

New techniques drop risk: study

Breast X-rays recommended

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NEW YORK — A combination of breast X-rays and physical examination is the most effective method of discovering breast cancer — especially tiny tumors — in women over 50, a five-year American Cancer Society study says.

The society's National Task Force on Breast Cancer Control said Sunday that earlier fears that breast X-rays were the source of many cancers have been overcome through better X-ray techniques that reduced radiation.

"There also is evidence that

screening with mammography — breast X-rays — can detect very small, localized breast cancers in women 35 to 49 years old, which in turn suggests the possibility of better survival rates in this age group as well," the study said.

The program involved 280,000 women who signed up for annual exams. It was funded with \$8 million from the ACS and about \$47 million from the National Cancer Institute.

It found breast X-rays especially good at pinpointing tiny cancers.

"Nearly 90 percent of the

3,557 breast cancers uncovered by the project were found by mammography," the ACS said in its summary of the report published in the July-August issue of "CA," an ACS journal sent to 400,000 doctors.

Mammography scored especially high in discovery of the smallest cancers — those which respond most favorably to treatment.

"It (mammography) alone accounted for 59 percent of noninvasive cancers which were identified," the ACS said.

A mammogram costs from \$85 to \$100, but the price may

be higher or lower, depending on the radiologist's lifestyle, his overhead and his fee-setting policies.

"Recruitment of women into the project was highly successful, due in part to media attention given to the former First Lady, Mrs. Gerald Ford, and the wife of the vice president, Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller, both of whom were successfully treated for breast cancer," the report said.

The project got off to a shaky start when respected cancer scientists suggested the radiation

from mammography might cause breast cancer in women who otherwise would not develop it.

"In the last few years, the diagnostic capabilities of mammography have improved considerably, while at the same time the radiation dose to the breast has been greatly diminished," the ACS Task Force said.

"The result is that with today's technology, judiciously used and in trained hands, the likelihood of developing radiation-induced breast cancer from mammography is small."

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Governor's mansion to be sold

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California's sprawling \$1.4 million governor's mansion — built for Ronald Reagan but never used — is headed for the auction block.

Buried in a package of state budget bills signed last week by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. was a clause putting the mansion on

the market, to be sold to the highest bidder.

Without landscaping, unfurnished and often indelicately described as the state's foremost white elephant, the mansion covers 12,000 square feet of prime land overlooking the American River and is adjacent to a county golf course. It has two huge kitchens and eight

bathrooms.

It was built in 1975 on about a dozen acres in suburban Carmichael, 12 miles from the Capitol. The land was donated by friends of Reagan when he was governor.

But the house was completed after Reagan left the governor's office and Brown, labeling it a Taj Mahal, refused to live there.

Some Republicans have bristled at the order to sell the mansion, viewing it as a jab at Reagan, and there is talk of legislation to block the sale when lawmakers return in August from their summer recess.

But Republicans are a minority in both houses and would have to muster support from Democrats to prevent sale of the

mansion, frequently cited as a waste of money in fiscally tight times.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Alfred Alquist of San Jose, author of the law ordering the sale, quietly pledged to Republicans that he would carry a bill next month to reverse the order. But aides say he won't be pushing hard to undo his law.

22 injured in crowd as fireworks explode

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Twenty-two people were injured by a Fourth of July fireworks display that exploded on the ground and hurled aerial rockets into a crowd of about 10,000 in Lakewood, Ohio.

Most of the injuries at the Lakewood accident were minor but two people had to be hospitalized.

John Weese, 7, of Lakewood, suffered burns on his right arm and was in stable condition. Larry Badurina, of Lakewood, who suffered burns and cuts, also was in stable condition.

A Lakewood police spokesman said sparks, apparently from a rocket being launched, ignited others on the ground, sending them into the crowd.

In other accidents related to holiday fireworks, a 48-year-old woman died in a fire in New Haven, Conn., and a New York City teenager blew off his hand trying to make a firecracker. Authorities said at least 10 other people were injured by fireworks.

hand Saturday night after a pipe bomb he concocted exploded.

A fire set by fireworks in Los Angeles damaged a section of the vacant Pan Pacific Auditorium, a city landmark slated for demolition, a Fire Department spokesman said.

Fireworks in Angeles National Forest sparked a brush fire that had charred 80 acres by the time firefighters had 60 percent of it contained, a U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman said.

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