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By Daily Press staff

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## Santa Monica cop found guilty of insurance fraud

*Patrol officer terminated, ordered to pay city \$50K*

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

A former Santa Monica Police officer was convicted Monday of insurance fraud for lying about his worker's compensation injury claims.

Richard Robert Brulato, 36, plea bargained with the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office to have 14 felony counts reduced to one felony count of insurance fraud, which he pleaded guilty to. He was ordered to pay \$50,000 in restitution to the city of Santa Monica, serve one day in jail, complete 200 hours of community service and pay \$200 in fines. Brulato has been placed on

three years felony probation.

The DA's office charged Brulato with insurance fraud, attempted perjury, grand theft and attempted grand theft relating to false disability claims he made to the city of Santa Monica in 1999 and 2000.

Brulato suffered back injuries on the job in August of 1999 and April 2000 while he was arresting combative prisoners, according to Barbara Trujillo, the city's worker's compensation administrator. Brulato filed for worker's compensation and received payments totaling \$103,000, Trujillo said.

But city personnel became suspicious of Brulato's claims when he appeared in an advertisement in a LA magazine promoting his new pizza parlor in the Los Angeles area while he was

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## Landlord prevails in court

*Jurors believe tenants created distrust at apartment complex*

BY DAVE DANFORTH

Daily Press Staff Writer

An unusually hard-fought Santa Monica eviction case ended Tuesday when a jury decided against what one of the jurors called "the tenants from hell."

It took less than two hours for 12 Santa Monica Superior Court jurors to decide landlord Abbas "Joe" Joukar could evict Jill Shively and Bob Kirby from the rent-controlled apartment Shively had occupied for 16 years at 20th Street and California

Avenue. Though the verdict required agreement among only nine jurors, it was unanimous. Said one juror to their attorney, Matthew Schwartz, "you didn't have a winning hand in my book."

The jurors decided that Shively and Kirby were responsible for stolen mail and \$150 in missing cash, and that they had created an atmosphere of distrust and fear at their eight-unit complex. One juror said she was swung by the couple's several video cameras, calling them "an invasion of privacy."

Observers said the verdict, in a rent-control town like Santa Monica, was something of a surprise. Juries often need to be talked out of a natural sympathy for tenants, who appear to have

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## Judge awards city \$30K from Boathouse case

*Former restaurant owner's attorney will appeal decision*

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER

Daily Press Staff Writer

A judge ordered former Boathouse owner Naia Sheffield on Tuesday to reimburse Santa Monica \$27,605 for legal fees and court costs stemming from litigation over the eviction of the restaurant from its Santa Monica Pier building.

But Sheffield's attorney Kelly Bixby, said he will file a motion requesting Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Diana

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— KELLY BIXBY  
Naia Sheffield's attorney

Wheatley to reconsider her judgment and allow him to present his argument that the city is seeking too much money.

Bixby said he was not able to file his motion opposing the city's request for attorney costs and court fees because of personal circumstances that could not have been avoided.

"The prevailing law is that only rea-

sonable attorneys fees and costs will be accepted and approved by the court," Bixby said. "And obviously the court is sitting there with a motion and (the city) is asking for attorneys fees and they were the prevailing side but those fees are in contention.

"The city made it very simple by saying 'It's a three-day notice and then we're

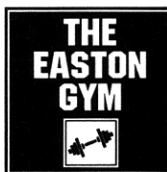
going to kick you out.' Well, in my estimation that doesn't cost 30 grand," he added.

Deputy City Attorney Tony Serritella said the city came up with its estimate of court costs by multiplying the number of hours attorneys worked on the case by the market-rate being charged by attorneys in the eviction field, which is called "unlawful detainers" in legalese.

"When there is a written agreement that provides for attorneys fees when a dispute arises, the winning side can go after those costs," he said.

If Judge Wheatley finds Bixby was unable to file his opposition motion in a timely manner due to his personal rea-

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

#### ♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Without you realizing it, someone's expectations might not be the same as yours. You wander into trouble inadvertently. Meetings and interactions at work seem to be heading down the right path. Don't be surprised when you get a strong reaction! Tonight: Say yes to a partner.

#### ♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might as well go along with another's agenda, as the cards aren't falling into place as you would like. Others seek you out and tap into your resources. You need to say little, as your knowledge becomes obvious. Let others seek you out. Tonight: Join friends for dinner.

#### ♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Work needs your full attention. You cannot afford to be distracted or to head in a different direction. Take another view. Gain a better understanding of what might be feasible financially. Someone could be put off by your calls and style. Tonight: Get some exercise.

#### ♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Allow your imagination to pitch in when you seem to hit an obstacle. Do be careful about inordinate risk-taking, especially if it involves feelings or funds. In this realm, walk a conservative path. Avoid a knee-jerk reaction. Tonight: Enjoy a special person in your life.

#### ♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Manage your temper so you can accomplish your goals. You might need to express your anger. Use the most effective way you know for the long-term. Unexpected developments steer you in another direction. Tonight: Vanish home.

#### ♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Say what you think. Return messages and calls, especially as someone might be waiting to hear from you. Add that special touch with a friend. You can make all the difference in a meeting. Listen carefully to another's feedback. Tonight: Join a loved one at a favorite place.

#### ♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Indulge and treat someone close to you. This person needs that extra time and touch. Understand more of what is going on with a friend who could be more volatile than usual. Treat this person to lunch or dinner, clearing the way for a talk. Tonight: Paint the town red.

#### ♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Recognize another's liabilities without making him or her feel shaky or nervous. Your personality melts another's resistance. Be direct in how you handle a personal matter. Deal with others with kid gloves if you want positive results. Tonight: In the limelight.

#### ♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Assume a low profile for the moment, especially if a certain matter is causing you some angst. Hop on the computer or phone, exploring alternatives. Willingly change direction if it works better for you. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

#### ♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Mobilize your energy and bring others together. Your sense of direction helps others complete a key project. An associate might be upset with you. Perhaps this person needs more attention. Stay on top of work. Tonight: Indulge another.

#### ♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Assume responsibility when an associate drops the ball. You need to know when to say "halt" to a very playful friend or associate. Understand your limits and maintain your responsibilities. Schedule time to socialize later on. Tonight: A must appearance.

#### ♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You're able to see the big picture when others cannot. Lighten your work schedule. You can only do so much, so fast. Understand that you cannot be everything to everyone. Know when to say you have had enough. Tonight: Try something very different.

## QUOTE of the DAY

**"That man is so repugnant. All of these satanic murderers are."**  
— Geraldo Rivera, discussing Charles Manson

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# LOCAL

## City may seek fees from boathouse's \$50M lawsuit

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sons, a new hearing will be set to decide if Sheffield should reimburse the city for having to legally evict her business from city-owned property. Otherwise, Tuesday's ruling will remain in place.

Sheffield has filed a \$50 million lawsuit against the City of Santa Monica and the Pier Restoration Corp., which handles leases on the pier, for allegedly reneging on a 25-year lease Sheffield negotiated in 1993. She is demanding a jury trial, claiming breach of contract.

The Boathouse, which was a fixture on the pier for 50 years, closed its doors permanently April 15, after Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies changed the locks as part of the court-ordered eviction.

The city, which owns the pier, ended its month-to-month lease with the Boathouse last July to make way for movie-themed chain restaurant, Bubba Gump Shrimp, which will pay significantly more rent to the city than the Boathouse did.

Sheffield claims she was forced to enter into the month-to-month lease in 1998 to keep possession of the restaurant. But John Gilchrist, the PRC's executive director in 1993, had offered Sheffield a 20-year lease with an option to renew for another 10 years, the suit claims. That lease was never signed due to bureaucratic delays, Sheffield says.

However, in 1998 the PRC informed Sheffield it was considering leasing the space to other restaurants, though the Boathouse would be included in the selec-

tion process. In the end, the city awarded the 25-year lease to Bubba Gump, which was supposed to move in on Oct. 1, 2001.

