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### DAILY DERBY

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2nd Place: 6, Whirl Win

3rd Place: 12, Lucky Charms

Race Time: 1:40.55



## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

**People Who Accidentally Shot Themselves Recently:** Anthony McCoy, 20, Edwardsville, Pa. (while he was playing with a gun, said police, it fired, nicking his scrotum, July). Maceo Price, 32, a bodyguard for singer R. Kelly, Marietta, Ga. (accidentally shot himself in the leg while removing his gun at a nightclub, September). Randy Robinson, 19, Toronto (fatally shot himself while pocketing his gun as he fled a taxi robbery, December). Thomas Morris Van Dyke, 40, South Buffalo, Pa. (fatally shot himself in the neck while climbing into his shoddily made hunter's tree stand, December). And police officers in Collinsville, Ill. (December), and Hopatkong Borough, N.J. (November) (the Collinsville officer shot his foot during a drug raid, and the New Jersey officer shot his leg during his annual firearms qualifying test).



## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"All gaul is divided into three parts: igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary."

— Geologist Wilson Hinckley



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## City Hall delivers 42nd charge against Santa Monica woman

*Prosecutors claim she posed as an attorney; her lawyer says she was a paralegal*

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

**SM COURTHOUSE** — A Santa Monica woman continued to illegally pose as an attorney after she was charged with multiple counts of the crime last November, prosecutors alleged here on Tuesday.

The City Attorney's Office added one new count to 41 already pending against Anita Clark, who is free on \$150,000 bond. Clark allegedly took in more than \$60,000 from clients while posing

as an attorney and paralegal at offices throughout Santa Monica, and other areas of Los Angeles.

Richard DeBro, Clark's lawyer, for the first time spoke publicly in defense of his client on Tuesday. He said Clark is a certificated paralegal. He accused prosecutors of trying to punish Clark for giving legal help at a low price.

"What I think is that the prosecutor has a very narrow view as to what can be performed by a paralegal and or a document preparer," DeBro said. "And he's trying to use my client as an example to scare and limit what non-lawyers can do to help the public. I don't know if he's acting to expand business for lawyers, because most people can't afford the legal

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## SM City Hall pressing local dry cleaners

*If you're a woman, your dry cleaner may be charging too much*

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

**CITY HALL** — Authorities are planning an undercover sting for later this year, with the goal of putting an end to sex discrimination at local dry cleaners.

Many businesses charge more to clean a woman's blouse than a man's dress shirt, even though the same amount of work is required, officials said. All 51 local laundry and dry cleaning outfits were mailed a letter this week reminding them it's illegal to charge customers differently based on their gender.

According to state law, it's legal to charge more only when there's a difference in the time, difficulty or cost of providing the service. Deputy City Attorney Adam Radinsky said local merchants would have to prove that was the case in order to continue charging



John Wood/Daily Press

**City Hall this week reminded all 51 dry cleaning and laundry businesses in Santa Monica that it's illegal to charge customers a different price based on their gender.**

customers a higher rate.

"It's only legal if it is justified by those considerations," he said.

No complaints have been made concerning the cost discrepancies, officials said.

Radinsky, who heads City

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## Hazmat scare



John Wood/Daily Press

Hazardous materials workers from the Santa Monica Fire Department converged on downtown Tuesday after a large quantity of white powder was found in front of Fromex One Hour Photo System at 406 Broadway. The powder, which was thrown against the front door of Fromex early in the morning by an unknown party, was deemed non-flammable, non-toxic and non-poisonous. Police recorded the incident as an illegal dumping.

## 'Joe Millionaire' auctioned off for a 'bargain' price

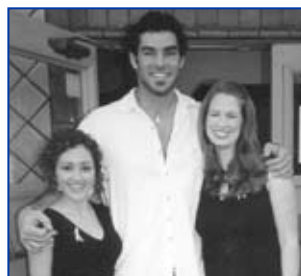
BY JAMIE WETHERBE

Special to the Daily Press

One lucky woman has finally found her millionaire — even though he came second hand and at a price.

More than 20 of Los Angeles' eligible bachelors — including Evan Marriott from the TV show "Joe Millionaire" — put themselves on the auction block last weekend for a cause. About 50 bidders competed Sunday for dates with 22 bachelors. With bids starting at \$50, they raised nearly \$5,000 for breast cancer research.

"A few (of the bachelors) shirts came off," said Andrea Mitchell, who organized the event at Lula's Cocina Mexicana on



Victoria Holland (left) and Andrea Mitchell (right), who organized the event with Evan Marriott.

Main Street. "But overall, we kept it pretty clean."

"Joe Millionaire" went for a bargain of \$1,200 to an

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## FACE-to-FACE with the Women & Children of Iraq

Local resident Kelly Hayes-Raitt visited Iraq twice this year — once in February, just 5 weeks before the U.S. bombings and invasion, and in July, where she found some of the children and women who touched her so deeply during her first visit. She saw firsthand the impact of the bombings and invasion on innocent people's lives, homes and hearts.

She will be speaking about the people she met — and remet — in Baghdad, Hillah, Babylon, Fallouja, Basra and Umm Qasr.

**Wednesday, February 11th**

Sherman Oaks Democratic Club at 7:30 pm

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A political consultant and dynamic speaker, Kelly Hayes-Raitt has addressed over 100 audiences, including religious congregations, state conferences, school classes, community clubs, large peace rallies and small neighborhood meetings. To address your group, call (310) 581-4421 or e-mail C2CCampaigns@aol.com. Photos may be viewed at [www.CommunityCampaigns.com/Iraq](http://www.CommunityCampaigns.com/Iraq).



