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Cleaning up

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How do you pay a \$151,000 cleaning bill? Activists Dave Burgess and Will Saunders hope to cash in on the Christmas spirit by selling custom-made cards of their protest that defaced the Sydney Opera House in March.

Four different cards, including a digital image by graphic artist Marco Berton of the building painted red, sell for \$2.50 each. That's a lot of Christmas card sales needed to cover the cleaning bill for removing the "No War" slogan from the Opera House's tallest sail.

"It's going to be a hard slog," Burgess said, adding that the two had already raised almost \$40,000 "without trying too hard". Money has come from donations, awards and the sale of cards, which they peddle at city weekend markets and online.

Their cause was helped last Thursday when the Opera House cut the cleaning bill by \$15,000.

The pair, who have been convicted of malicious damage, will be sentenced on January 30 and could go to jail. "Obviously if we're in jail it's going to be harder to raise funds," Burgess said.

At home with Uday

You know your ignominy is complete when your private videos are released on the internet. An email to Spike yesterday advertised the quant home movie collection of one Uday Hussein, late son of the captured Saddam.

"The Girls! The Parties! The Beatings!" promised the website, which is selling the dead party boy's videos for \$US19.95 (\$27) a pop. Potential buyers can watch a sneak preview of Uday cheerfully beating a man with a stick. The bootleg material, which appears genuine, was allegedly obtained in Baghdad.

Newsweek reported in June that more than 100 videos, discovered when Uday's home was raided, were passed to the US-funded Iraqi Media Network. The tapes included footage of Uday petting his lions, Uday making out with women on his couch and Uday entertaining guests at his birthday party by shooting over their heads. "See all those holes? All those bullets could be in your belly," he chortles.

Manners maketh men

Change your sheets regularly, do not wear braces with a belt and, at all costs, refrain from clipping your toenails in bed. *Household Management for Men* is a new practical guide to the domestic arts for the modern man, complete with diagrams and flow charts.

The book is "a small step for men, a giant leap for womankind", according to its cover, but some of the sisterhood are unimpressed.

Sue Price, co-director of the Men's Rights Agency, said the book was patronising. "If mothers have done a proper job raising their sons it shouldn't be necessary," she said.

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