Chief's 'racist' words elicit suspension call

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A civil rights group on Tuesday called for the suspension of Police Chief Daryl Gates because of his comment that blacks might be more likely to die from chokeholds since their arteries do not open as fast as they do on "normal people."

John W. Mack, president of the Los Angeles branch of the Urban League, said Gates should apologize for the remarks published Saturday and said Gates needs time off to "remove his foot from his mouth and the chokehold from the necks of black people."

"It was incredible that he would make such an outrageous statement and such a stupid statement," Mack said, calling the comments of the white, 33-year police veteran "racist, archaic and ignorant."

The Urban League's executive committee voted Monday to demand that the Police Commission censure Gates and suspend him without pay, Mack said, and also resolved to seek a ban on bar-arm and carotid holds.

Since Saturday, three City Council members and 20 community representatives have called for Gates to resign.

Mayor Tom Bradley, who is black, criticized Gates but did not call for his resignation. Following the mayor's order, the Police Commission will meet Wednesday to consider whether to discipline Gates.

Carotid holds, which render a suspect unconscious by cutting off blood to the brain, have come under growing criticism from groups that claim they constitute brutality.

Groups criticizing police use of bararm control holds and carotid holds have said 15 people have died in Los Angeles because of such holds since 1975. Cf those, 12 were black.

Last week, Gates banned the bar-arm hold, in which the forearm is held across the throat to subdue a suspect. The carotid artery hold, which is under review by the U.S. Supreme Court, involves pinching off the artery in the neck with the hand.

In an interview with the Los Angeles Times, Gates said "It seems to me that ... we may be finding that in some blacks when it (chokehold) is applied, the veins or the arteries do not open as fast as they do on normal people ... I'm having my people look at that very carefully."

Gates said he got the idea that blacks may have a different physiological response to carotid holds from a report quoting Dr. Wallace Gaye of Harbor-UCLA Hospital.

Gaye said Gates "misinterpreted" his statements.

Gates said he would not apologize for the remarks.

Cartoonist to lecture Meet the press

An Oregon newspaper executive and a nationally syndicated cartoonist will be on the University campus in May as a part of the seventh annual Ruhl Symposium on Journalistic Ethics and Press Performance. Jeff MacNelly, a Pulitzer Prize-win-

Jeff MacNelly, a Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist and comic artist, will deliver the Ruhl Lecture on May 25.

Phillip Neiswanger, editor and publisher of the Roseburg News, will serve as a Ruhl Fellow in a working visit to the journalism school. He currently is in Eugene and will be at the University until May 13.

Neiswanger, who is also vice president of the Oregon Newspaper Publisher's Association has 30 years of experience in the newspaper field. He has also worked with news

He has also worked with news organizations in Oregon, Washington, California. Idaho, and Montana before going to Roseburg eight years ago. Dave Juenke, president of the ON-PA, was on campus from April 26-29. Juenke gave several presentations and talked with faculty members.

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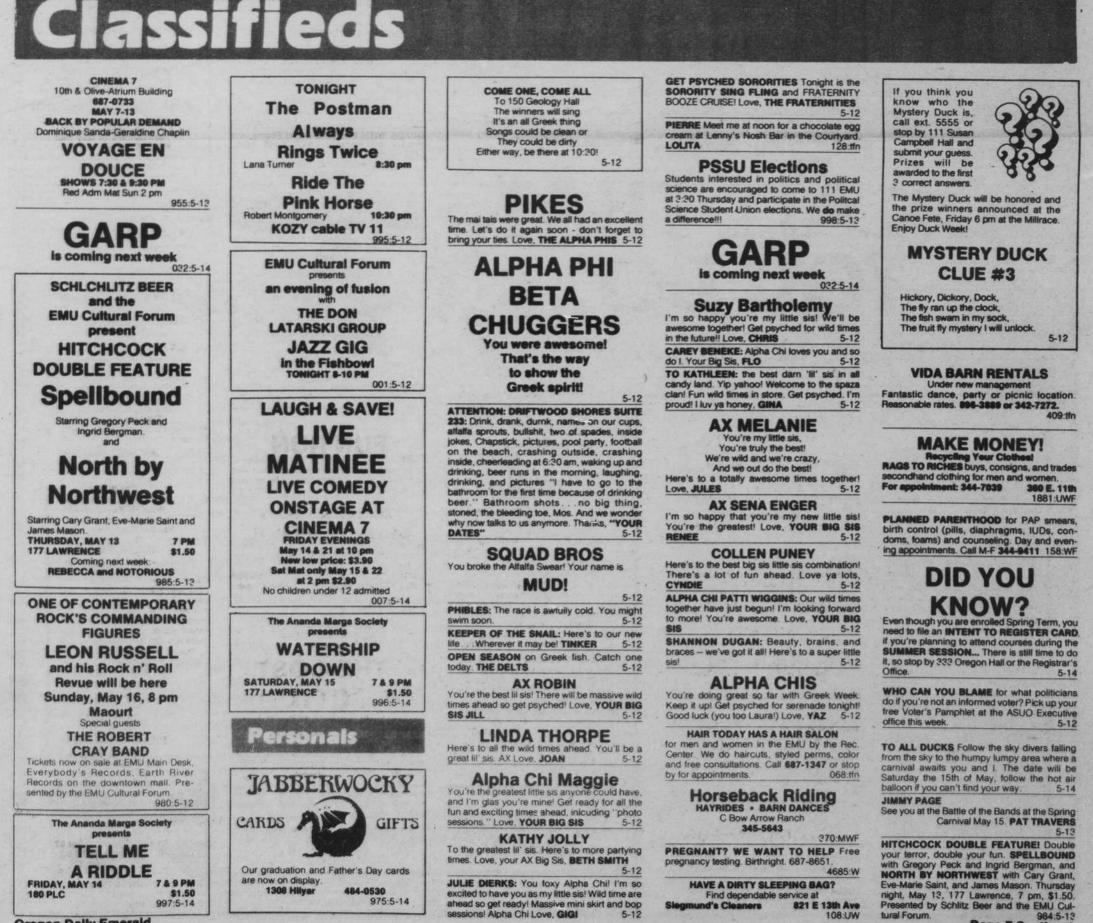
The spring quarter symposium culminates with the MacNelly lecture and "provides an opportunity for thoughtful reflection about media accountability and performance at a time when journalistic ethics are under considerable public scrutiny," Dennis said.

The Ruhl Symposium is supported by income from a journalism school endowment that was created by Mabel Ruhl of Medford as a memorial to her late husband, Robert, a longtime editor and publisher of the Medford Mail-Tribune.

Library gets \$770 in teacher's name

Forty-two contributions totaling \$770 have been made to the University Library in memory of the late Fredrica Coons, a popular Eugene teacher for many years. Coons, who died last November, taught language arts and social studies at the elementary and Junior High grade levels in the Eugene School District from 1945 to 1972.

She graduated from the University.



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