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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★-Average  
★★-So-so ★-Difficult

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Whatever you do, you might need to do again later in the afternoon. What seemed clear and easy becomes a new story later on. Tap into your ingenuity and ask others for ideas. End the day with a brainstorming session. Tonight: With a special person.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Slow down and understand what is happening within a special work clique. You could feel out of it. Think carefully about how important it is to feel like part of the group. Let others seek you out — they will. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Your playfulness takes you in a new direction. Are you ready to walk through a new door? Opportunity strikes where you least expect it. Break past preconceived thoughts and beliefs. Let go of past beliefs. Tonight: Relax at home.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You are able to deal with someone on a different level. Your understanding breaks through to a new level, adding to a sense of bonding. Together you become quite a team. Express your ingenuity in a valid form. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Use the morning to effectively communicate with those around you. You can be sure those who care about you will respond. Listen more often to a child or loved one. Sometimes he or she has words of wisdom. Try a new approach with a key partner. Tonight: Happy at home.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Handle finances early in the day, because the pace picks up considerably in the afternoon. Others seek you out, needing your feedback. You actually could be surprised by someone's reaction. You can work with this situation. Tonight: Hang out.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You feel empowered this morning, coming up with solutions left and right. Later on in the day, you see life from another point of view. In fact, you could be bogged down by money issues and work. You can handle it. Tonight: Your treat.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Your energy builds all day long. In fact, by midafternoon, your magnetism, energy and intellect merge. Whatever you're up to, you excel at. Focus on what is important to you as well. A wild idea will work. Tonight: Do what you want.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Do what you must early in the day, because you'll want to maximize the aspects. Adapt your plans accordingly. By the afternoon, a personal matter could preoccupy your thoughts. You might need to pull back some. Tonight: Get some private time.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Aim for more of what you want. Take charge of your life, and work with the unexpected. Your ability to flex comes out, helping you get what you want. Don't walk away from chaos, rather walk toward it. Tonight: Get together with a friend.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Do research in the a.m. Others want and demand your attention this afternoon. How you see a personal matter could change a lot with new information coming forward. Still, put that issue on the back burner. Tonight: Work late.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Work closely with an individual. You might not be sure of yourself when dealing with a loved one or a partner. A boss, parent or authority figure could become demanding. Detach from the situation, and you'll gain understanding. Tonight: Hop on the computer or relax to a movie.

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# LOCAL



## Rolled over



Ben Lunksy/Special to the Daily Press  
A two-car accident at San Vicente Boulevard and 14th Street on Tuesday morning backed up traffic to the ocean. The condition of the vehicles' occupants are unknown.

## Third Street Promenade evacuated due to gas leak

By Daily Press staff

Hundreds of people were evacuated along the Third Street Promenade on Tuesday morning because of a gas leak.

At about 9:30 a.m., a delivery truck hit a natural gas pipe in the alley behind court three in the 1300 block of the Promenade. When Santa Monica Police officers arrived, they could smell the odor of gas and could hear the leak.

A one-block stretch was cordoned off by police and the buildings on the eastside of the Promenade were evacuated at about 10 a.m. It took about two hours before Southern Gas Co. officials could shut off the gas and repair the pipe.

Close to 200 workers at the businesses between Arizona Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard lingered around the mall for about two hours before being allowed back inside the buildings.

### Local Sports

## Venice and Crossroads to battle on basketball court

By Daily Press staff

A basketball matchup between Venice and Crossroads schools will get underway tonight in downtown Los Angeles as part of an NBA event.

Venice's St. Mark Boys A Basketball team — eighth grade and under — will play at the NBA Jam Session Tournament against Crossroads School of Santa Monica.

LA is hosting the NBA all-star game

for the first time since 1983, and the Gatorade-sponsored Jam Session is part of the week-long festivities.

The LA Convention Center also will feature music, interactive games and activities for fans of all ages.

The game will be played at 7:30 p.m. on the "Stadium Court" at the Los Angeles Convention Center. St. Mark was

See BASKETBALL, page 7

## surf report

It's still small, but ...

A new, small NW swell will build through today, strongest in the afternoon and into Thursday. This swell is again coming from a pretty steep NW angle, so most spots will stay in the just rideable 1-3' range by this afternoon and into Thursday.

OUTLOOK: Stronger NW swell will be building later Thursday and continue up through the weekend.

Write us at [wood@smdp.com](mailto:wood@smdp.com) and tell us what the surf is doing today at your local break. Epic.

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| SUNDAY    | 3:45 AM   | 4:36 PM | 9:48 AM    | 11:02 PM |
| MONDAY    | 4:30 AM   | 5:08 PM | 10:28 AM   | 11:37 PM |
| TUESDAY   | 5:23 AM   | 5:38 PM | 11:14 AM   | N/A      |
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## The Q-Line

The national unemployment rate has dropped to 5.6 percent — the lowest level in two years. But with only 2 million jobs created since he took office, President George Bush has the worst job creation record of any president since Herbert Hoover.

But the economy as a whole appears to be climbing back up. However, municipalities are still struggling — including Santa Monica, which faces a \$4 million deficit next year. And the local school district faces \$3.5 million budget shortfall for the upcoming school year. Many of our woes are because of the state's multi-billion dollar deficit, which doesn't appear to be as

easily solved as our new governor once thought. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed state budget would take more money away from local municipalities and school districts.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know:

**"What should be done to solve our local economic crisis?"**

Call (310) 285-8106 with your response before Thursday at 5 p.m. We'll print them in Saturday's paper (responses used to be printed on Friday but have been moved to Saturday). Please limit your comments to a minute or less. It might help to think first about the wording of your response.



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## LETTERS

## Stick to the facts

## Editor:

Teacher Marc Sanschagrin should do his homework before stating false facts in a newspaper (SMDP, Feb. 9, page 4).

I was active against EE not S. My opposition was a tax argument (who pays and how to pay), not an education argument. My published letters will confirm that stance. The opposition also argued the city has the money to give to schools, not unlike the current CEPS proposal. Is Mayor Richard Bloom now an "anti-education radical" because of his views on CEPS? I doubt it, though he has stated his concern is who pays and how to pay.

