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Norconian Hotel is site of TV show segment

Television host Huell Howser filmed a segment for his KCET program, "California's Gold," at the former Norconian Hotel on Wednesday.

Howser toured inside the hotel's main building and pool areas and the lakeside pavilion, said Kevin Bash, a Norco resident and historic-preservation activist.

The footage will appear as part of a 28-minute segment on the television show.

Howser interviewed Bash, Mayor Kathy Azevedo and California Rehabilitation Center spokesman Lt. Mike Brownell. Troy Clarke of the Naval Surface Warfare Center was also interviewed.

The Norconian Hotel once hosted guests such as Babe Ruth and Bob Hope and was converted into a Navy hospital to treat injured soldiers after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Today, the hotel complex is part of the prison and the naval base.

Show producer Phil Noyes said an air date has not been determined.

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