

## Armaguard accused bailed

A MAN accused of the brazen daylight robbery of an Armaguard van in central Sydney has been granted bail by a Supreme Court judge.

The 20-year-old man is facing four charges, including firing a gun and armed robbery, over the incident at Broadway shopping centre on March 4 this year.

Police allege he was one of three masked men armed with a handgun and two military assault rifles who held up the cash-in-transit van at 8am, while a fourth man waited behind the wheel of a stolen Audi.

The bandits allegedly confronted Armaguard employee Lemmy Tasovski moments after he got out of the van.

They stole his Smith and Wesson revolver and fired one shot into the air, shattering a glass awning overhead. They demanded access to the van but ultimately fled empty-handed.

No one was seriously injured in the robbery, which was witnessed by several stunned onlookers in a nearby café, including one who filmed it.



Jillian Skinner (main) and Professor David Morris (inset).

# Cancer cuts cause furore

NSW Health Minister Jillian Skinner is being called on to pick up the phone and tell St George Hospital to resume lifesaving operations for at least 42 cancer patients.

The minister says the delay in surgeries until July 1, when the next financial year begins, is indicative of the tough decisions health administrators must make.

But the federal government claims it's a sign the state government is mismanaging the system.

St George Hospital in Sydney's south is the only one in NSW to perform the specialist peritonectomy operations, which are conducted by David Morris.

There are 42 people currently waiting for surgery, 20 of whom have already waited longer than is clinically recommended.

Ms Skinner said Prof Morris had already done 81 operations this year, many of them on patients from interstate and overseas, which was nine more than the limit placed on him.

"We don't have an unlimited budget,"

### Under the knife

Peritonectomy:

- Surgery involves removing cancer from a large part of the abdominal area
- Common to also remove the ovaries, fallopian tubes, uterus, and parts of the large intestine
- Usually needed within one and three months of diagnosis, depending on the patient
- Performed by specialised surgical oncologists
- Only hope of a cure for some cases of the deadly asbestos cancer mesothelioma
- St George Hospital only place in NSW that performs it

she told Fairfax Radio.

"When that's the case it is up to the clinicians to determine how the money is spent."

Ms Skinner defended the decision and said peritonectomy patients could spend more than three weeks in intensive care.

## Watchdog says abuse increasing

WHEN Melbourne woman Fay Richards received a call to say her 38-year-old Down syndrome son had suffered abuse in care, she felt helpless.

As a mum of a disabled adult who could not speak for himself, she felt her worst fear was realised. "He had marks on his shoulder including bite marks," Ms Richards said.

Ms Richards said new guidelines launched by the Victorian Office of the Public Advocate (OPA) outlining how disability and mental health service providers should deal with abuse complaints was reassuring for families.

While the bite marks were found to be from another resident, Ms Richards says the fear family members have for disabled and mentally ill relatives in care is haunting.

## Runaway truck demolishes home

A COUPLE were sitting in the back of their Sydney home when they heard an "almighty bang" as a runaway truck ploughed into a front room.

The prime mover rolled down a Sydney road and smashed into the Bradbury house, after its driver went to the aid of another truckie who had broken down about 9pm on Thursday night. "We just suddenly heard this almighty bang, an explosion type thing and we went running from the back of the house," Vicki Williams told Seven News. No one was injured during the incident but the house has been declared structurally unsound.

# New financial planner brings additional level of service to RSM Bird Cameron

THE Directors and staff at the Wagga Wagga office of the national accounting firm RSM Bird Cameron are pleased to announce the commencement of Financial Planner Paul Lindley.

With 14 years' experience in the finance sector, Paul brings an additional level of services to the firm.

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While Paul has experience in the commercial sector, he also has a keen interest in rural financial planning and the benefits sound advice in this area can provide for rural and farming families.

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RSM Bird Cameron's new Financial Planner Paul Lindley brings additional expertise to the Wagga firm.

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