Minutes of the April of 2003 PNA board meeting will confirm that I suggested PNA give its city grant to the schools as a gesture to get others to chip in. Don Gray supported the idea, other board members shot it down. Suggesting to give all our funds away to education perhaps made us pro-education radicals, at least in neighborhood terms.

The old PNA board did support education. I started the Samohi school club support program which gave away hundreds of dollars in two short years and started a very small PNA donation to Grad Nite. Wes Terry compelled us to participate in the "The Growing Place" fund raiser. That board also supported Wes's idea for a PNA college scholarship, which was about to happen but has languished with the new board.

What has Sanschagrin and the new PNA board done for education or anything else? The fact is — not much.

Peter Tigler  
Santa Monica

## For the record ...

## Editor:

Pico Neighborhood Association board member Marc Sanschagrin said in letter to the editor (SMDP, Feb. 9, page 4) that "the neighborhoods in the PNA voted in higher percentages for both school funding measures than did any other neighborhood group in the city."

That still doesn't mitigate the fact that those dues paying, voting members in the PNA, who were former board members, Peter Tigler's and Don Gray's constituency, still list "traffic, green space and graffiti" and not education, as the key neighborhood issues. Sanschagrin also seems not to understand that 1) Mr. Tigler's and Mr. Gray's opposition to the regressive parcel taxes were their personal views, and they did not invoke the name of or use the PNA, 2) the PNA only speaks for the organization itself and not for everyone living in the Pico area and 3) Mr. Tigler opposed Prop. EE but

was not active in the "No on S" campaign.

Contrary to Sanschagrin's allegations, Gray, Tigler and myself do strongly support the schools and felt that the school parcel tax proposals were unfair and put their heaviest burden on lower income persons and others who could least afford it. There is a difference in not supporting schools and not supporting a severely flawed tax measure that lets the wealthy skate free, burdens the poor and still falls short of raising enough money for schools.

Lastly, Sanschagrin makes erroneous assumptions about SMDP columnist Bill Bauer's presence at the most recent Pico annual Congress. Bauer has a long history with numerous Pico area residents, has attended the last three annual congresses and even arrived early at the last Congress to help with the set up, as well as assisted in giving out door prizes during the meeting.

School teacher and union activist Sanschagrin should especially be careful about making assumptions about what other people know or do without being aware of the facts, because it only affects his own credibility.

Mathew L. Millen  
Santa Monica

## Sanschagrin nailed it

## Editor:

This is the first time I have had time to write about the article writing about Mr. Sanschagrin since it appeared (SMDP, Feb. 2, page 1). I have to say "hats off to him." He hit the nail on the head about the Pico neighborhood. I was especially encouraged by his statement that parents are 100 percent responsible for the behavior of their kids. Too few people are afraid to stand up to their kids, thus the kids rule; and that's completely wrong.

I live next door to the Pico neighborhood, south of Pico Boulevard. I am afraid to walk out to the corner store at night by myself. I sometimes do it out of a need for something in a hurry, but I am looking over my shoulder and all around all of the time.

I have lived in the same place for 25 years and have seen very little improvement in the atmosphere. Parents and citizens must work with the police to clean up their neighborhood and, in some cases, it will require a little judicious paddling on the rear of a kid or two. (I know that is terribly politically incorrect, but my two boys grew up to be responsible men. I didn't have to paddle them much either, as they got the picture pretty quickly. They were taller than I when they were 10 years old, so I got them civilized earlier than that.)

Robin Steely  
Santa Monica

## Several short takes on boobs — political and plastic



## INCITES

By Ed Silverstein

**BOOB NO. 1**— George Bush, bowing to pressure, has agreed to launch an independent investigation into the faulty intelligence after weapons hunter David Kay declared that there are no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

Patterned after the Warren Commission, an unbiased committee consisting of George Bush Sr., Barbara Bush, Laura Bush, Jena Bush, Barbara Bush II, Condoleezza Rice and Karl Rove, will conduct the nonpartisan and independent investigation. Though the investigation will not be completed until after the 2004 election, the independent body has already declared that the president, while suffering from faulty intelligence, has been totally cleared of any knowledge.

The Commission also has exonerated Dick Cheney, Don Rumsfeld and Paul Wolfowitz who created a shadow Pentagon intelligence agency when the CIA refused to substantiate their made up claims about WMDs. The new Agency used rumors, worst-case scenarios, testimony from discredited defectors and convicted bank embezzler Ahmad Chalabi to corroborate the Bush administration's preconceived ideology. Despite Kay's report, Cheney, Rumsfeld and Wolfowitz continue to insist

that they will be able to manufacture WMDs in time for them to be discovered before the November elections, proving once and for all that Saddam had to go.

All evidence needed for the investigation was sealed prior to the investigation by order of Dick Cheney who cited national security concerns and fear of being exposed as a liar.

**BOOB No. 1 of 2** — Hysteria and outrage greeted the exposure of Janet Jackson's right boob during the Super Bowl halftime show. Many Americans had not seen such a sight since they were babies, though many of the men did admit they might have inadvertently glanced at pictures of boobs while reading the articles in Playboy.

Ms. Jackson has since apologized, claiming that Timberlake and CBS had no advance knowledge of the stunt and that she acted alone — just like Lee Harvey Oswald.

In contrast to the president's months of procrastination over investigating the faulty intelligence that may have contributed to the deaths of 500 Americans, the FCC, stating the seriousness of the incident, took less than a day to launch a full scale inquiry into what some are calling "Silicon Gate." Most agree that this exposure incident eclipses the sour grapes exposure of an undercover CIA operative by a (Karl Rove) senior member (Karl Rove) of the Bush (Karl Rove) Administration.

While Ms. Jackson's stunt garnered near universal wrath, not even a peep of indignation was heard when a CNN expert detailed the specific internet site where terrorists, disgruntled students, unhappy

spouses or anyone with a bone to pick could find the recipe for making the deadly poison, Ricin. To be fair, revealing how to make a lethal poison that causes a horrific and agonizing death and has no known antidote is far less objectionable than the damage that is done to our children by ruining their innocent enjoyment of 22 steroidal men beating themselves bloody with the image of a nasty, evil booby.

