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Lotte Melhorn, 90, stands at a new scenic overlook on Mulholland Drive named for her and her late husband, Charles. [\[Full Story\]](#) (Tina Burch / LA Daily News)

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### Breaking News

#### Oscar posters with a hint of mystery

Hollywood's enchantment with all things vintage is extending from evening wear to Oscar advertising. The motion picture academy unveiled two poster designs Thursday for the 78th annual Academy Awards, for the first time ever using archival photographs as the basis for the concept. [Visit our Awards Section for other coverage...](#) [\[...MORE\]](#)

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#### No timeline for pullout, Bush says

ANNAPOLIS, Md. - Two and a half years after the American invasion of Iraq, President George W. Bush laid out what he called a strategy for victory Wednesday, vowing not to pull out on "artificial timetables set by politicians" but at the same time offering the first glimpse of his plan for extricating American forces. [\[...MORE\]](#)

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## Overlook named for activist couple

By Kerry Cavanaugh, Staff Writer

SHERMAN OAKS - The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy opened its newest scenic overlook Wednesday, dedicating a crescent-shaped stop on Mulholland Drive to longtime preservationists Lotte Melhorn and her late husband, Charles Melhorn.

Beginning in the early 1970s, the couple lobbied the City Council and regional leaders to create the Mulholland Scenic Parkway and to set aside small pockets along the road for visitors to stop and admire the views.

"Charles and Lotte were among a small nucleus of people who saw the value of the road and the uniqueness of the road and planned to save it for future generations," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky.

Today, Mulholland Drive is one of the region's major tourist destinations, drawing visitors from around the world.

"You come to these overlooks during the summer or all through the year and hear maybe three or four languages being spoken," said Joseph Edmiston, executive director of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

The new overlook is the eighth official stop on the drive, about halfway between Beverly Glen and Coldwater Canyon boulevards. It stands above million-dollar homes and a brush-covered slope that is one of the few natural wildlife corridors through the mountains.

The \$250,000 park is built within the road right-of-way and includes a path, cement benches and native plants. Lotte Melhorn, who celebrated her 90th birthday Wednesday, no longer drives on her beloved scenic road, but she had a few words for the people who do: "Please enjoy Mulholland. Don't race it."

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