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COUNTY TO OFFER HUNDREDS OF ESTATE ITEMS AT AUCTION ON MAY 21 *Silver Ingots, Signed Baseball Cards, Vintage Girl Scout Uniforms to Go on the Block*

Hundreds of items, ranging from cars and trucks to refrigerator, jewelry and dolls will be for sale at the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency Public Administrator's Personal Property Auction on Saturday, May 21, at 5201-A Ruffin Road in Kearny Mesa.

The event will feature a wide variety of assets from numerous estates managed by the Public Administrator/Public Guardian (PAPG). "This event provides an opportunity for the public to find bargains on a wide range of items, while benefiting the estates we administer," said Public Administrator, Ellen Schmeding.

Photos of all the items can currently be viewed online at the PAPG Web site, www.papg.org. Registration and live viewing of auction items will begin at 8:00 a.m. The vehicle auction will begin at 8:30 a.m., and other items will be auctioned afterward. Customers must pay for and pick up their items by 2:00 p.m. that day.

PAPG is responsible for investigating and taking care of the estates of San Diego County residents who die with no will or without an appropriate person to act as an administrator. During 2004, the office received over 1,200 referrals and was managing the affairs of 300-400 estates at any given time. The office oversees nearly \$50 million in estate assets.

The personal property estate sales and auto auctions are held on the third Saturday of odd-number months. PAPG also holds quarterly real estate auctions. For additional information about items available for sale, or about PAPG in general visit the Web site or call (858) 694-3500.

Editor's note: Members of the media are invited to preview the auction items during the week before the auction. Please call Kent Schirmer at the number above.

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