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All three bodies found at Kennedy crash site
The fuselage of Kennedy's plane was spotted at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday with Kennedy's body; location of others not disclosed

AQUINNAH, Mass. (AP) — Navy divers found the bodies of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and-in-law and the wing of Kennedy's plane, all but ending the painful, four-day vigil that families endured during the search of the waters of Martha's Vineyard.

A dive was under way Wednesday to bring the bodies to the surface. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy and his sons, Patrick and Edward Jr., were taken by boat to the USS Grasp, a Navy salvage ship loading the recovery effort.

The announcement of the discovery came after ships from the Navy, Coast Guard and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration spent the night searching a site 71 miles southwest of Martha's Vineyard.

After a search that had the nation transfixed since Saturday, the fuselage was spotted by underwater cameras at 5:12 a.m. Tuesday. Government officials and family sources said Kennedy's body was still aboard. Exactly where the other bodies were in relation to the wreckage was not disclosed.

The Navy's destroyers USS Biscayne headed toward Cape Cod to participate in a possible memorial service, said a government source, speaking on condition of anonymity. A family source said the Kennedys were considering a burial at sea for JFK Jr.

Officials banned flights within five miles of the Grasp to keep TV cameras away.

Kennedy, 38, was piloting his single-engine plane Piper Saratoga from New Jersey when it stopped seeing in the water. His project was one of six chosen, out of a class of 40 students, that went before Cal Poly's landscape advisory committee and the facilities planning staff for consideration for future construction.

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Student's plans chosen for new campus plaza
By Cassandra Jones
Summer Mustang

Jerico Farfan wants to leave behind plants and new places to sit in the shade for his nieces and nephews to enjoy when they attend the college at Cal Poly.

One of the first places Mark, his eight-year-old nephew, will see when he comes to pursue his degree will be the Parkway Theater Plaza in front of the Cal Poly Theater, which Farfan designed two years ago for his second year landscape architectural design class (ARCH 253).

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First female sergeant to work at Cal Poly
By Nanette Pietroforte
Summer Mustang

Being the first female sergeant in Cal Poly Public Safety history isn't a big deal for Lori Hashim.

Hashim, a Cal Poly police officer who has been heavily involved with women's safety on campus for the past three years, recently moved up in the ranks. As of last Wednesday, she is Cal Poly's newest sergeant.

Hashim is looking forward to her new position as one of two sergeants in the police department.

"I think being a sergeant is definitely going to be a challenge for me, and I'm learning about the position," Hashim said.

The promotion process wasn't easy, according to Hashim.

"It was a long haul," she said.

Hashim said the announced the availability of the available sergeant position went out in March. The applicants were asked to submit a letter of interest. After a written exam, a panel of two members from Cal Poly and two members from other police agencies interviewed candidates. The final step was the chief's interview.

Hashim said, "After that, it was just hold your breath and wait."

As the newly hired sergeant, Hashim hopes to keep the relationship of the department involved with the university as much as possible.

"I want to continue the process of the university police department working closely with the university system as a whole," she said. "It's hop-
Parking structure may cause short term problems

By Erin Crosby
Summer Mustang

Even though the new Cal Poly parking structure will alleviate impacted parking on campus in the long run, those hoping to park on campus this fall will be faced with a lack of available spaces.

The structure, scheduled to be finished in January 2000, will contain approximately 916 parking spaces. According to Cindy Campbell of Parking and Commuting Services, the spaces will be divided between general, visitors and staff parking, but as of yet there have been no decisions made as to how many spaces will be allotted for each area.

There will be no residential parking in the structure. Residential parking will be limited to the lot across from the Sierra Madre dorms and the lot behind the Red Brick dorms. However, small changes had to be made to the foundation. These changes were necessary because the rock under the structure was buried much deeper than originally anticipated. Concrete had to be poured to even out the ground and make the structure level.

But even with new parking spots being built, student opinion is anything but positive. Many students feel that the new parking structure is not worth the hassle the construction is causing.

According to Joel Hamms, a recreation administration sophomore, it takes him an extra 10 minutes to walk around the Performing Arts Center and the music building, when he used to be able to cut across the PAC and the music building parking lot to get to that side of campus.