**BOOB NO. 1 REDUOX** — A recent South Carolina poll showed that, if the presidential election was held today, Bush would lose to every Democratic candidate, as well as a third grader and the guy who beat Ashcroft in his last Senate race even though he was dead.

Bush immediately put on his flight suit and jetted down to South Carolina where he gave a rousing speech intended to reignite the fear of terrorism followed by empty promises of increased homeland defense funding. Polls showed the speech was effective and that an election held that day would have the president nearly dead even with Dennis Kucinich, however he would still lose to the third grader and the dead guy.

**BAMBOOZLED** — Pat Robertson, during a recent conversation with the voices in his head, was told that anyone who didn't vote for George Bush would go straight to hell.

**BOOB TUBE** — Bush, concerned about his plummeting popularity rating, agreed to two firsts: He will appear on "Meet The Press" and will actually meet the press.

**BOOBS OF A FEATHER** — The LA Times reported Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia was Vice President

Cheney's guest at a private hunting lodge owned by an oil industry executive. Great fun was had blowing away sitting ducks, providing every bit as much sport as shooting dairy cows. According to sources, the conservative justice was no slouch levying multiple death sentences upon the crafty birds.

The trip has created some ethics concerns as Scalia is a sitting judge on a case in which Cheney is a defendant. The case involves Cheney's refusal to divulge details about a meeting in which he and oil executives (like the one who owns the hunting lodge) colluded to create an energy policy that enriched the oil industry at the expense of the American taxpayers. Some have questioned whether Supreme Court Justice Scalia — who was instrumental in stealing the presidential election from Al Gore — could be impartial.

I believe he can. Scalia's actions are no worse than if Superior Court Judge Rodney S. Melville accepted an invite from Michael Jackson to attend a Cub Scout weenie roast or if Scott Peterson and his judge downed a few brewskies on a fishing trip in the San Francisco Bay.

**BOOBS AWAY** — And finally, if Dr. Seuss were alive today, I believe he would have this to say: One boob, two boob, red, white and blue boob. This one has a little star, the rest have gone way too far.

For those boobs who weren't part of the No Child Left Behind Act, the above is in part based on satire.

(Ed Silverstein is a freelance writer living in the booby hatch known as Santa Monica. Comments can be e-mailed to edsincites@aol.com).

# OPINION



## Superboob XXXVII: One breast that shook the world



### POLITIGIRL

By Beth Solomon

It was only appropriate that Janet Jackson was disinherited from the Grammy Awards this week. Jackson stunned the nation and the world during the Superbowl half-time show when Justin Timberlake, her co-star, tore off a piece of her costume and revealed her right breast.

Jackson's indiscretion was a shocking display. It showed the depths to which our culture has sunk. It interrupted an all-American game that symbolizes the greatness of our country. And it stole the spotlight from some great beer commercials and male potency ads.

For 10 days, the country has been engaged in a Great Debate about whether the shocking incident was planned or accidental — as the perpetrators dubiously claim — and what should be done to punish the actors, the show producers, and the network that aired the debauchery. Until that moment, CBS had earned a great reputation by canceling an unflattering miniseries about Ronald Reagan and steadfastly refusing to sully the Superbowl with a political ad by a liberal group called MoveOn.org that is constantly criticizing President Bush. (Notice that the group's name ends in ".org." You get the picture.)

But now, a great network's reputation has been tarnished, and people are very upset. A woman in Knoxville, Tenn. filed a lawsuit against everyone involved, saying that children who were watching "were caused to suffer outrage, anger, embarrassment, and serious injury" as a result of the broadcast.

And that's just the kids. Imagine the trauma for parents who had to answer their kids' questions. Like, "Why did she — I mean, he — do that, Mommy?" or "Daddy, what's erectile dysfunction?" Oops — that part of the broadcast was approved.

There were other victims. Justin Timberlake was hurt by the breast.

Just like Adam, he'll suffer forever for Janet's sin, poor guy, even though it was her body part that caused the problem. "I apologize if you guys were offended," he said at the Grammy's. Timberlake kept a stiff upper lip, bringing his mother as his date, which shows how sweet he really is, and going through with his award acceptances, which he had to do, since the music industry is falling apart, and Timberlake's 'N Sync is one of the few acts they can still make money on — I mean, one of the greatest acts in music today.

Jackson's larger offense, perhaps, was stealing the spotlight from a competing

half-time show called the "Lingerie Bowl," a pay-per-view football extravaganza in which 14 women tackled each other wearing only lace-trimmed bras, panties and garters. That was an excellent show. Of which Dodge, an all-American car company, had been a sponsor. But Jackson ruined it. By having a breast that was revealed when Timberlake gently ripped off her clothes.

Jackson's breast was so offensive because it distracted all of us from the sex and violence we've come to expect in family entertainment. When we tune into the annual national Superbowl ritual, we hundred million suckers, I mean consumers, ought to be able to focus on the violence, sex and substance abuse we pay for. Upstanding American companies like CBS, Anheuser Busch and Pfizer sell it to us all the time. Men bashing each other's heads in. Half naked women gyrating on the sidelines. The Bud Bowl. Men itching their crotches, looking like they need a spray of DDT. We want these products. We like them. What would the country be without institutionalized violence, sanctioned sexual aggression and state-sponsored drug addiction?

Hold that thought. I'm having a Michelob.

Jackson should be punished. I talked with UCLA psychiatry professor, Dr. Gail E. Wyatt, who wrote a book with her husband called *No More Clueless Sex*.

Wyatt made the stunning but undeniable observation that the breast is a human gland that is the body's mechanism for feeding our young. Talk about embarrassing. Double Jackson's fine.