When the Boathouse refused to leave and fought the city's decision, the result was a long and costly court battle which the city won. The city claims it has been financially harmed because Bubba Gump's plans to open in the spring of 2003 have been delayed.

**"There are only certain types of cases where the law allows you to go after lawyers fees."**

— TONY SERRITELLA  
Deputy city attorney

The reimbursement awarded to the city is only for litigation from the eviction of the restaurant.

"There are only certain types of cases where the law allows you to go after lawyers fees," Serritella said. "In most cases you're not allowed to do it. In many cases all that is allowed is to recover (court) costs."

Serritella said the city is still sustaining costs from the pending \$50 million breach of contract lawsuit, which it may decide to recoup if it is victorious in that case as well.

## The bus stops here



Andrew H. Fixmer/Daily Press

An elderly woman standing on a moving Big Blue Bus fell down Tuesday when the bus stopped abruptly on the 600 block of Wilshire Boulevard. Paramedics at the scene believed the woman may have dislocated her hip in the fall.

## The Q Line

Last week the Santa Monica City Council adopted an official policy that allows public facilities and places to be named after corporations or individuals that contribute monetarily or beneficially to the community.

While the majority of the council supports such a policy, two of its Green Party members — Mayor Mike Feinstein and Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McKeown — are vehemently opposed to the idea, saying the city is selling public property to the

highest bidder.

So this week Q Line wants to know,

**"Do you have a problem with corporate naming of public property? Will it benefit or harm the city?"**

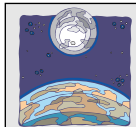
Call (310) 285-8106 with your response before Thursday at 5 p.m. We'll print them in Friday's paper. Please limit your comments to a minute or less; it might help to think first about the wording of your response.

## surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

Today, south swell fades and northwest wind swell loses intensity while a small southwest swell peaks. Expect surf to remain knee- to waist-high at most spots. Conditions should be good; clean, consistent morning sets followed by afternoon winds.

New southwest swell, more westerly than our current swell, is expected to show Thursday and build to a peak Friday. Wind swell will combine with the new swell to keep surf knee- to waist-high.



### Today's Tides:

|       |           |       |
|-------|-----------|-------|
| High- | 3:46a.m.  | 3.73' |
| Low-  | 9:43a.m.  | 1.25' |
| High- | 4:37p.m.  | 5.42' |
| Low-  | 11:39p.m. | 1.10' |

| Location    | Wednesday | Thursday  | Water Quality |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| County Line | 2-3'/Fair | 2-3'/Fair | A             |
| Zuma        | 2-3'/Fair | 2-3'/Fair | A             |
| Surfrider   | 1-2'/Fair | 1-2'/Fair | A             |
| Topanga     | 1-2'/Fair | 1-2'/Fair | A             |
| Breakwater  | 2-3'/Fair | 2-3'/Fair | A             |
| El Porto    | 2-3'/Fair | 2-3'/Fair | A             |



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## OPINION

# LETTERS

### Tipping is extortion

Editor:

I have just read Ms. Bushman's and Ms. Delano's response in your paper to my letter that you published last month on tipping. With due respect to both ladies, but I have never heard such nonsense in my life. When reading their rebuttal, I felt like I was hearing violins over their reasons why food servers should be rewarded. What garbage! What right does a patron have to give something extra to a waiter/waitress/bartender/busboy while they are waiting 15 minutes to get served?

And for those two individuals to come up with a feeble excuse about taxes being involved is just unbelievable. Everyone has to pay taxes. If I treated my clients in the same manner as some of these ungrateful individuals treat customers in their establishments, just so they could make a couple of extra bucks to pay Uncle Sam with I'd be out of business.

At the end of the day Ms. Bushman and Ms. Delano ...THE CUSTOMER IS ALWAYS RIGHT... and whether he/she tips or not tips ...THE SERVICE PROVIDED BY FOOD SERVERS MUST ALWAYS BE OF GOOD QUALITY! A customer does not go out to a bar or restaurant to pay a waiter's salary as well as pay for the meal. It's just a shame that the likes of Ms. Bushman and Ms. Delano have turned tipping into extortion.

Frank Armstrong  
Santa Monica

### Tips ensure good service

Editor:

(Monday's) letter published in your paper from waitresses Rebecca Bushman and

Margie Delano was read with interest and the content was indeed very informed. The question as to whether one should tip after receiving bad service was actually unanswered. The fact that food waiting staff do not receive medical service should be taken up with the employers of the food industry, why would the customers be expected to throw money into the pot?

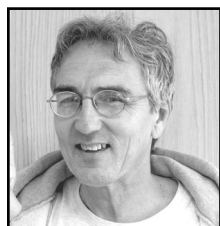
I commend the writers of the letter, obviously educated to a high standard and one wonders why these two ladies would work at waiting tables if their livelihood relied on the possibility of tips or charity of any kind. Many of my good friends have worked in the food industry whilst studying or between acting jobs. Some of my friends are professional waitresses whom I have questioned on the topic of tipping. The general consensus was that tips are a gratuity, an added perk that they would never take for granted. I, like most people, tip for good service and I overtip for excellent service.

Waitresses such as Flo at Norm's on Lincoln and Colorado deserve good tips, and the staff at Fromins on Wilshire take care of their customers in a friendly fashion.

I recently visited a cafe in Santa Monica where the customer before me had left 10 individual cents as a tip, do you think that person was a happy customer or just making a point? Yes, life is difficult for people who have to stand and serve but you have heard the saying "if you can't stand the heat get out of the kitchen." I recently returned from a trip to Europe, where in most establishments, serving food includes the service charge (tip) in the price of the check, perhaps that option should be included in the billing at our restaurants in the U.S. So let's pass the hat for all the waitresses that do not get great tips. Let's hear it for the rude ones, crude ones, and those who just do not give a damn, and pass me the job application form. It's time for me to get on board. Congratulations girls, it was a great letter. Had you thought of going into the teaching profession? Remember this, they also serve who stand and wait. Or is it the other way around?

Mo Potok  
Santa Monica

## Have we learned nothing from the '70s gas shortage?



### EDGE of the WEST

By Ron Scott Smith

Have you heard about the recent Southwest Airlines edict that says exceedingly overweight people have to pay for two seats on the plane if that's what they're taking up? A cold idea for those among us who may be girth challenged.

Another chilling idea to many has just sprung up in the California legislature.

Basically, it comes down to this. If your car is taking up more than its one allotted spot in the Savon parking lot, you will pay for two spots.

I wasn't going to get into this. This one hurts. It's about family — nephews, brothers-in-law, grandfathers and ex'es. It's about neighbors, employers, rock stars and Lakers. Some of my best friends are ... uh.

Not that there's anything wrong with it.

Tonight I was driving up the street to pick up a few sundry items at the local sundry store, and this happened:

My eyes were blinded by intense light from the vehicle behind me beaming directly into the rearview mirror. Nothing new, just some headlights positioned a lit-

tle higher than mine, an Explorer, I guessed. No, that glare is a little more invasive than Explorer glare, this is the bigger, bolder, Yukon glare.

Later, at a major intersection, as I attempted to go straight while the Range Rover in front of me was poised to turn left, I had to stop until that guy made his move, because I just couldn't get far enough around him to see what was coming.

Then, here came a Cadillac Escapade right up my tailpipe — as if to say "get that thing moving or get out of my way." It swerved around and in front of me like I was standing still. It's true, a little Saturn in a hurry will likely pull the same maneuver, but something about these big guys whizzing in and out, around and about the traffic, in full sports car mode, is unnerving.