Other students feel that the construction of the structure is too little, too late. Kent Burnett, a music sophomore, feels that the university should have dealt with the parking problem a long time ago.

"The school should have dealt with the parking problem before the building was scheduled to be built outside the front entrance of the PAC. To accommodate for this ramp, 127 parking spaces had to be torn out of the parking lot directly in front of the PAC. This means 127 fewer parking spaces come fall," Burnett said.

Parking will not be easy before the structure opens. Entry for the structure will be through a ramp leading to the top of the building. This ramp is to be built outside the front entrance of the PAC.

"Now, in the fall, there will be nowhere for students to park. It is just one big mess," Burnett said.

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SEERGANT

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Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) is a self-defense class, which will start one a quarter, is for female facul- tity, staff and students of Cal Poly. RAD made its debut last week.

It’s so empirical. I can’t even describe just what the feeling was like,” Hashim said. “Watching these women, some who have never hit anything, some who are real timid in the beginning, just grow through the process until the very end, being con- fident. I am so excited about working with the student female population through this self-defense program. I love teaching so it’s rewarding to watch others develop.”

Jennifer Estelle, a Cal Poly police officer for close to three years, also helps with RAD and speaks highly of Hashim.

“She’ll bring a lot to the position. She works on being fair, honest, and ap­front,” she said.

"I feel like a witness to history. It looks so peaceful out there, the waves, the water, the sun,” she said. “I’ll always remember this moment.”

WOODSTOCK’S Piles on Mountains of Toppings

HUSBAND AND WIFE: John F. Kennedy with wife Carolyn.

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Students and faculty have lost an entrance to Cal Poly for the rest of the summer quarter.

The corner at the entrance of Poly Grove was closed July 19 for two projects.

"Facilities planning has been wrestling with the decision to keep it open," said Dehy Ryan, project information coordinator of facilities planning. "It's just too narrow here in Poly Grove to maintain traffic and equipment."

The equipment that will be brought to the campus will replace a section of Cal Poly's sewer line and will remove coaxial cable, replacing it with fiber-optic cable.

The sewer line runs from Mount Bishop Road and has created numerous blockages. Its replacement will take the first two weeks of the closure, according to Ryan.

For about the next four weeks after the sewer project is complete, the AT&T Corp. will upgrade its cable system.

According to the project summary, AT&T plans to remove approximately 196 miles of the 240-mile-long coaxial cable between Mojave and Los Angeles and Mojave-San Luis Obispo.

The fiber-optic replacement cable includes approximately 125 miles between the cities of Bakersfield and San Luis Obispo.

Ryan doesn't expect the closure to last into the fall quarter.

"By allowing the road closure, we are gaining the assurance it will be open for the fall," Ryan said. "It goes to the fall quarter, [Cal Poly] will provide traffic control."

This access to Cal Poly's north perimeter through Poly Grove was already closed at the beginning of the summer quarter so that construction teams could put in utility tie-ins for the new Advanced Technology Lab.

Because that section has already been closed, one student has given up on this entrance to Cal Poly via California Boulevard altogether.

"I never know what's going to happen in there from day to day, so why even come to campus?" [Average], said Sarah Vesey, a business administration junior.

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By Kristin Dohse
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Five Cal Poly Clubs must look for new homes before fall quarter to make room for students interested in related programs in the University Union.

According to ASI President John Moffatt, Cal Poly Cheer, Mecha, Mustang Band, Poly Reps and Running Thunder were not able to renew their leases for their offices in the UU during the '99-'00 school year.

Moffatt said the ASI Board of Directors made its final decision based on the recommendations of a Space Allocation subcommittee — so ASI could better serve all Cal Poly students, as opposed to a select few.

Directly, president of Running Thunder and chemistry senior, said he "spent that they didn't inform us until so late."

Mecha President Ryan Trammel agreed that ASI offered short notice to the clubs.

"Our club didn't hear anything about being kicked out of the UU until the day of the meeting that ultimately decided our fate," Trammel said.

"We had one afternoon to throw something together to make a case for ourselves at that day's meeting."

Tori Humphreys, Cal Poly Cheer member and knowledge junior, said her club's members were shocked that ASI would take away their lease and with such notice.

