

World title bout scheduled for S.F.

San Francisco plays host to a world title fight for the first time since the 1960s when Floyd Mayweather defends his WBC world super featherweight title Nov. 10 against No. 1 WBC contender Jesus Chavez at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium.

HBO will televise the bout, which is being co-promoted by Top Ranks' Bob Arum and Peter Howes of San Francisco, who has organized two successful pro boxing shows in the city in the past six months.

The fight will be the first major title defense in San Francisco since Oct. 23, 1962, when local legend Gene Fullmer successfully defended his WBA middleweight crown against Dick Tiger at Candlestick Park. The last major pro bout in the city was in 1968, when Sonny Liston knocked out Henry Clark at the Cow Palace.

Mayweather is 26-0 with 19 KOs; Chavez, from Mexico, is 36-1 with 26 KOs. He is No. 3 in the WBO rankings and No. 4 in the IBF.

On the undercard, IBF super bantamweight champion Manny Pacquiao (33-2, 25 KOs) will face WBO champ Agapito Sanchez (28-9, 14 KOs).

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