Then, attempting to pull into the smaller-than-it-should-be Kinko's parking lot, not one, but two, 4-wheel-drive megamachines were trying to back out of their spot, and having a major time of it. A little bit back, a little bit forward, a little bit back. I waited. Finally it was all clear and I made my move into the lot to take the last remaining space. Only trouble is that a daunting Lincoln Navigator was spilled over into that space, rendering it useless. My documents would be copied later.

Anyone remember the gas crisis of '79, '80? Cars lined up around the block, waiting to get the daily gasoline fix? Let me

tell you if you weren't there. Every gas-guzzling boat passing for a car was washed up the nearest creek without a paddle. That includes the Ford LTD extravagance that I was behind the wheel of. No mercy — these tubs were scorned right off the American production lines.

Enter the Japanese invasion — the Hondas, Toyotas, Datsuns, (now Nissans), et al. We learned our lesson, and we learned it well. This gasoline shortage thing was serious and a global issue. We were dependent upon the Middle East, oil baron, fundamentalist sheiks to supply us the fuel that powers our very lives. We figured that out and, tough as it was, we downgraded. We bought those smaller cars, and, as a matter of fact, they were all the rage. I was stuck there in the LTD tanker, longing for a little Honda Civic. You think my version of the Ford was big? Have you seen the Excursion? Are we talking miles-per-gallon, or gallons-per-mile?

You know what they say about history repeating itself? It's not really a good thing because it sets evolution back. If ever there was a time to reconsider and revamp our relationship with Middle East oil barons, isn't it right about now, post 9/11?

And what about that hole-in-the-ozone global warming thing the rest of the modern-day world seems to believe is worth dealing with?

Santa Monica's assemblywoman, Fran Pavley, put forth the bill, passed by California lawmakers, that now sits on Gov. Davis' desk. Among other things, it would make it more expensive to order your vehicle super-sized by 2009.

Government, after all, does nothing so much as to defer individual excesses to society's good, i.e. speed limits, pollution limits, gun limits, drinking limits. Through that bill in Sacramento, we're looking at a very gradually imposed limitation on the size and gas consumption of the cars we drive, to the probable benefit of this whole, wide world.

Listen neighbors, and Lakers, too. When was the last time you kicked it into 4-wheel drive here in LA city, anyway? When did "all-terrain," "off-road," "sports utility" vehicles transition from mountain conquerors and desert beaters to errand runners and movie-goers?

I will confess. I drove a big, bad, white Chevy Suburban for a while. It was empowering. I sat alone, high above the traffic, shielded from any harm that may have come from the smaller rides below me. I felt like the Lone Ranger up on Silver.

And it was the farthest thing from my mind ... that there was anything wrong with it.

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## LOCAL

# Jurors decide tenants were not believable

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more to lose than landlords. Schwartz professed surprise at the verdict, which he said Shively would appeal.

Rosario Perry and Kristi Gasaway, who defended the case for landlord Joukar, said they were relieved. Had Joukar lost the case, Perry feared they would "have been in litigation for years" with a malicious prosecution case.

There is little doubt the decision, if it stands, will be tough on Shively, 41. A paralegal, she now faces having to move out of a place her daughter, 13, has called home all her life. The modest one-bedroom apartment cost only \$670 per month under rent control; the jury decided it could be leased now for \$1,200 a month.

The jurors said they quickly decided that they believed little of what Shively and Kirby said. They also became sympathetic to landlord Joukar, an Iranian immigrant with limited education who made good in the U.S. and appeared to care deeply about his tenants. One juror, a physician from UCLA, said she noted Joukar appeared near tears after his cross examination by Schwartz.

"The more you impeached him, the more we believed him," another juror told the defense lawyer after the verdict.

Indeed, the jury faulted Schwartz for his abrasive performance. They uniformly agreed that he had been needlessly noisy in closing argument and discourteous to those he was cross examining. One juror noted particular distress at Schwartz ridiculing a neighboring tenant, Michael Edwards, over Edwards' low income as an aspiring actor. And, the jurors found fault with Schwartz's sniping comments about witnesses after he'd failed to take up his complaints directly with those witnesses on cross examination. They also wondered why, in a case over tenant complaints about an apartment's habitability, the tenants failed to bring photos of the supposedly run-down condition of the place.

Perry, a Santa Monica lawyer who is a familiar sight around the courthouse, said a turning point in the case came when Shively presented a lease which appeared to be a forgery. The lease, which allowed for attorney's fees in a case such as this, was a fake, the jury decided. One juror said that at the end of the landlord's case, jurors were expecting a vigorous defense from the tenants, who were alleging a campaign of intimidation, retaliation and harassment. But, one juror said, the case never materialized.

The trial appeared to be at the outset a quintessential case of a rent-control eviction battle in Santa Monica bound for epic proportions. The landlord files to evict the tenants on grounds of "substantial interference" with the "comfort, safety and enjoyment" of the complex by other residents. The tenants strike back, claiming the eviction is intended to allow the landlord a sudden rent increase, and comes in retaliation for their complaints about the deplorable condition of the unit and

demands that it be fixed.

But in this case, Joukar brought with him two other tenants at the same complex to say that Kirby had so spooked them that they planned to return to New Hampshire until Kirby and Shively are gone.

Those tenants, aspiring actor Edwards and his girlfriend Christina Signorello, a pre-school teacher, made a case against Kirby in particular. Kirby had moved into Shively's apartment only last April, protected by a prohibition on raising the rent on domestic partners.

On June 1, things took a turn for the worse, when Edwards and Signorello began to suspect that Kirby and Shively had stolen a card with \$150 cash in it intended as a reward for Edwards reuniting a lost cat, George, with its owner.

## The trial appeared to be at the outset a quintessential case of a rent-control eviction battle in Santa Monica bound for epic proportions.

The owner, Amber Williamson, said she had taken the card to the complex and had given it to Shively, asking that it get to Edwards and Signorello. Signorello later said Kirby told her Shively had gone out to spend the cash. Kirby, a part-time geology professor, then went out of his way to intimidate them, they testified.

Judge Diana Wheatley instructed the jurors that if they decided Kirby and Shively stole the cash and that the theft created an inhospitable living condition, they could return a verdict for landlord Joukar.

The jury turned into an unusually close-knit unit. After only a three-day trial last week, most had already bonded, particularly during breaks for lawyer conferences when Judge Wheatley told them they could converse, but not about the case. Wheatley also permitted the jury to take the day off Monday in deference to one juror who had an urgent work appointment.

On Friday, the jurors showed up all decked out in Hawaiian Luau shirts, and posed for a group photo in the afternoon. On Tuesday, in deference to Judge Wheatley and her robe, they decided to dress entirely in black. But the judge had herself decided to don a blue Hawaiian shirt after the verdict was delivered. She invited them to an unusual and informal meeting with her to discuss their experiences at the trial.



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## LOCAL

# City, police department mean business with employee fraud

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on disability and worker's comp leave. The magazine advertisement was anonymously slipped under an office door of a SMPD detective.

The SMPD's internal division, the city's risk management department and the California Department of Insurance launched an extensive investigation in September 2000.

"We admitted liability to his injuries but after investigating, we felt he was exaggerating his injuries," Trujillo said. "The totality of the evidence proved that his was a fraud case. We assigned surveillance and it's our opinion he lied about his injuries. We had 44 hours of surveillance film depicting him actively working."

The evidence collected by Trujillo's office and the SMPD was turned over to the DA's office, who then filed charges against Brulato in 2001.

Brulato requested a jury trial and one was scheduled to begin this week in downtown Los Angeles, but for unknown reasons, Brulato decided to make a deal with the DA. Brulato's criminal defense attorney, Bill Seki, didn't return phone calls from the Daily Press.

Brulato officially was terminated from the SMPD on Monday, although he was placed on paid administrative leave shortly after the investigation was launched. Once he answered to criminal charges with the DA's office, Brulato was placed on unpaid administrative leave.

