV, were eager to swim at the colorful \$6 million aquatic center that opened about two years ago near Marshall Park off South Broadway.

But, to Vieyra's surprise, the pool was closed.

"It's disappointing," Vieyra said before he drove away, unsure of whether he would head home or take the children to an indoor pool in Georgetown.

The aquatic center and several pools in the state have closed in an effort to get into compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act, a federal pool safety law that went into effect in December. The act requires all public and semi-public pools and spas to have safety covers over drains to prevent children and others from

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Managers at the Suffoletta Family Aquatic Center in Georgetown decided not to open this season until needed safety upgrades were completed. It is one of a number of pools in the state that have closed while working toward compliance.

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Wimbledon finals set

American Andy Roddick (right) will face 14-time Grand Slam champion Roger Federer in Sunday's finals at the All-England Club. **Sports, B1**

Making a name for Morehead

Eagles basketball coach Donnie Tyndall is aiming for success and new fans at Morehead State. **Sports, B1**

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State Sen. Ed Worley's building to house Madison family courts

HE'LL GET \$410,000 A YEAR IN TAXPAYER RENT

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RICHMOND — A company that is co-owned by state Sen. Ed Worley, D-Richmond, will get about \$410,000 a year

in rent from Kentucky taxpayers under a deal arranged by Madison County Judge-Executive Kent Clark, Worley's friend and political ally.

Worley, who is the Sen-

ate Democratic leader and a private developer, spent \$765,000 over two years buying up most of a downtown Richmond block full of 19th-century, Italianate-style buildings, which he demolished.

He's now building a two- See WORLEY, A5



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