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Charges Wait in Jackson Death Decision will come from D.A.

months since Michael Jackson's shocking death, and while Los Angeles police are close to wrapping up their investigation, the decision on whether to bring criminal charges is at least weeks and perhaps months away, legal experts say.

Last month the Los Angeles County coroner ruled Jackson's June 25 death a homicide caused primarily by the powerful anesthetic propofol in combination with the sedative lorazepam. Both were administered in Jackson's mansion by his personal physician, Dr. Conrad Murray.

Murray is the target of what police term a manslaughter investigation but the probe is far broader, encompassing a halfdozen doctors who treated Jackson over the years. Police and federal Drug Enforcement Ad- for charges comes after a po-

(AP) -- It's been almost three ministration agents are trying to reconstruct Jackson's extensive drug history, a task made more difficult because the pop star used pseudonyms to obtain medications.

> Tracking down where Jackson got drugs, who provided them, how much his prior drug use contributed to his death and lining up experts to distill complex medical information into layman's terms for a jury is time-consuming.

"There's no reason for anyone to jump the gun on this," said Greg D. Lee, a retired supervising DEA agent. "Time is on their side. There's no imminent danger to the public from Dr. Murray."

The decision on criminal charges will come from the Los Angeles County district attorney's office. Spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons said a request



Michael Jackson

lice investigation is completed and prosecutors examine the evidence themselves. "We haven't been presented with anything," she said.

Except for a brief video posted to YouTube, Murray has not spoken publicly since Jackson's death. In the video, he said: "I told the truth and I have faith the truth will prevail."

Murray's attorney, Edward Chernoff, did not return a message seeking comment but pre-

viously has said nothing Murray gave Jackson "should have" killed him.

Murray has been interviewed twice by police. According to court records, he told investigators that over about six hours he injected Jackson with two doses each of lorazepam and midazolam. Finally, around 10:40 a.m. on June 25, Murray said he succumbed to Jackson's demands and administered propofol, a drug Murray said he had given Jackson every night for six weeks to allow him to sleep.

The coroner's finding of homicide, or death at the hands of another, does not automatically mean a crime was committed. To bring a manslaughter charge, prosecutors must show there was a reckless action that created a risk of death or great bodily injury. If a doctor is aware of the risk, there might also be an issue of whether the patient knows that risk and de-

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Neil Simon's Rumors Rumors, a comedy by Neil servants gone, the hostess Simon, will be performed Oct. missing and Charlie lying up-7-11 and 14-15 in the Hunt Cen- stairs with an accidental gunter Theater on the University shot wound to the earlobe.

Hilarity ensues as the friends of Portland campus, 5000 N. frantically try to protect their Willamette Blvd. All perforhost, who is the deputy mayor mances from Wednesday through Saturday are at 7:30 of New York, and themselves by hiding these events from the p.m., and the Sunday perforworld. As this side-splitting farce The play, directed by graduunfolds, secrets are revealed and ate student Jennifer Hunter, complications mount.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. For reservations, call 503-943-Upon their arrival, they find the 7287.



Stephanie Bayne (from left), Brian Burger, Jamie Kluth, and Devin Olson star in 'Rumors,'set to open Oct. 7 in the Hunt Center Theater on the University of Portland campus.

Famed Singer was Civil Rights Activist

Mary Travers of Peter, Paul and Mary dies

opens with four high society

couples attending Charlie and

Myra Brock's anniversary party.

mance is at 2 p.m.

(AP) -- Mary Travers, onethird of the hugely popular 1960s folk trio Peter, Paul and Mary, is being remembered after her death at age 72.

Travers died Sept. 16 after battling leukemia for*several vears

She joined forces with Peter Yarrow and Noel Paul Stookey to mingle music with liberal poli-

This 1960's photo shows

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Folk group Peter, Paul and Mary perform on stage in the mid-1980s.

version of "If I Had a Hammer" Vietnam War, managing to stay true to their liberal beliefs while became an anthem for racial equality. Other hits included creating music that resonated tics, both onstage and off. Their "Lemon Tree," "Leaving on a in the American mainstream.

"Puff (The Magic Dragon.)" They were early champions of Bob Dylan and performed his 'Blowin' in the

Jet Plane" and

Wind" at the Au-

gust 1963 March

on Washington.

And they were

vehement in their

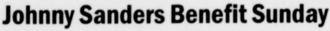
opposition to the

Grammy Awards for their threepart harmony on enduring songs like "Leaving on a Jet Plane," "Puff (The Magic Dragon)" and "Blowin' in the Wind." At one point in 1963, three of

The group collected five

their albums were in the top six Billboard best-selling LPs as they became the biggest stars of the folk revival movement.

"Blowin' In the Wind" became an another civil rights anthem, and Peter, Paul and Mary fully embraced the cause. They marched with King in Selma, Ala., and performed with him in Washington, D.C.



Film to Profile Obama's Mom (AP) -- President Barack Obama often is greeted like

a movie star, but it's his mother who will be the subject of an upcoming docuhealth care expenses.

"Stanley Ann Dunham: A Most Generous Spirit" would go into production next year, with an expected 2011 release.

mentary.

The movie will focus on Dunham, who went by Ann, for her role as the president's mother. But it will also be about her work with micro-President Barack Obama as a finance, helping women in young child with his mother Third World countries. She died of cancer in 1995 at 52.

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gathering Sunday, Sept. 27 at the M & M Lounge in Gresham to raise money to help keyboard player Johnny Sanders with his

Johnny and his brother Jimmy have been mainstays on the Portland music scene since the 1960s, playing with many local musicians such as Linda Hornbuckle, Patrick Lamb and the Triclops Organ Trio.

Johnny moved to Nashville,

based national recording artists.

After he was diagnosed with liver cancer, Johnny moved

Norman Sylvester, Lloyd Jones and an eclectic mix of great musician when he is in need of financial help.



back to Portland to fight this battle with his children at his side.

blues and jazz musicians will perform at Sunday's benefit from 3 pm until 1 a.m. at the M & M Lounge, 137 Main St,, Gresham. Area residents are invited to attend and enjoy tons of good music and support a



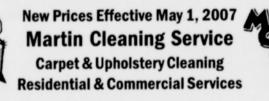
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Tenn. about three years ago to take a position in the house band at BB King's nightclub. He also had a full calendar of stu-