"We first found out about the possibility of losing our lease the day before the final meeting. I think it was during dead week," Humphreys said.

Trammel said he believed ASI carefully planned its timing.

"ASI waited until dead week, the week before finals, to hold the meeting, which was very underhanded," Trammel said.

But Moffatt said the decision process was short but fair.

"While perhaps the clubs could have been notified sooner, they were provided with approximately three to four opportunities to give their input in this process, prior to a decision," Moffatt said. "The final decision was not made until the board of directors adopted the committee's report two weeks after the report was submitted, which gave the clubs the chance to give their input and opinions on the matter."

Trammel said ASI never notified the clubs about a committee, its recommendations or scheduled meetings.

"When we confronted ASI with its underhandedness, they first claimed they had lost our members, so we distributed our club boxes, but later, they changed their story saying members were hand-delivered by a staff member," Trammel said. "Neither was true. I'm sorry that we had to check the box about five times each day. There was no memo."

Trammel said his club endured a lot to secure the space and to get the office ready for its members.

"We had to go through a rigorous application and interview process to earn a lease on the UU office," Trammel said. "We paid utility set-up costs and other expenses to get this office running, and then ASI just took it from us."

Moffatt said the leases were for only one year and dates were clearly specified on all clubs' contracts.

"When the Space Allocation committee goes through the lease renewals...they reported that this space resource would benefit more Cal Poly students if it was provided for ASI programs and partnerships."

But some clubs, including Cal Poly Cheer, are taking the move in stride.

"Having our office taken away probably won't affect us as much since we don't really need an office to operate. Cal Poly Cheer member and liberal studies junior, Atlantis Enter, said.

"We don't intend to look for another office location."

Mormi said Running Thunder's operations will be more difficult, but he understands where ASI is coming from. 

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Most students when they finish their first year at Poly are running away screaming in a mixture of horror and joy. They may only run as far as Mustang Village or Steiner Glen. The ambitious get more attached to their first apartment, and within two years, where they educate all those old people to know what real music is all about. I, however, am not "most people." I'm much more psychologico-haunted because, you see, I'll graduate having stayed on campus all four years. And I have some riffs I'd like to address.

The most common reason for moving off campus is the mandatory meal plan handled. When I first came here, I could just as easily be Knight免 the store or with cash. We have meals that disappear at the end of the week and digital dollars that buy overpriced staff that could just as easily be bought at the store or with cash. Why do they have to do this? I'm still very much in education, here to serve the people, or just profit motive for costs less! Can live us the option to just have no meal plan. It's still in good and well at Cal Poly.

Many move off campus for the free consumption of alcohol. I'm not much of a drinker, yet I am completely addicted to the internet, so I don't move off campus live close to the library us Yosemite-shwellers, yet we can't go in the general parking down there. If you live in the dorms and have a general pass, you're in danger of getting a nasty ticket. Everyone can park in our spots - "general" people and those rich PAC-gross. Sometimes we can't even park in our own little lot! It becomes infected with cars, and those unfortunate enough to need to park between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day have to come then that is still allowing its native population to starve on reservations, a government that still consists of mostly old white men cannot and should never be given the right to make this decision. Everyone has the potential to be a bad parent. We also have the potential to be great parents and we should have the right to prove it.

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Individual control is needed

Editor,

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The problem is one of social control - how we arrange our environment and influence people so we can live together freely and safely. We learned from the totalitarian governments earlier this cen­tury that how the individual citizen is treated is important to the society.

People are responsible for their behavior. Some schools of psychology say behavior results from the interaction of the organism with its learning environment or the species with the evolution­ary environment, but people's behavior can still be punished or rewarded or guided into action because those things affect behavior.

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The problem of violence and the influ­ences on our children is too important to be left to the government. We, as the people on the scene, have to do our part to teach peace. The cost of not dealing with the problem would be to live in fear and without freedom. The benefits of having an active culture of peace are hard to pre­dict but are likely to amaze us all.

Dean Wilber is an electrical engineering senior.

