



President of Rwanda Paul Kagame, left, inspects military troops on Sunday in the Amahoro stadium in Kigali, to mark Liberation Day. The ceremony in the capital was held to celebrate the fall of Kigali to the RPF (Rwandan Patriotic Front), 10 years ago. At the time Major General Kagame was leading the troops that ended the genocide in the tiny African Nation.

Genocide anniversary marked

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP)— Thousands of genocide survivors, soldiers, former rebels and farmers gathered at the national stadium for a somber ceremony Sunday marking the 10th anniversary since the fall of the extremist government that led Rwanda's 1994 genocide.

Through poems and speeches, Rwandans recalled deep wounds but also took stock of how far the country had come since the dark days of the slaughter.

"Our past was shaped by bad leadership that promoted discrimination. That is over," President Paul Kagame told the assembled crowd in the Amahoro Stadium, where thousands of Tutsis sought refuge during the genocide.

More than 500,000 minority Tutsis and political moderates from the Hutu majority were killed in the 100-day slaughter organized by the extremist Hutu government then in power. Government troops, Hutu militia and ordi-

nary villagers spurred on by hate messages broadcast over the radio went from village to village, butchering men, women and children.

The genocide ended when then-rebels led by Kagame captured the Rwandan capital, Kigali, and ousted the extremist government on July 4, 1994.

"We have in the last 10 years decided to build a new Rwanda. We have achieved a satisfactory stage which
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Beating

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that if the mayor wants to brief the community on the progress of the official investigation of the beating, he needs to hold weekly town hall meetings.

"What's different about this commission than anyone else? We have the police commission, the inspector general, the consent decree, the FBI, the district attorney all monitoring this investigation."

Councilman Bernard Parks offered similar expressions. "My big concern is that I don't want the mayor's office or anyone else to humor the people on this (monitoring committee)," Parks said. "If, in a fact, this panel is worthwhile, it should be treated as such. But there is also a concern that the other people put in place to handle matters of this sort aren't being given a chance to respond before this panel is being called in."

The world watched on television as videotaped footage showed Miller, a suspected car thief, led Southeast Division police on a 28-minute chase about 5 a.m. June 23. He left the reportedly stolen Toyota Camry he was driving, ran along a grassy area near Compton Creek, stopped, raised his hands, and quickly got down on all fours. Miller was swarmed by nine officers, kicked once by one of them and then struck 11 times with a flashlight by the same officer.

John Hatfield, 35, a seven-year veteran of the LAPD, was identified by Chief Bratton as the officer who wielded the flashlight. Bratton said Hatfield, as well as seven others, have been put on desk duty pending the outcome of several use-of-force investigations, including those being conducted by the LAPD, the

FBI and the district attorney's office.

The others put on leave for their involvement in the pursuit of Miller and his arrest are Sgt. Angela McGee, a 40-year-old African-American with 16 years LAPD tenure; Officer Peter Bueno, 29, a Latino, and White officers David Hale, 31; Michael O'Connor, 33; Todd Behrens, 37; Phillip Watson, 33; and Andrew Moody, 41. Those officers have LAPD tenures that range from six to nine years.

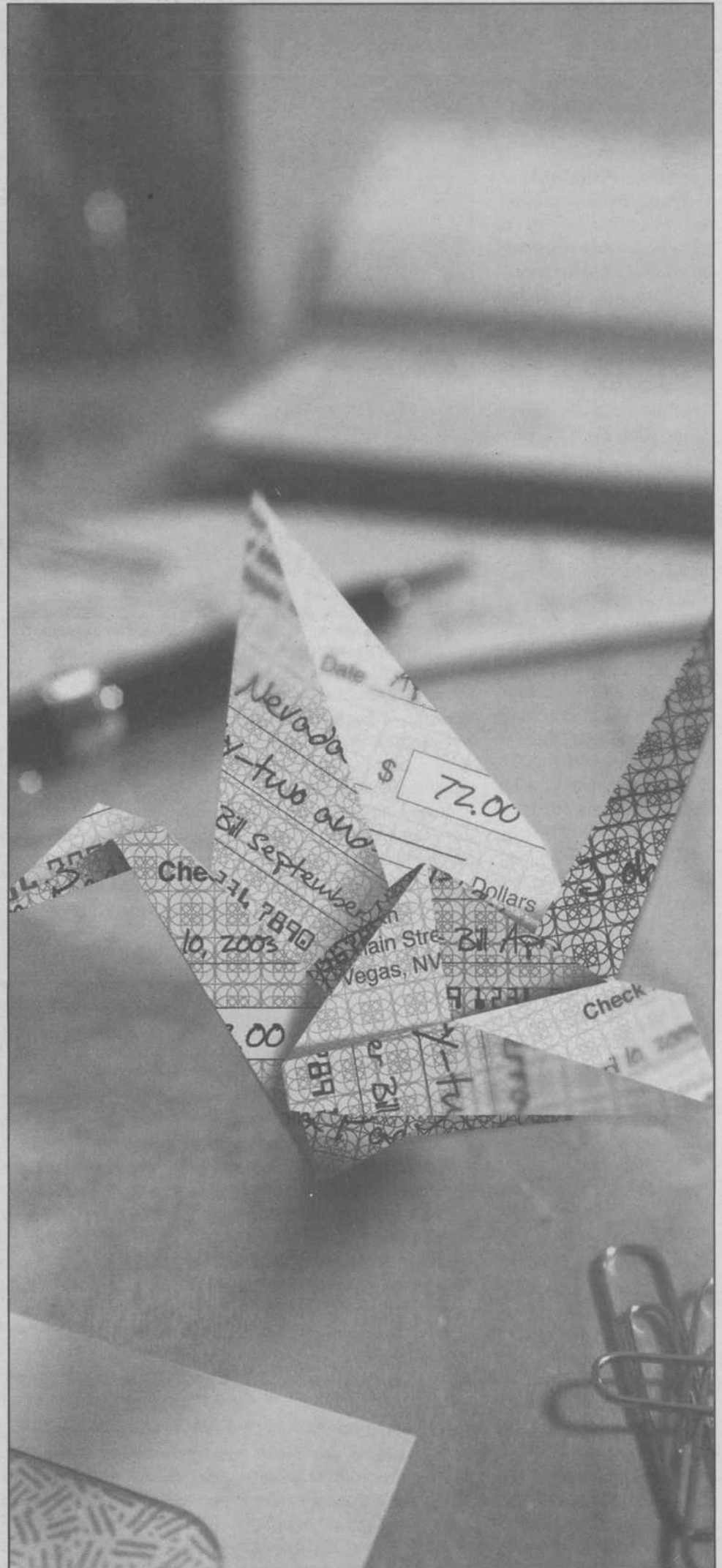
While Miller was subsequently arrested for auto theft, the district attorney declined to file criminal charges against him. He was transferred from county custody to state prison in Chino for alleged parole violations, reportedly in connection with prior convictions for car theft and attempted burglary.

Richard Nussbaum, Miller's attorney, said his client may have suffered brain injuries. He said Miller has exhibited "classic signs of brain damage," including slurred speech and severe headaches. Nussbaum said he is considering legal action against the city.

Nussbaum said authorities have denied requests to have Miller examined by outside doctors. The attorney said he has been "told over and over and over again that (Miller) is not entitled to be examined by anyone."

Speaking to reporters at his West Los Angeles office, Nussbaum spoke for Miller's mother, Jean, who was not present: "I know and fear that my son is not getting the necessary and proper medical care. I'm scared. I'm concerned for the safety of my family. I have been afraid of speaking out for fear of retaliation. But not anymore."

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