Brulato agreed to drop all existing and future claims against the city. He paid the \$50,000 restitution in the form of a check after Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Ruth Kwan sentenced him Monday.

Because the city paid out more than \$100,000 to Brulato — which doesn't include the salaries of city personnel who investigated the case — the plea bargain was indeed a compromise, Trujillo said.

Brulato, a patrol officer who was with the SMPD for five years and had two pre-

vious years of experience elsewhere, won't likely be pursuing his career in law enforcement.

"Brulato will never be able to work as a police officer in California because he was convicted of a felony," said SMPD Lt. Frank Fabrega. "With felony convictions you lose basic rights that we take for granted, like voting."

Santa Monica Police Officer Gabriel Suarez was convicted last September after pleading guilty to misdemeanor charges relating to felony counts of worker's comp fraud, grand theft and money laundering. He was sentenced to one year in Los Angeles County Jail, ordered to pay \$112,000 in restitution to the city and put on probation for five years. Suarez served eight months and is now out of jail, Fabrega said.

The convictions of two police officers show the city and the SMPD's vigilance in prosecuting fraudulent actions by their employees, Fabrega said.

"The majority of personnel here are hard working, conscientious and honest," he said. "Those who defraud the system will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

Fabrega said SMPD Police Chief James T. Butts, Jr. takes very seriously fraudulent actions by city employees.

"He sends the clear message that behavior like this will not be tolerated," Fabrega said. "There's nobody above the law and that's proven by the convictions of Brulato and Suarez."

The cases also send a message to doctors who may want to engage in fraudulent actions relating to disability claims.

"This sends out a message to the medical community that we investigate fraudulent claims," Fabrega said.

Trujillo said there are about 400 worker's comp claims filed each year with the city. Since 1992, there have been five worker's comp fraud cases filed and all of them have delivered convictions, Trujillo said.

"We mean business," she said.

# Mountain airports may face tougher landing restrictions

By staff and wire reports

The crash of a charter plane last year during an attempted night landing at Aspen's airport has prompted a call to change the rules governing all night landings of private jets at mountainous airports nationwide.

In a recent letter to the National Transportation Safety Board, Federal Aviation Administration Administrator Jane Garvey wrote that the agency will redefine sunset and sunrise times at airports affected by the shadows cast by tall peaks.

New rules aren't likely to go into effect for some time. Regulators still need to pinpoint the airports affected and develop specific curfews for each site.

"What we'll do is have our flight inspection aircraft team fly into the affected airports around sunrise and around sunset and determine the conditions so we can come up with an adjusted range of time," an FAA spokesman said Friday.

At airports such as Sardy Field in Aspen, the measure will have the greatest impact on private aircraft that rely on making circular approaches to land, a procedure that is only allowed during the day-

time. Larger commercial airlines already have specially authorized approaches that can be performed day or night.

The FAA action is in response to a report the NTSB published in April, which called for a redefinition of "night" and "nighttime" for airports in mountainous terrain.

The recommendation stemmed from the March 29, 2001, crash of a Gulfstream III charter jet that slammed into an Aspen hillside, killing a three-person flight crew and 15 passengers.

The family of a Los Angeles man who was killed when the chartered jet crashed filed suit in March, 2002, against the plane's owner and operator, as well as the estates of the pilots.

The family of Mario Aguilar, represented by Santa Monica-based attorneys Brian Panish and Kevin Doyle, sued Airborne Charter Inc., the company that the jet was registered to and Avjet Corp., which housed the plane in a hangar at Burbank Airport.

Airborne Charter is run by Santa Monica-based Cinergi Pictures founder and producer Andrew G. Vajna.

# STATE



## Drug probe leads to seizure of \$8M worth of Ecstasy

By The Associated Press

**TORRANCE** — Fifteen people were arrested and more than \$8 million worth of the party drug Ecstasy seized as part of a probe into a Southern California-based drug ring allegedly run by Israeli nationals.

The probe, which was conducted by investigators from the Torrance and Glendale police departments and the U.S. Customs Service, also led to the seizure of 17 pounds of marijuana and \$44,000 in cash, said Officer David Crespino of the Torrance Police Department.

The drug ring "is responsible for 90 percent of the Ecstasy coming into the City of Torrance and other local cities," Crespino said.

Investigators monitored two separate drug transactions before making their arrests and seizing the drugs and cash, Crespino said.

A drug transaction that allegedly occurred in the early morning hours of July 3 led to the arrest of Rafi Shotland, 34, of Los Angeles, and four other people. Authorities detained John Folinsky, 29, of Los Angeles, and Robert Ananian, 34, of Montebello, and found about 2,000

tablets of Ecstasy. A search warrant later served at Shotland's home led to the seizure of about 24,000 tablets of Ecstasy.

Investigators followed other suspects Sunday to a home in the San Fernando Valley, where they witnessed another drug transaction that turned into an armed robbery and carjacking, Crespino said.

Eight people were arrested and about 200 pounds of Ecstasy were seized. Search warrants were later served at three homes and two suitcases holding about 200 pounds of Ecstasy were found inside a vehicle, along with two handguns used in the carjacking and robbery, Crespino said.

Along with Shotland, Folinsky and Ananian, the arrested suspects were identified as: John Melkoun, 30; Maxim Gorin, 25; Darren Wayne Lebrecht, 31; Roston Aliktsann, 39; David Kaylan, 32; Tal Brisman, 27; Sami Atias, 24; Nery Atias, 28; Louis Amorim, 28; Kobi Amasum, 31; Moshe Matsri, 35, all of Los Angeles; and Jessica Alison Altman, 20, of Calabasas.

Those arrested are being held on bail of at least \$1 million and some are being held without bail, Crespino said.

## Judge finds \$30M Ralphs verdict 'grossly excessive'

BY SETH HETTENA  
Associated Press Writer

**SAN DIEGO** — A San Diego County judge has found that a \$30 million verdict against the Ralphs supermarket chain — the largest award in a sexual harassment case in California history — was "grossly excessive."

Jurors had taken the unusual step of making personal appeals to the judge to allow the award to stand.

In a ruling Monday, Judge Michael M. Anello wrote that while Ralphs Grocery Co.'s conduct was "reprehensible," the award "goes far beyond what is necessary to punish defendant for its conduct and to deter it from engaging in such conduct in the future."

Unless the six women who filed suit accepted a \$21.75 million reduction in the punitive damage award, Anello said he would throw out the jury's April 5 award and grant Ralphs a new trial.

The women have not yet decided whether to accept the judge's offer, said Larry Organ, one of three attorneys for the women.

Anello rejected appeals from jurors who had urged him to send a message to corporate America. Nine jurors had attended a court hearing last month on Ralphs' motion for a new trial.

"Your decision to uphold our verdict in this case will send an accurate and proper message that this type of behavior will not be tolerated in corporate America," a letter to the judge signed by nine jurors reads.

The jury foreman, John Adair, said the award had to be large if it were to serve its purpose of deterring and punishing a large corporation such as Ralphs. The jury based its award on the company's net worth of \$3.721 billion, Adair said.

"It's not the time to ask if they are comfortable with it, I hope they are not. It is not time to ask if they can afford it, we know they can," he wrote. "It's time to

ask if they are going to change their approach in doing business."

Terry O'Neil, a spokesman for Ralphs, declined comment. The Los Angeles-based chain is a division of The Kroger Co., the nation's largest supermarket operator.

**"Your decision to uphold our verdict in this case will send an accurate and proper message that this type of behavior will not be tolerated in corporate America."**

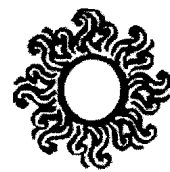
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The trial earlier this year was the second for the six women who first brought suit against Ralphs in 1996 in San Diego County Superior Court in Vista. The women claimed that manager Roger Misilek had harassed them, sometimes violently, over a 9-month period at a store in the San Diego suburb of Escondido.