Furthermore, breasts — the controversial kind — belong only to women. Before women started taking people's jobs and became the boss, they had breasts. Before they started acting like they own the place, they had breasts. These days, women sometimes forget that they even own a pair, they're so busy climbing the corporate ladder and telling people what to do. So it's important that we remind them, perhaps shame them. And buy them implants. Valentine's Day is Saturday, by the way.

Dr. Wyatt says in her book that good sex is about good relationships, and that breakthroughs in sexual pleasure come not through drugs, implants, or things you can buy, but communication and honesty. How crazy is that? And get this. She says television is the way it is because we're addicted to sex and violence, and all we need to do is turn it off. They'll get the message, she says.

Yeah, right. Me, I'm stocking up on Miller Lite and Tylenol. March Madness is right around the corner.

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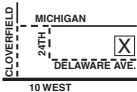
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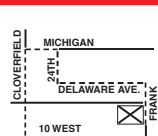
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fees that are charged by lawyers."

But some of Clark's clients sought her legal advice thinking she was an onafide attorney.

Baron Bruno, 33, a financial consultant who hired Clark to help him get a judgment after a friend defaulted on a \$25,000 loan, said Tuesday he hopes to see Clark jailed. Bruno said he found Clark in the Yellow Pages and met with her several times in her office at 204 Bicknell St. in Ocean Park.

"She had switched addresses a couple times and she was not very good at returning calls. She was very elusive," said Bruno, adding he paid Clark about \$1,000. "She just made a lot of false promises, she was going to do this, do that."

DeBro questioned Bruno's version of events.

"People complain about lawyers not returning phone calls," he said. "Sometimes if a client doesn't get the result they want ... they complain about phone calls."

Clark didn't appear in court on Tuesday. DeBro asked that her arraignment be delayed until March 10. Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Bernard Kamins agreed, but ordered Clark to appear in person on that date.

"I need to see this lady in court," he said.

Kamins also ordered a psychological evaluation be performed on Clark, at the request of Deputy City Attorney Adam Radinsky, who is prosecuting the case. That report will complement a probation report that is currently being completed, Kamins said.

The 42 misdemeanor counts against Clark break down as follows: The most recent charge, illegally posing as an attorney in December of last year, brings the total number of that complaint to 22. Clark faces another five counts of illegally acting as an immigration consultant and 15 counts of grand theft.

**SM anti-bias ordinance  
preceded a statewide law**

CLEANERS, from page 1

Hall's Consumer Protection Unit, said authorities will conduct a follow-up investigation later this year to make sure cleaners are complying. They also will check to make sure that the cleaners have posted a price list for their 15 most frequently requested services, as required by state law, as well as a posting that lists the law about gender bias. If requested, merchants should also be able to provide a full list of charges for all the services they provide, Radinsky added.

Businesses who charge higher prices to one gender are liable for punitive damages of at least \$4,000, plus attorney fees. They also are subject to criminal prosecution with a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$500 fine, Radinsky said. Businesses who violate the price-posting rules and who fail to correct violations within 30 days can be handed a \$1,000 penalty, he added.

"The unequal charging of men and women is ... one of those consumer issues that affects many people, but few people know about it or do anything about it,"

If convicted on all counts, Clark could face up to 42 years in prison and tens of thousands of dollars in fines, prosecutors said.

Michael Slome, 44, a native of South Africa who hired Clark to help him file immigration papers, said he thinks Clark should serve time behind bars.

**"I need to see this lady  
in court."**— **BERNARD KAMINS**  
Santa Monica Superior Court Judge

"For one, I'd like my money back, that's the primary," said Slome, who paid Clark \$2,200 and later realized she allegedly strung him along for a year and half doing virtually no work. "There are times when I think, 'yeah, she should go to prison ... because she preyed on so many people, she needs to do some prison time.'"

Slome, of Venice Beach, said he met with Clark at her Bicknell Street office. He added he assumed Clark was legitimate because her offices appeared professional and she assured him his case was a "slam dunk." When he was contacted by the City Attorney's Office, Slome said he was outraged at apparently being duped.

"She's the quintessential American person — blonde-haired, white, and she totally ripped me off, someone that wanted her help to move to this country," Slome said Tuesday. "It's so depressing."

DeBro again questioned the alleged victim's version of events.

"The fact is that immigration matters take a great deal of time," he said. "They are not ... completed overnight. Especially now, with the concerns over terrorists, it takes a long time to handle these matters and often clients aren't happy if they don't get the results they want."

Radinsky said.

Santa Monica's anti-price-discrimination ordinance was adopted in August of 1994. In 1995, the state passed a similar law making it illegal to charge a customer differently based on their sex.

Of six Santa Monica cleaners randomly polled Tuesday, only two said they charged the same amount to launder a dress shirt as a blouse. Each of the other four said they charged a higher rate to launder a blouse, ranging from \$1.15 to \$1.55.

When asked why there is a discrepancy in pricing, three of the cleaners said it's because women's blouses are sometimes too small to be pressed by machine, which means they have to be pressed by hand. A clerk at another store said she didn't know why they charged more.

Henry Farahmand, a partner at Aaron Cleaners at 2400 Main St., said most blouses should be dry cleaned anyway. And those that are laundered usually can't be machine pressed, he added.

"Because most of the blouse is silk or delicate and it should be hand finishing," Farahmand said.

## LOCAL



# Bachelors put themselves on the block for cancer

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unidentified woman. Marriott agreed to match the bid to benefit the Breast Cancer Foundation.

As for what to do on his date with the highest bidder, "depends on the woman," Marriott said. "We've got to figure out what she likes to do."

Mitchell said she'd like for the auction to become an annual event.

"I think the bachelors had a good time," she said, but it's yet to be seen if any love connections were made.

Mitchell said she and her friends a couple of years ago talked about a bachelor auction as a way to meet men, but then she decided to pursue the idea after cancer struck her family.

"(Breast cancer) struck two members of my family in the same year," Mitchell said. Her mother and aunt last year were both diagnosed with breast cancer but because of early detection, they are now survivors of the fatal disease.