Michael Kelly is an ecology and systematic biology senior who lost track of four hours last night while on the internet and had to eat a store-bought bag of clas­sic peeled baby carrots for dinner.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Licensing parents is absurd

Editor,

The first time I encountered the idea of licensing parents I cringed. After reading Scott Lemos' article "Licensing of parents should be considered," July 13, I cringed again. The idea of requiring a license to become a parent is a horrible one, horrible. Lemos seems to think that the more we think about it the more rational it becomes, I guess I just don't see it the same. I just cannot see any way in which the state has any right to prevent the natural procreation of its citizens. Even if it were feasible (which I don't see how) there is absolutely no rational way we could do this. Lemos asserts that we as individuals or as a group do not have a right to conceive children, he claims the right doesn't exist.

However the right to procreate is one of the most basic and universally recognized human rights, why do you think Amnesty International fights so hard to stop the forced sterilization of women in other coun­tries? Lemos then states that we must do all we can to protect the well being of the chil­dren who are our future. Yes, I agree, we must protect the children, but parent licens­ing won't do that. In fact it will prevent the child from ever existing. The most obvious and serious reason this is a bad idea is the inherent classism that would be perpetuated by any state-run parent licensing. Lemos appropriately asks several questions about what type of criteria could be used to rule out bad parents. The answer is that there is no criteria, no individual or group of indi­viduals has the right to decide this issue for another human being. I can just see the horror that would ensue, minimum income requirements, minimum education require­ments, certain desirable genetic qualities, etc... We could end poverty by simply breaching it out of existence! How would we enforce such laws? Force abortions on any unlicensed women? Random pregnancies tests? Check yours.

Can you see the point I am making? A government that can't even handle the issue of guns in the military, a government that is still allowing its native population to starve on reservations, a government that still consists of mostly old white men cannot and should never be given the right to make this decision. Everyone has the potential to be a bad parent. We also have the potential to be great parents and we should have the right to prove it.

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Opinion

Gay Pride’ is not in the Bible

In light of the recent Gay Pride celebration here in San Luis Obispo, I wanted to take this opportunity to illustrate to people how God’s Word shows that homosexuality is a sin and not a genetic trait.

By no means would I venture to say that because I am a Christian, I am more righteous than a homosexual. Actually, the Bible clearly states otherwise in Romans 3:10 and 23: “As it is written, There is none righteous, no not one... For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” A homosexual and I are the same in God’s eyes.

We’re both sinners. The first thing I want to point out is that the Bible says, “the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord.” I Corinthians 6:13: Fornication is sexual intercourse between unmarried persons. This makes sense, since God says in Hebrews 13:4 that the marriage bed is undefiled. Well, homosexuals are trying to legalize their marriages, so wouldn’t that make their marriage bed undefiled?

I would agree with this, except now some scripture does a marriage between two homosexuals occur. In fact, God’s Word would vigorously and without reservation say that homosexuality is an abomination and beastiality a contumacy, both of which defile the body (Leviticus 18:22-23).

I think it is a very tragic when people accept the fate of so many homosexuals, namely, that they are born that way and nothing can change them.

I would agree that they are born that way in the sense that they are born sinners with a predisposition to the sin of homosexuality, but they can forsake that sin and turn to Jesus Christ for forgiveness.

Knowing my Lord as I do, through the reading of His Word, I can say He would not create a "race" of individuals whose behavior He radically opposes. He does, however, create people who in their God-given free will reject Him and His truth all the time.

So, in summary, by God not getting any examples in His Word of homosexual marriages coupled with His judgments against sexual immorality, one can see that God has a better plan for the body.

His first plan, of course, is that we turn from our sins and receive His Son, Jesus Christ, as our personal Savior.

He died for the sins of the world, including the ones I’ve been discussing here, so that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly (John 10:10).

Cassandra Jones is a journalism senior.

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‘Venice’ offers mixture of slapstick and racial piety

By Cassandra Jones
Summer Mustang

Plays tempest and toss the mind down roads it normally wouldn’t travel. Sometimes though, audience members find themselves down those roads, wanting so badly to find their way back.

The Central Coast Shakespeare’s presentation of William Shakespeare’s “The Merchant of Venice” is, unfortunately, one of those long roads when an audience member diligently searches for transportation back to the state of mind he or she had prior to the play.