Attorneys for the women also presented evidence that the company had known about allegations of harassment against Misilek dating back to 1985 and had failed to take action.

At the first trial in 1998, a jury awarded the women \$3.3 million in punitive damages, but an appellate court ordered a new trial because of jury misconduct.

"Rather than forcing Ralphs to take responsibility for its actions, the judge has encouraged corporations, through his ruling, to continue to manipulate the legal system to avoid paying their just punishment," wrote John Dalton, an attorney for the women.



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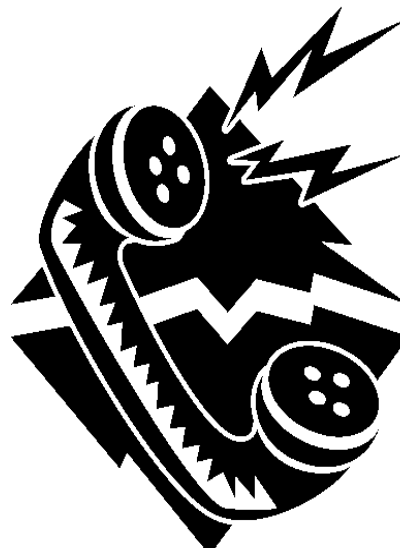
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## STATE

# Alcohol pop ads reaching millions of teens, critics say

BY MELISSA B. ROBINSON  
Associated Press Writer

**WASHINGTON** — Slick commercials for fruit-flavored alcohol drinks are luring millions of teenagers — proof that the liquor industry's voluntary advertising guidelines aren't working, consumer advocates said Tuesday.

"Those ads put liquor brand names right in kids' faces," said George Hacker, director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest's alcohol policies project. He called for tighter guidelines to minimize youth exposure.

A survey, taken by a polling firm for CSPI, estimated that 22 million teenagers — 3 out of 4 people age 12-18 — watch television after 9 p.m. on school nights, when alcohol ads routinely air. Six in 10 youths could name a specific company or brand that advertises during that time.

Ads for "malternative" beverages featuring loud music and attractive young people laughing or dancing are aimed at teens, critics said.

Like beer, the beverages are based on malt but are usually clear and flavored. Last year, CSPI complained that the sweetened malt drinks are intended as bridges to other forms of alcohol.

The Federal Trade Commission, after an investigation that included a 10-city retail placement survey, a review of advertising and an analysis of internal alcohol company documents, including market and consumer research records, concluded that there wasn't sufficient evidence to conclude that the beverages were being targeted to minors.

To clear up labeling confusion, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms announced earlier this year that makers of certain flavored malt drinks would be forbidden from advertising them as containing vodka, rum or other liquor.

"CSPI's claim was without merit then, and it's without merit now," said Lisa Hawkins, spokeswoman for the Distilled

Spirits Council. Liquor industry guidelines specify that ads should target audiences that are primarily adult.

Beer and wine are widely advertised on television, and several national cable channels and hundreds of local stations accept commercials for distilled spirits. Broadcast networks have mostly refused to hawk hard liquor for fear of seeming to be socially irresponsible, even after liquor marketers lifted their own voluntary restriction on such advertising six years ago.

**"More 'alcopop' ads are reaching more kids — and resonating."**

— **RICHARD BLUMENTHAL**  
Connecticut Attorney General

"More 'alcopop' ads are reaching more kids — and resonating," said Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, who has started meeting with liquor companies to discuss the issue.

One of the state attorneys general who spearheaded their tobacco lawsuit, Blumenthal said the liquor advertising issue "may well merit legal action under our state consumer protection laws." There's no consensus yet among the states on how to proceed, he said.

Rep. Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., asked the FTC Monday to revisit the issue to ensure that voluntary ad standards are adequately clear and strong.

The FTC would consider reviewing any new evidence that the liquor industry is targeting underage buyers, said J. Howard Beales III, director of the consumer protection bureau.

# California teacher pay jumps, beating out national advances

BY JESSICA BRICE  
Associated Press Writer

**SACRAMENTO** — California teacher salaries jumped to the second highest in the nation but teachers still fare poorly because of the state's high cost of living, according to a report released Tuesday.

The American Federation of Teachers found the average California teacher makes around \$52,480 a year compared to the nation's average of \$43,250. Only Connecticut teachers make more, with an average salary of \$53,507.

The nation's lowest paid teachers are in South Dakota, the study found, with an average pay of \$30,265.

The national average inched up by about 3.4 percent over the previous year — the smallest increase in 40 years. California, on the other hand, saw increases of more than 10 percent — the highest increase in years.

"We had been going along at 1 and 2 percent and sometimes zero growth for so long," said Mary Bergan, president of the California Federation of Teachers, a union

that represents more than 100,000 teachers and school employees in California. "In 1999 and 2000, after a long drought, we were able to get substantial salary increases in most of our districts."

Beginning teacher salaries also made advances, increasing 4.4 percent nationally and 9.6 percent in California from 1999 to 2001. The average beginning teacher in California makes \$33,121, compared to the national average of \$28,986.

But the state's high cost of living makes those numbers deceiving, teachers said. When the averages were adjusted to account for the cost of living, California fell to 16th place in the nation.

Although California's adjusted salaries were "still respectable," Bergan said, teachers are bracing for tougher times as state budget problems will limit future gains teachers had hoped for.

The federation also said teachers are being hurt by the rising cost of health care. The average teacher pays around 7 percent of his or her salary for health care.

"The biggest battle we're fighting right now is over health care costs," Bergan said.

## NATIONAL



# Cell phone users won't be able to keep numbers

BY DAVID HO  
Associated Press Writer

**WASHINGTON** — Cell phone users will have to wait longer to keep their phone numbers when they switch carriers, federal regulators decided Tuesday.

The Federal Communications Commission for the third time extended the deadline requiring carriers to allow consumers to keep their numbers. The new date is Nov. 24, 2003, one year later than the previous deadline.

Congress said in 1996 that people can keep their traditional local phone numbers when they change phone companies. The FCC said that year that wireless carriers also would have to offer "number portability."

Verizon Wireless, Cingular Wireless, Sprint PCS and AT&T Wireless are among the major cell phone companies opposing the requirement, citing cost and technical hurdles. But others, such as Nextel Communications and San Diego-based Leap Wireless, support the measure as a way for them to gain customers.

The FCC decision Tuesday was prompted by a request from Verizon Wireless, which petitioned the commission last year to eliminate the require-

ment. Much of the wireless industry supported the petition.

The four FCC commissioners denied the petition, but had to compromise on the length of the extension.

Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy said she wanted a delay that stretched into 2004 to give companies more time and to avoid draining their resources. Commissioner Michael Copps said he wanted a shorter delay.

About 137 million Americans subscribe to cell phone services and about a third change carriers each year, according to industry figures.

Travis Larson, a spokesman for the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association, said those numbers show that not being able to keep phone numbers is not preventing people from switching.

"Competition is alive and well," Larson said before the decision. His industry group supported eliminating or delaying the FCC requirement.

But consumer advocates say not being able to retain numbers is one of the biggest barriers preventing even more cell phone users from switching in search of better service and prices.

## Idaho city adopts ban on women going topless

By The Associated Press

**MOSCOW, Idaho** — The City Council has adopted a ban on bare-breasted women after three roommates staged a roving topless car wash to raise rent money. The council's 5-1 vote on Monday makes it a misdemeanor for women to display anything more than cleavage.

Daisy Mace, the 22-year-old organizer of the car wash, protested the vote by standing topless outside city hall.

"Everybody is already talking about a march or protest and an appeal," she said, promising more topless car washes in the days to come.

Inside the council chambers, a sign in the audience declared, "Sticks and stones may break my bones but breasts will never hurt me." Two women pulled off their shirts after the council approved the ordinance.