Mitchell said selecting the bachelors was a grassroots

effort — many are work colleagues of the organizers or are known through mutual friends.

Those up for bids included doctors, firefighters and a former pro-baseball player. But the main bachelor up for grabs almost didn't make it on the auction block.

"I was gonna be a no-show," said Marriott, 29, of Venice, having recently lost a family member. His aunt died of breast cancer on Feb. 2 — not even a week before the event.

He said he almost stayed in Virginia with his family, but "I decided it'd be best if I came back to raise money" to help prevent another death from the disease.

Marriott said he wasn't nervous about putting himself up for bids.

"It isn't about me," Marriott said. "It's about people whose lives this disease affects."

Cancer also has affected other bachelors.

Patric Rayburn, 25, of Mar Vista, said he signed up because his sister almost lost her life and leg to bone cancer, adding she's now in remission and just had her first baby.

Rayburn, a massage therapist, said his date could look forward to a night of dinner and theater.

One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, according to the American Cancer Society, and more than 75 percent of women diagnosed with the disease are 50 years or older.

The foundation promotes methods to detect breast cancer early, including starting breast self-exams and mammograms as early as 20 years old. The foundation is the largest non-profit organization dedicated to funding innovative clinical and genetic research on the causes of and treatments for breast cancer, according to officials.

## St. Mark holding a strong season

BASKETBALL, from page 3

selected as one of eight boys teams from across Southern California to take place in the event.

In other news, the St. Mark Girls A Basketball team defeated Campbell Hall of North Hollywood 42-34 to advance to the semifinals of the Delphic League Playoffs. The highly competitive Delphic League features many large private schools from the westside and valley. Now 8-3 in Delphic play, St. Mark's will play a powerful Brentwood (9-1 in league play) team tonight at the Delphic Final Four in Chatsworth. The Delphic Championship game is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 13, 5:30 p.m. at Chaminade against the winner of Chaminade and Windward (Mar Vista).

The St. Mark girls defeated St. Jerome of Westchester 41-38 this past Sunday to finish 7-0 in CYO league play. St. Mark has now won four straight league championships, including a 30 game winning streak in one of the CYO toughest divisions. The girls will begin play in the Los Angeles Catholic Youth Organization playoffs on Feb. 14 (playoff schedule below). Sixty-four out of 162 schools qualify for the CYO playoffs. St. Mark has enjoyed a strong season, now sporting a 28-8 record despite playing an extremely challenging schedule. The St. Mark girls have advanced to the LA CYO finals four of the last seven years, winning the championship in 2000.

### ST. MARK PLAYOFF GAMES (SINGLE ELIMINATION FORMAT)

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Third Round: Monday, Feb. 16 12 p.m. at St. Joseph

Quarterfinals: Wednesday, Feb. 18 7 p.m. at Ramona Convent (1701 Ramona Dr., Alhambra)

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### DAYS ON THE MARKET

By Jodi Summers

Santa Monica is in a technology conundrum.

Research shows that about 16 percent of new homes built in 2001 had structured wiring installed. That number is projected to increase 50 percent by 2005. What's an existing household who lives in a 50-year-old structure to do, especially when everyone wants to be online at the same time? Upgrading to premium wiring means shredding a lot of drywall. Or, you can be cutting edge and set up a wireless-network route.

"Probably 25 million households have more than one PC in the house, and people want to leverage their broadband connection," said Bill Kenney, vice president of emerging home solutions for Sears and chairman of the Internet Home Alliance.

Setting up a Wi-Fi network (that's short for wireless fidelity) still isn't seamless,

but it's getting easier. Coffeehouses and laundromats are becoming public wireless Web locales — soon you will be able to log on at McDonald's, Starbucks and LAX.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO GO WIRELESS

■ The latest operating system is best for wireless networks — Windows XP or Apple's OS X. If your system is more than three years old, consider upgrading to make your task easier.

■ A wireless transmitter is the heart of your wireless network. It's a small base station that connects to the Internet via a cable or DSL modem. It sends radio signals to the devices on the network, much the way a cordless phone base communicates with the handset.

There are two kinds of wireless transmitters: Routers and access points. If you are building a network from scratch, you'll need a router. If you already have a wired home network but want the convenience of staying connected to the Web while you walk around the house, buy a wireless access point which plugs into your existing hardwired router.

■ The right standard of equipment.

Stick with the latest standard — 802.11g — it's five times faster, which means that you can network twice as many devices — computers, printers and digital equipment like audio receivers and TiVo.

■ A wireless PC card or adapter for each computer. It's necessary to pick up a signal from the hub transmitter. If you bought a laptop in the past year, it probably has a built-in wireless card. If your laptop is more than a year old, you may need a Wi-Fi PC card.

A desktop computer will need a Wi-Fi adapter, unless it happens to sit near the wireless router. If this is the case, connect the PC to the transmitter with an Ethernet cable.

### SETTING UP THE NETWORK

■ Find a central location because the signal for an 802.11g wireless device radiates in a circle about 150 feet wide, and the closer you sit to the hub, the better the connection. If you don't already have a high-speed Web, have your modem installed at the location where you want to put your Wi-Fi router.

■ Organize your network. You can plug your Internet connection into the base station, install the PC card into your laptop,

turn everything on and in a perfect world, be magically connected to the Web. Of course, to begin, you will need to disable your personal firewall to allow your router and all the devices connected to the network to automatically recognize each other. Then you will need to set up a network log-on with your router's IP address (it's listed in the router manual) to access the router's settings. Basic programming bugs out of the way, you can now configure your network access.

Finally, give each device connected to the network a name. Choose easy-to-remember names, like "Max's work space" or "Diane's desk" for the computers. To name digital equipment that doesn't have a keyboard or other input device like a remote control, such as a digital audio receiver or TiVo, you will have to visit the manufacturer's Web site. For example, TiVo subscribers should go to [www.tivo.com](http://www.tivo.com) to enter a name.

Activate the security software once your wireless system has been created. Welcome to the 21st century.