In the beginning, the senses are delighted in the simplicity of the set, where the entire play is acted in front of one backdrop. At the same time, they are delighted in the fine details of the costumes, noticing that sets of lovers wear similar colors.

The actors capture the audience using facial expressions as an art. The best in this was Portia’s handmaiden, Nerissa, played by Lara Black. Without a missed beat, she and the audience interacted throughout the play.

Then, the ears participated in this feast of the senses and carried to the mind a dialogue so rich that it is likely, that on television would take a lifetime. One such scene depicting this is when Antonio, the Christian protagonist, and Shylock, the Jewish antagonist, discuss their ideologies, both using scripture to fit their point.

The 400-year-old jokes even provided laughter, a noticeable stretch for modern comedy, with lines like, “Your eyes have divided me ... one half of me yours ... the other half ... yours.”

It is when audience members experienced the second half of the play that personal ideologies can be offended, making the road less easily traveled as the dialogue confronts them with a strong mixture of racist piety.

The story revolves around young love and borrowed money. The love part actually works out for this Shakespearean play in side trips of sweet comedy. Many suitors are pursuing a beautiful and smart heiress named Portia, played by Jayme Wilmore. Her father decided only the man who chooses correctly from three different caskets, of gold, silver and lead, could win her daughter in marriage.

This is when the loan part takes form. Young Bassanio, played by Matthew Hanson, needs to borrow money to be able to pass this test and marry Portia, whose heart he'd won many years before.

So, Antonio, the Christian, allows his name to be used as security in the borrowing of 3000 ducats from Shylock, the Jew. If Antonio fails to pay Shylock back, the Jew receives a pound of the Christian’s flesh. It is here that the road gets a little bumpier, and the depth once sought, turns into an unavoidable review.

The unfortunate change in opinion of "The Merchant of Venice" came near the play’s end when Shylock’s maso-
'Eyes' should remain shut

By Nanette Pietroforte
Summer Mustang

Eyes were wide open this weekend in hopes of catching a glimpse of what made the Pamela and Tommy Lee video popular: rich and famous people having real sex on camera. Those expecting to see the uncut couple Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman perform explicit acts in the much-anticipated movie "Eyes Wide Shut" may leave the theater disappointed. Some original sex scenes were cut from the film in order to lower its rating than a top-secret NC-17 rating. Even the video for the most popular song on the soundtrack by Chris Isaac had to be re-edited because of steamy scenes.

Director Stanley Kubrick, famous for dark films such as "A Clockwork Orange," "Full Metal Jacket," "Dr. Strangelove," and "2001: A Space Odyssey," took more than 14 months to finish "Eyes Wide Shut." Kubrick was known for perfectionism in directing and usually would shoot scenes up to 100 times. Kubrick took more than 200 hours to shoot a scene that left him a half hour of film in which he doesn't appear. She agrees to dance with an elegant and charming older man. She manages to keep her sexual advances behind a mask, a dis­carded state, but only after she almost accepts his offer. Cruise is tempted by two flirtatious bimbos but is called away by the host to help a guest who has overdosed on drugs.

At a cocktail party, Kidman, drunk and dis­appointed that her husband had left her alone at a party full of people, she doesn’t know. She agrees to dance with an elegant and charming older man. She manages to keep her sexual advances behind a mask, a discarded state, but only after she almost accepts his offer. Cruise is tempted by two flirtatious bimbos but is called away by the host to help a guest who has overdosed on drugs.

Later that same evening, Kidman reveals her dis­appointment that her husband never gets jealous of her and describes her sexual fantasy with another man. This sparks Cruise’s jealousy and the start of a love affair.
By Aaron Culp
Summer Mustang

Cancer can't slow Poly runner

Cancer doesn't have eyes. It cannot hear, taste or smell, but cancer has the ability to touch everyone. In early May, a Cal Poly track and field athlete was touched by cancer.

Greg Phister had just won the 800-meter and 1500-meter run for the Mustangs when he felt symptoms of a cold on the bus ride home from U.C. Davis. For over a month, he felt weak and associated his poor running to the cold. His cold subsided but the fatigue remained. Once bruises began to appear on his legs, Phister decided it was time to visit the Health Center.