Councilwoman Peg Hamlett cast the only vote against the ordinance, warning it outlaws many swimsuits since the sides or bottom of breasts are often left uncovered by bikini tops.

Violation of the ordinance carries up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

## Attorney wants to remain on sleeping lawyer death row case

BY CONNIE MABIN  
Associated Press Writer

**AUSTIN, Texas** — Attorneys for a veteran lawyer who was barred from representing a death row inmate because he was not on an approved list asked an appeals court to have their client reappointed.

Since 1987, Robert McGlasson has represented death row inmate Calvin Burdine in his 15-year battle to get a new trial after his first lawyer slept through parts of his initial 1984 trial.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in August that Burdine should be retried because his lawyer, the late Joe Cannon, slept through parts of the trial. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld that order.

Last month, state District Judge Joan Huffman refused to appoint McGlasson, an Atlanta capital murder specialist, as

Burdine's counsel.

Huffman said McGlasson wasn't on a list created as part of the Texas Fair Defense Act and therefore could not be appointed to Burdine's case unless Burdine paid to retain McGlasson.

Rick Hagen, chairman of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, said it's only fair that McGlasson be Burdine's lawyer for the retrial because he knows the case well and has earned Burdine's trust.

Paul Storts, the assistant Harris County district attorney handling the Burdine case, said she had no comment.

Huffman did not immediately return a message.

Burdine, 49, was convicted and sentenced to death for the 1983 murder of his roommate and lover, W.T. "Dub" Wise. His retrial is set to begin in October.

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## NATIONAL

# Government organizing citizen reporting program

By The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Millions of Americans — from utility workers to ship captains — would be asked to watch for suspicious activity and report it to the government under a program being organized by the Justice Department.

Operation TIPS — Terrorism Information and Prevention System — drew prompt criticism from civil rights advocates, forcing government officials to deny that it would result in Americans spying on each other.

"The last thing we want is Americans spying on Americans," Homeland Security chief Tom Ridge said in an interview with radio reporters. "That's just not what the president is all about, and not what the TIPS program is all about."

The plan drew a rebuke from the American Civil Liberties Union.

"The administration apparently wants to implement a program that will turn local cable or gas or electrical technicians into government-sanctioned Peeping Toms," Rachel King, an ACLU legislative counsel, said in a statement.

The ACLU said it was concerned that these volunteers would, in effect, be searching people's homes without warrants, that resources would be wasted on a flood of useless tips and that the program would encourage vigilantism and racial profiling.

Barbara Comstock, director of public affairs for the Justice Department, said in a statement that the project is still under development. She denied Justice had any intent for people to enter or have access to the homes of individuals.

The idea is to organize information from people whose jobs take them through neighborhoods, along the coasts and highways and on public transit, she said.

It would provide a central reporting point for reports of unusual but non-emergency situations. Among those involved in the voluntary program could be truckers, mail carriers, train conductors, ship captains, utility employees and others.

Ridge told the radio reporters that people in certain occupations are ideal observers. "They might pick up a break in the certain rhythm or pattern of a community. They may pick up in the course of their daily business something that's very unusual."

He noted that the program is voluntary. "There's a big difference being vigilant and being a vigilante. We just want people to use their common sense," Ridge said. "It is not a government intrusion. The president just wants people to be alert and aware. ... We're not asking for people to spy on people."

The goal, Comstock said, "is to allow American workers to share information they receive in the regular course of their jobs in public places and areas."

Operation TIPS is a part of the Citizen Corps, an initiative announced by President Bush in his State of the Union address.

The Postal Service issued a statement saying it has had preliminary discussions with the Department of Justice and Bush's homeland security office, but no final agreements have been reached.

"It is important to note, however, that the Postal Service has established processes for our postal employees nationwide to report suspicious activity to the Postal Inspection Service and to local authorities," the agency said.

Justice plans to begin the project in August in 10 cities, to be selected. Participants will be able to report anything unusual to a toll-free phone number.

## Man charged with burning kitten on barbecue grill

By The Associated Press

**LIBERTY, Mo.** — A man was arrested Tuesday for allegedly burning a kitten on a barbecue grill as several other people stood around and watched in amusement.

A witness pulled the scorched, 7-week-old tabby from the hot coals, but it was severely injured and had to be put to death, police said.

"They kept saying, 'Meow, meow,' and they were poking at it with a stick," said Sherry Scott, who burned her hand grabbing the kitten.

Charles C. Benoit, 24, was charged with animal abuse, punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine. He was jailed on \$10,000 bail.

Jim Roberts, spokesman for the Clay County prosecutor's office, said he does not expect anyone else to be charged, because no witnesses could identify the others.

Scott said that on Friday night, she saw 10 or 12 people at the barbecue grill in the courtyard of the apartment complex where she lives. Scott said she asked what they were cooking, and they said it was a cat. She said the group taunted her, daring her to rescue the cat.

She said the group scattered when she

threatened to call police. She said she pulled the kitten from where it had been shoved into the coals at the back of the grill. Its tail, whiskers, fur, eyes and throat were scorched.

**"They kept saying, 'Meow, meow,' and they were poking at it with a stick."**

—SHERRY SCOTT  
Witness

"I called him Lucky because I thought I got him out of there just in time," she said.

Scott said she and other residents stayed up Friday night trying to nurse the kitten with an eye dropper of milk. But animal control officers decided that because of its respiratory injuries and inability to swallow food, it had to be destroyed.

"If you would have seen him, you would have cried," said Sheri Simpson, one of the residents who helped care for the kitten.

## SPORTS



# Expos' former minority partners sue Selig, Loria

BY RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

**NEW YORK** — Baseball's contraction plan sparked another lawsuit Tuesday, with former minority partners of the Expos accusing commissioner Bud Selig with mail fraud and wire fraud.

In a 45-page federal complaint filed in Miami under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, the 14 minority owners accused Selig and former Expos owner Jeffrey Loria of conspiring for more than two years to eliminate Montreal.

They asked that the Expos, one of the teams threatened in baseball's contraction plan, be placed in trust and said that if baseball officials try to move or fold the team, they would seek an injunction.

"From the beginning of Mr. Loria's involvement with the Expos, he and his co-conspirators engaged in a scheme that had as its object the destruction of baseball in Montreal, so that Mr. Loria and his co-conspirators could justify relocating the franchise to the United States," the owners said in the complaint.

They accused Loria and his staff of conduct "that effectively destroyed the economic viability of baseball in Montreal (that) included removing the Expos from local television, subverting well-developed plans for a new baseball stadium in downtown Montreal, purposefully alienating Expos' sponsors and investors, abandoning agreed-upon financial plans for the franchise, and undermining a planned recapitalization of the franchise that would have added new Canadian partners."

Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, called the suit "frivolous" and "a shameless attempt to obtain through publicity what they know they are not entitled to legally." DuPuy said the commissioner's office "will seek sanctions against those responsible for bringing these baseless claims."

"They told us that they did not oppose the contraction of the Montreal Expos, as long as they got paid out, but that they did not want public blame for the team's relocation or contraction," DuPuy said.

The suit contends Loria and Marlins president David Samson conspired with baseball officials to dilute the minority partners' share of the team from 76 percent to 6-to-7 percent and never intended to keep the franchise in

Montreal. Baseball says the partners' share was decreased because they refused to put up additional money Loria asked for in "cash calls" permitted by the partnership agreement.

"It is ironic that these partners are now claiming to be so committed to baseball in Montreal when they were unwilling to fund a penny of operating losses since 1991 and instead directed 'fire sales' of players during the 1990s," said Loria, who called the claims "completely without merit."

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— BOB DUPUY

Baseball's chief operating officer

Earlier this year, Loria's holding company, which bought a 24 percent controlling interest in the Expos for \$12 million in December 1999, sold the team to a company owned by the other 29 major league teams for \$120 million and purchased the Florida Marlins from John Henry for \$158.5 million — with the commissioner's office loaning the \$38.5 million difference. Henry became controlling owner of the group that bought the Boston Red Sox for \$660 million.