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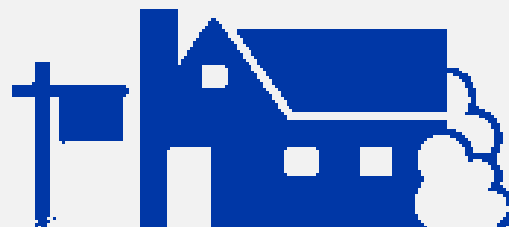


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## REAL ESTATE



# Commercial real estate and how to keep it honest



## IN YOUR SPACE

By Christina S. Porter

Defending one's integrity seems to be a common practice in developing new business in the world of commercial real estate. I suppose other professions that require a substantial amount of trust from their clients are faced with the same challenge. I find time and again a tremendous amount of doubt and distrust as I attempt to enter into an agency relationship with prospective clients.

Key to all of this is the "Agency Agreement" and all that it entails. According to "California Real Estate Law" by W. Pivar and R. Bruss, there are six ways that an agency is created. They are as follows:

■ **Express Agency:** This is an agency created by a specific agreement, either written or verbal. When a real estate agent is given a listing, it is a written agency agreement used to authorize an agent to procure buyers or lessees, or to locate a property for purchase or lease.

■ **Implied/Ostensible Agency:** Most agencies are express agencies as defined above. An implied and/or ostensible agency is not a stated agreement but is created by the actions of the parties. An implied agency occurs if a broker reasonably leads another person to believe that he/she is their agent. An ostensible agency occurs when a principal, intentionally or by want of ordinary care, causes a third person to believe another to be his agent who is not really employed by him.

■ **Agency By Estoppel:** When an ostensible agency is created, a third per-

son reasonably acts to their detriment based on the belief of the existence of the agency, the person who allowed the ostensible agency to exist would be estopped (barred) from denying the existence of the agency. The doctrine of estoppel is one of equity to achieve justice. It is best to define agency by estoppel with an example: Assume an out-of-town owner informed a broker that the owner's cousin had the authority to give a listing on the owner's property. The broker acted on this assertion, listed and then procured a buyer for the property. The owner would be estopped (barred) from denying the existence of the agency because his or her words led the broker to act to the brokers' detriment by denying the existence of such agency.

■ **Agency by Ratification:** By accepting the benefits of an agreement made by an unauthorized agent or by an agent who has exceeded their authority, a principal can form an agency by ratification.

■ **Dual Agency:** A dual agency exists when an agent represents two principals who are negotiating with each other and thus have conflicting interests.

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■ **Full disclosure:** Notice to an agent is considered to be notice to the principal. The agent has a duty to inform the principal of any facts that would be likely to influence the principal in making a decision.

■ **Due care:** An agent must exercise

reasonable and due care in carrying out the duties of agency.

■ **Loyalty:** The agent must keep everything confidential. This continues even after the agency is terminated.

■ **Honesty:** The agent must fully disclose all material facts to its principal in a fair and honest manner so as not to prejudice the judgment of the principal.

■ **Integrity:** The agents moral conduct in his or her dealing must be beyond reproach.

■ **Obedience:** An agent has a duty to obey the lawful instructions of the princi-

pal (illegal instructions must not be followed).

■ **Duty to third persons:** The agent has a duty of honest and fair dealing with others. The principal and the agent could be held responsible for the agent's misrepresentation, fraud or failure to disclose detrimental information to a third party that the agent should have known.

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# Presidential hopefuls seek wins in Southern primaries

BY DAVID ESPO  
AP Special Correspondent

Sen. John Kerry and his Democratic pursuers closed out their campaigns in primaries in Virginia and Tennessee on Tuesday, the front-runner hoping for his victory in the South while Sen. John Edwards and retired Gen. Wesley Clark sought upsets to prolong the race.

"Feeling good about today," Kerry told patrons at a diner in Memphis. "We want to do well down here."

In a fresh sign of growing strength, the Massachusetts senator also gained an endorsement from Sen. Herb Kohl of Wisconsin, one week ahead of that state's primary.

Clark made the rounds in Nashville, delivering doughnuts to volunteers at polling places around the city. "I'm helping the people who are helping me change the country," he said. "We can do it."

Edwards paid a visit to a morning polling place in northern Virginia and made plans to fly to Wisconsin later in the day in a show of determination to remain in the race. His campaign manager, Nick Baldick, told

reporters the campaign has enough money to compete through the end of the month.

Howard Dean made little effort in the day's primary states, focusing his efforts on Wisconsin.

Campaigning in Superior, Dean said Democrats need "an outsider, someone with a real record of change." In a slap at Kerry, whom he didn't mention by name, Dean said the alternative to himself was "a Washington fixture who plays the inside game."

Virginia had 82 pledged delegates at stake in the day's primary, and Tennessee offered 69.

Kerry has won 10 of 12 Democratic primaries and caucuses to date, rolled to a huge lead in the delegate chase and is increasingly turning his attention to President Bush and the general election.

"This president has the worst jobs record of the last 11 presidents combined," the Massachusetts senator said Monday. "He has lost over 3 million jobs."

After being battered by Democrats for months, Bush gave as good as he got. Democrats who oppose his call for making tax cuts permanent really want higher taxes and bigger government, he said, without mentioning Kerry by name.

"They're going to say, 'Oh, we've got to raise it so we can pay down the deficit.' No. They're going to raise the taxes and increase the size of the federal government, which would be bad for the United States economy."

As front-runner, Kerry's focus on Bush is a luxury he can afford.

Clark, Edwards and Dean face other imperatives as they struggle to slow Kerry's momentum.

"You've got a choice in this race. You've got a front-runner, you've got a good lawyer and you've got an underdog. I'm the underdog," Clark said Monday in Tennessee, eager to draw a contrast between himself and his Democratic rivals.

Edwards, a successful trial lawyer before entering politics, told reporters he intends to remain in the presidential race regardless of the outcome of the day's primaries.