"My blood tests painted in the direction of leukemia," Phister said. "I found out on May 10 that it was (leukemia)."

Leukemia is the proliferation of immature white blood cells in bone marrow. This form of cancer is damaging because it leaves no room for the production of mature white blood cells, red blood cells and platelets necessary for healthy bones. Chemotherapy counteracts leukemia by killing white blood cells, red blood cells, and platelets in hopes of regenerating healthier numbers of each.

"Numbers can't be put on a good attitude," Phister said.

Phister's roommate from his home in Denver to U.C. Davis' Medical Center in Sacramento is over. Monday, Phister finished his second (and last) round of chemotherapy. Consequently, the end of daily treatments and weekly blood transfusions mark the beginning of a new challenge: completing a successful bone marrow transplant.

For Phister, help is right around the corner. Joey Phister, 18, is Greg's brother and will attend Cal Poly in the fall. Phister's sister Becky, 25, is a Cal Poly graduate. Both are perfect matches for their brother's blood type, which is tentatively scheduled for a bone marrow transplant this September.

"My family is always helping out in any way they can," Phister said. "My mom has been doing most of the driving to the hospital because doctors don't want me to." Although Phister's chemotherapy is over, his memory of daily trips to the hospital remains.

"You go into this room where each chair is filled with someone different," Phister said. "They're all different ages. Some look sick. Some act sick. But I don't feel like that. I go in there scared and with a good attitude."

A positive outlook is what gives Phister's coach and teammates confidence in his ability to overcome cancer.

"Greg has always been an upbeat person and is approaching his situation positively," said Mark Conover, assistant cross country coach. "Everybody's real positive for Greg because it's the type of joy to go ahead and beat this thing."

Phister's unfortunate condition came unexpectedly to his Cal Poly teammates who thought he was the healthiest member of the team.

"Cancer is one of those things that just don't care what you do or who you are," teammate Darren Holman said. "He's got the exact personality to fight cancer because he doesn't like to lose."

According to Conover, Phister has the leadership qualities that other teammates are able to feed off of. Conover still hopes Phister will run the 800 for Cal Poly next spring.

"He's still the same old Greg," teammate Adam Bointhe said. "He's taking it as it comes. It's just another hurdle for him to get over."

During his first round of chemotherapy, Phister gained weight because medication he was taking increased his appetite. During the second round, Phister lost about eight pounds because a different medication suppressed his appetite.

With a low white blood cell count from chemotherapy, Phister is especially susceptible to bacteria found in soils where fresh fruits and vegetables are grown. Recently, his diet has consisted mainly of carbohydrates such as meats and cooked vegetables to avoid such bacteria.

Phister understands that maintaining a healthy diet can only help his chances of having a successful transplant. Following a successful operation, Phister looks forward to running again.

"It all depends on the transplant," Phister said. "Theoretically, I can run in 32 days (after the operation) or up to more than 100.""My doctors say having a good attitude has a lot to do with (the recovery)," Phister said. "I'm feeling pretty good."

Battler: While fighting cancer, Greg Phister still competed for the Mustangs.

Lakers might spend dollars on a 'Penny'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Penny Hardaway met with Los Angeles Lakers executive Jerry West recently, and speculation on the unrestricted free-agent might be renewed with former teammate Shaquille O'Neal.

The Los Angeles Times and Orlando Sentinel reported the Lakers have considered adding Hardaway, possibly in a sign-and-trade deal with the Orlando Magic.

Lakers spokesman John Black confirmed Wednesday that West met with Los Angeles Lakers executive Jerry West recently, and speculation on the unrestricted free-agent might be renewed with former teammate Shaquille O'Neal.

As far as a potential deal is concerned, Black said, "We won't comment on any potential trades or free-agent signings as per club policy." Hardaway, who 'worked 28 Sunday, and the 27-year-old O'Neal combined to lead Orlando to the 1995 NBA Finals against Houston. The Lakers are over the salary cap, meaning the only way they could pay Hardaway anything close to market value would be to work out a sign-and-trade deal with the Magic.

One name mentioned as a possibility in that scenario is Glen Rice. The Lakers recently picked up their $7 million option on Rice for next season.