"They are better off financially now than they were when they owned a comparable percentage of the Montreal Expos," DuPuy said of the limited partners.

The lawsuit asks for compensatory damages, which are tripled in RICO cases, plus at least \$100 million in punitive damages. It was assigned to U.S. District Judge Ursula Mancusi Ungaro-Benages, appointed in 1991 by

President George Bush, the father of the current President Bush, a former owner of the Texas Rangers.

Defendants in the lawsuit include Selig, Loria, DuPuy, the commissioner's office and Samson, who had been executive vice president of the Expos under Loria's ownership. The partners said they also would file for an arbitration against Loria.

Jim Quinn, one of the lawyers for the limited partners, said Selig had violated criminal wire fraud and mail fraud statutes, but Quinn did not foresee a criminal case, saying, "Bud is not likely to be walked out in handcuffs."

Appearing at the news conference to announce the filing of the suit was Sam Minzberg, a lawyer for the Bronfman family who last month helped oust Jean-Marie Messier as chairman of Vivendi Universal. Charles R. Bronfman, who owned the Expos from the team's inception until 1991, has been close to Selig.

Minzberg accused Selig, Loria and their staffs of "stonewalling" the limited partners and said Bronfman had spoken to Selig about the matter.

"He asked the commissioner to do the right thing. He didn't do the right thing," Minzberg said. "We had no choice."

Bradley Ruskin, a Loria lawyer, said the limited partners "are trying to wrap themselves in the Canadian flag when it is clear that all they really want is to hold up Mr. Loria and major league baseball for some U.S. dollars."

"When you adversary feels the need to scream so loudly and engage in such public fanfare, their case is thin as ice," said Ruskin, whose firm also represents major league baseball.

Selig and baseball owners tried to fold the Expos and Minnesota Twins during the offseason but contraction was put off until 2003 at the earliest when Minnesota courts forced the Twins to honor their 2002 lease at the Metrodome.

In a settlement of that lawsuit, baseball promised not to eliminate the Twins in 2003. As part of the settlement, none of the documents in that case became public.

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## The National Football League Preseason Schedule

By The Associated Press

**Saturday, Aug. 3**

San Francisco vs. Washington at Osaka, Japan, 7 p.m. (ESPN)

**Monday, Aug. 5**

Houston vs. New York Giants at Canton, Ohio, 5 p.m. (ABC)

**Thursday, Aug. 8**

New York Jets at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m. (ESPN)

**Friday, Aug. 9**

Cincinnati at Buffalo, 4:30 p.m.

Jacksonville at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.

Detroit at Baltimore, 5 p.m.

Oakland at Dallas, 6 p.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 10**

Green Bay at Philadelphia, 4:30 p.m.

Cleveland at Minnesota, 5 p.m.

Denver at Chicago at Champaign, Ill., 5 p.m.

Houston at New Orleans, 5 p.m.

New England at New York Giants, 5 p.m.

St. Louis at Tennessee, 5 p.m.

Washington at Carolina, 5 p.m.

Kansas City at San Francisco, 6 p.m.

Indianapolis at Seattle, 7 p.m.

Arizona at San Diego, 7 p.m.

**Monday, Aug. 12**

Miami at Tampa Bay, 5 p.m. (ESPN)

**Thursday, Aug. 15**

New Orleans at Miami, 4 p.m.

Oakland at Tennessee, 5 p.m. (ESPN)

New York Jets at Baltimore, 5 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 16**

Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 4 p.m.

Minnesota at Buffalo, 4:30 p.m.

Chicago at St. Louis, 5 p.m. (FOX)

Seattle at San Diego, 8 p.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 17**

New York Giants at Atlanta, 1 p.m.

Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 3 p.m.

Philadelphia at New England, 5 p.m. (CBS)

Dallas at Carolina, 5 p.m.

Detroit at Cleveland, 5 p.m.

Houston at Kansas City, 5:30 p.m.

Green Bay at Arizona, 7 p.m.

**Sunday, Aug. 18**

Pittsburgh at Washington, 5 p.m.

**Monday, Aug. 19**

San Francisco at Denver, 5 p.m. (ABC)

**Thursday, Aug. 22**

San Diego at St. Louis, 6 p.m. (CBS)

**Friday, Aug. 23**

Baltimore at Philadelphia, 5 p.m. (FOX)

Carolina at New England, 5 p.m.

Jacksonville at Chicago at Champaign, Ill., 5 p.m.

Tennessee at Minnesota, 5 p.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 24**

Pittsburgh at Detroit, 9:30 a.m.

Buffalo at Indianapolis, 3 p.m.

New Orleans at Cincinnati, 4:30 p.m.

Atlanta at Dallas, 5 p.m.

Miami at Houston, 5 p.m.

New York Giants at New York Jets, 5 p.m.

Washington at Tampa Bay, 5:00 p.m.

San Francisco at Oakland, 6 p.m.

Denver at Arizona, 7 p.m.

Kansas City at Seattle, 7 p.m.

**Monday, Aug. 26**

Cleveland at Green Bay, 5 p.m. (ABC)

**Wednesday, Aug. 28**

San Diego at San Francisco, 6 p.m.

**Thursday, Aug. 29**

Chicago at Miami, 4 p.m.

Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 4:30 p.m.

Atlanta at Cincinnati, 4:30 p.m.

Baltimore at New York Giants, 5 p.m.

Buffalo at Detroit, 5 p.m.

Dallas at Jacksonville, 5 p.m.

New England at Washington, 5 p.m.

Arizona at Oakland, 6 p.m.

Seattle at Denver, 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30

Indianapolis at New Orleans, 4 p.m.

Philadelphia at New York Jets, 7:30 p.m.

Carolina at Cleveland, 5 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Houston, 5 p.m.

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## INTERNATIONAL

# Palestinians kill 7, wound 14 in West Bank ambush

BY JASON KEYSER

Associated Press Writer

**EMMANUEL, West Bank** — In an elaborate ambush, Palestinians disguised as Israeli soldiers set off a bomb to stop a bus near a Jewish settlement Tuesday and then fired on its passengers as they scrambled to escape. Seven people were killed and 14 wounded.

The ambush was the first deadly attack on Israeli civilians since June 20, and occurred hours before officials from the United States, Russia, the European Union and the United Nations met in New York to discuss ways of ending more than 21 months of violence and easing the humanitarian situation in Palestinian territories.

Several militant groups rushed to claim responsibility for the attack, which was a near replica of one on Dec. 12 that killed 11 people in the same place — at the entrance to the ultra-Orthodox Jewish settlement of Emmanuel, between the West Bank towns of Qalqilya and Nablus.

Witnesses reported hearing a loud explosion as the armored bus, traveling a regular route between Emmanuel and another ultra-Orthodox town inside Israel, Bnei Brak, neared the settlement entrance.

The blast was followed by smaller grenade explosions and bursts of automatic fire that lasted for several minutes. The witnesses said three to four gunmen dressed in Israeli army uniforms opened fire on the passengers as they tried to escape.

The militants fled and were pursued by army helicopters.

Rachel Gross, a 17-year-old high school student, said the bus lurched into the air when the bomb went off. "I got down under the seats, as fast as I could, because the terrorists began firing bursts and throwing grenades, it went on and on it seemed like eternity," she said while visiting the wounded at a hospital. She was not hurt.

Gross said that when she got up, she saw an unexploded grenade on the seat in front of her. The doors of the bus were jammed shut, she said, and rescue workers came in through the windows.