"What we have been preparing for the entire time is a nomination process that's going to go on well into March," he said after a speech in Norfolk, Va. "We're prepared for that, we have the resources to do that, and most importantly, we have a message that obviously resonates when voters hear it."

Dean also focused on Kerry at one point, saying the Massachusetts senator's record must undergo examination. "I think that has not happened to Senator Kerry."

"That needs to happen," said Dean, whose campaign stumbled after he was subjected to the intense scrutiny that a front-runner customarily receives.

In a turnabout, the former Vermont governor said he intends to stay in the presidential race regardless of the outcome in the Feb. 17 primary in Wisconsin. "I've just changed my mind," he said in an interview with Wisconsin television reporters.

Pre-primary polls made Kerry the favorite in Virginia and Tennessee, and he hoped to show strength in the South following last week's election defeats in South Carolina and Oklahoma.

Kerry's lead in the delegate hunt matched his supremacy in the primary and caucus elections. He had 431 delegates in an Associated Press count, Dean had 182, Edwards 117 and Clark 84. It takes 2,162 to win the nomination.

While Dean, Edwards and Clark hope to stop Kerry's rush toward the nomination, the Massachusetts senator is making plans for a general election race.

An official close to Kerry, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Kerry plans to tap into a \$15 million fund the Democratic National Committee has set aside to help the nominee get off to a quick start.

Kerry plans to use the money to run television commercials in an attempt to counter ads the Bush re-election campaign is expected to run, this official said. Republicans are expected to begin running ads when the Democratic race is settled.

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### China bans U.S. chicken

By The Associated Press

**BEIJING** — China announced Tuesday that it was banning all poultry and poultry products from the United States, citing bird flu fears.

The emergency notice from the Ministry of Agriculture said U.S. poultry products that have already arrived at Chinese ports would be returned or destroyed.

The notice, carried by the government's Xinhua News Agency, said China was suspending new import permits for U.S. poultry and canceling any permits already issued.

China's action follows similar bans on U.S. poultry by Japan, Malaysia, Singapore and South Korea, after officials in the U.S. state of Delaware reported avian flu in a flock there.

China itself is a large chicken-farming country, and bird flu is confirmed or suspected in 14 of the nation's 31 regions.

China has slaughtered millions of fowl to try to contain the disease's spread and inoculated millions more.

### Plane crash kills dozens

By The Associated Press

**SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates** — An Iranian plane crashed Tuesday shortly before arrival at an airport in the north of the United Arab Emirates, killing at least 35 people. Three survivors reportedly were being treated at a local hospital.

Rescue workers could be seen searching the burning wreckage for survivors at the Sharjah airport. Bodies were covered in red blankets and placed in a row.

The Kish Airline turboprop carried 46 people. A Civil Aviation official, who spoke to reporters on condition of anonymity, said 35 people were confirmed dead.

The cause of the crash was not yet known, said Ghanem al-Hajiri, director general of civil aviation and

the Sharjah Airport Authority. It crashed about 11:40 a.m. local time in an open area about two miles from the air field but no one on the ground was injured, he added.

The plane was arriving from the Iranian island of Kish. Iran has a history of air accidents, often blamed on badly maintained planes.

### Sniper stretch is no comfort zone

By The Associated Press

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** — A recent burst of sniper shootings along an Ohio highway has been linked to earlier shootings 25 miles to the north, leaving experts fearful that the gunman has widened his comfort zone and is looking for more prey.

"This particular individual is definitely getting more brazen," said Franklin County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Steve Martin after authorities linked two shootings on Sunday to the string of attacks that have terrorized the community for months and left one person dead.

The growing target area could be part of a strategy to throw off the police and "freak out an additional portion of the population," N.G. Berrill, a forensic psychologist associated with the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, said Monday.

The serial shootings — 23 in all — began in May, though most have occurred since mid-October. The shootings have happened at various times of the day and night.

Investigators on Monday linked the most recent gunfire to the bulk of the highway shootings, but would say only that the connection wasn't based on ballistics tests.

### Bush shouts his message back at Dems

By The Associated Press

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** — His voice rising to a shout, President Bush lashed out at Democratic rivals who want to roll back his tax cuts as he defended his economic priorities Monday in a presidential primary state

where his record has been harshly criticized.

"There are some in Washington that are going to say, 'Let's not make the tax cuts permanent.' That means he's going to raise your taxes," Bush said at a factory. "When you hear people say, 'We're not going to make this permanent,' that means tax increase."

The Democrats running for president say they would repeal all or portions of Bush's tax cuts, and Bush seemed to step more forcefully into his re-election campaign as he defended his tax policies. Some of the cuts are to expire next year, including those for married couples, and Bush is asking that Congress make them permanent.

It was Bush's 15th trip to Missouri and another case of the president appearing in a state recently visited by Democratic presidential hopefuls.

### Stewart secretary cries over pudding

By The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — In an abrupt collision of Martha Stewart's cooking expertise and her criminal stock-fraud trial, a secretary burst into tears on the witness stand while describing a gift of plum pudding from her boss.

Ann Armstrong, Stewart's secretary for six years, broke down while describing a phone conversation with Stewart on Dec. 27, 2001, the day she made her well-timed sale of ImClone Systems stock.

Stewart was calling from Texas during a refueling stop on her way to a vacation in Mexico. Armstrong said the two first chatted about the holidays, the first chance they'd had to talk since Christmas.

"I thanked her for the plum pudding she sent home," the secretary said — then began crying. Armstrong tried to continue, but the judge ended the trial 15 minutes early for the day.

But it was another message prosecutors were more concerned about. That same day Armstrong told Stewart that she had gotten a call from her stockbroker: "Peter Bacanovic thinks ImClone is going to start trading downward."

The government claims Bacanovic was trying to get word to Stewart that ImClone founder Sam Waksal was dumping his shares. Stewart and Bacanovic say they had a pre-existing deal to sell ImClone when it fell to \$60 per share.

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