Moshe Avraham Cohen, in charge of security for the settlement, said he was in his office when he heard the explosion, then drove to the scene in his armored car,



Guy Alon/Associated Press

**Israeli investigators examine the wreckage of a bus which was attacked enroute to the Israeli settlement of Emmanuel, in the West Bank on Tuesday. Palestians dressed as Israeli soldiers detonated a roadside bomb near the bus, then sprayed passengers with gunfire as they tried to flee. Seven people were killed and more than a dozen were wounded.**

only to find it eerily quiet.

"I opened the (bullet proof) car door a bit. Suddenly I saw three soldiers at the side of the bus. I was happy, seeing they had already arrived. I was going to ask them if they needed help, and before I could get the words out they shot at me," he said.

He said he sped away.

Taxi driver Yitzhak Yazdi said he heard the explosion and saw stones flying over the road as he neared the scene, plumes of smoke billowing 30 feet high. "I saw two terrorists who were running away from the road and they hid behind a rock," he said.

The ambush killed seven people and wounded 14, three of them seriously, police and hospital officials said. Among the wounded was a 2-year-old, two 12-year-olds and a pregnant woman, Israel TV said. The pregnant woman was shot in the head, said Ron Nachman, mayor of nearby Ariel.

In more than 21 months of fighting, 1,758 people have been killed on the Palestinian side, and 572 on the Israeli side, including those who died in Tuesday's attack.

The most recent fatal attack on Israeli civilians occurred June 20, when a gunman killed five Israelis in the Jewish settlement of Itamar, near Nablus in the northern West Bank.

The lull in attacks was widely seen in Israel as evidence that the policy of reoccupying the Palestinian Authority's autonomous zones was the best method for preventing attacks on Israelis.

"If we had not been there, we would have had 12, or 10 attacks rather than one," said Ranaan Gissin, a spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

He said that until the Palestinians unify their security services and use them to "eradicate terrorism ... we will have to be deployed in those areas where we are in order to stop this wave of terrorist activity."

The military wing of Hamas, Izzadine al-Qassam, claimed responsibility in two telephone calls to The Associated Press in Jerusalem, saying the militants responsible were safe in the Nablus area.

However, two other groups also claimed responsibility: the Syria-based Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine said it carried out the attack; and Abu Dhabi TV in the United Arab Emirates said the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, affiliated with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, said the same.

It was considered unlikely that Israel would stage a military retaliation in response to the attack during the talks in New York.

## Saddam says any U.S. attack would be one against all Arabs

BY BASSEM MROUE

Associated Press Writer

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates** —

Saddam Hussein sought to rally the Arab world against U.S. plans to topple him, saying in a rare interview published Tuesday that any American action against Iraq would be an attack on all Arabs.

Saddam's comments came as the Pentagon's No. 2 official was in Turkey — a neighbor of Iraq and a key U.S. ally — trying to drum up support for military action against Iraq.

Turkish leaders, however, appeared reluctant. Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit told Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz that an attack on Iraq would throw Turkey's fragile economy into "chaos," the Anatolia news agency reported.

President Bush — whose father launched the Gulf War against Saddam in 1991 — says he aims to remove Saddam and accuses Iraq of sponsoring terrorism and producing and stockpiling weapons of mass destruction. Bush signed an order this year directing the CIA to increase support to Iraqi opposition groups and allowing possible use of CIA and Special Forces teams against Saddam. If covert attempts fail, some expect Bush to try military action.

Saddam appeared confident Iraq could defend itself, said Mohammed al-Misfir, a political science professor at the University of Qatar, who conducted the interview in Baghdad.

"America loves war and it has declared its stance toward Iraq and other nations, but we will confront this aggression with all available force," Saddam said, al-Misfir

told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

"All the Arab nation is targeted. The battle is not about Iraq but about the nation as a whole," Saddam said in the interview, published in several Arab newspapers, including Qatar's Al-Sharq and the Emirates' Al-Khaleej.

Al-Misfir, former editor-in-chief of Qatar's daily Al-Rayah, would not say how the interview was arranged. Saddam rarely speaks to reporters but regularly delivers televised speeches or issues statements through his government.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair said that while no specific plans had been worked out, the threat of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction made some action

against Saddam inevitable.

"There is a threat," Blair told members of Parliament in London. "The options are open, but we do have to deal with it. How we deal with it, however, is, as I say, an open question."

Russia, a longtime ally of Iraq, repeated its opposition to any attack. "We do not and cannot back any unilateral military actions against Iraq that are not sanctioned by the United Nations," Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov said Tuesday.

Turkey — which already gives its bases for allied flights patrolling Iraq — would be key to another assault on Saddam. Wolfowitz met Tuesday with Ecevit, as well as Turkey's defense minis-

ter and top generals, seeking their support. Before his arrival, Defense Minister Sabahattin Cakmakoglu told state-run TRT television that Turkey did not "at this moment" approve of an attack on Iraq.

Aside from worries over its economy, Turkey fears that an attack on Saddam would prompt Kurds in northern Iraq to declare their own state — fueling Turkey's own Kurdish movement. Kurds in northern Iraq rebelled after the Gulf War, in which Iraqi soldiers were driven from Kuwait.

"We've been very clear ... expressing our firm opposition to a Kurdish state in northern Iraq," Wolfowitz told reporters after meeting Ecevit.

## Pilot of Aaliyah's plane had cocaine in system

BY ROGAN M. SMITH

Associated Press Writer

**NASSAU, Bahamas** — The pilot of the small plane that crashed in the Bahamas last year — killing 22-year-old singer and actress Aaliyah, himself and seven others — had traces of cocaine and alcohol in his body, aviation officials said Tuesday.

An autopsy performed on Luis Antonio Morales Blanes' body revealed cocaine in his urine and traces of alcohol in his stomach, the Bahamas Department of Civil Aviation said in a statement.

Authorities are investigating how the substances might have affected the pilot at the time of the August crash. Morales, 30, was sentenced to three years probation on charges of crack cocaine possession 12 days before the crash.

Aaliyah, who was already a two-time Grammy nominee for best female R&B vocalist, was leaving the Bahamas following a video shoot when the Cessna 402-B crashed during takeoff. All nine people aboard died.

The aviation department also said Tuesday the aircraft may not have undergone fuel-pump wiring modifications required in

August 1988. Unidentified particles and corrosion found in the fuel filters were "indications that routine maintenance was not being performed," the statement said.

The investigative committee has not yet been able to talk to the plane's owner, or inspect the engine or aircraft log books, which would show maintenance, it said.

The twin-engine plane was also at least 700 pounds overweight, investigators have said. Although nine people were on board, the plane is certified to carry up to eight including the pilot.

Inspection of the plane's engine, airframe, propeller and fuel system, however, has shown no cause for malfunction, authorities said Tuesday.

In May, the parents of Aaliyah filed a lawsuit against Virgin Records, alleging that negligence and recklessness caused the plane crash.

The lawsuit, filed in Los Angeles Superior Court on behalf of Diane and Michael Houghton, also named several video production companies and Blackhawk International Airways, the company that operated the plane.

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# Calendar

## Wednesday, July 17, 2002

## movies

**Loews Broadway Cinema**  
1441 Third St. at Broadway  
*The Sum of all Fears* (PG-13) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30. *The Bourne Identity* (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30, 10:00. *The Powerpuff Girls Movie* (PG) 12:00, 2:15. *Like Mike* (PG) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15. *Scooby-Doo* (PG-13) 4:30, 6:45 9:00.

**Mann Criterion**  
1313 Third St.  
*Minority Report* (PG-13) 11:40, 3:15, 7:10, 10:30, 12:15. *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood* (PG-13) 11:10, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* (PG) 11:20, 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50. *Men in Black II* (PG-13) 11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:40, 12:00. *Halloween: Resurrection* 11:45, 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00, 12:00.

**AMC Theatre SM 7**  
1310 3rd Street  
*Lilo & Stich* (PG) 10:35, 12:40, 2:45, 4:50, 7:05, 9:15. *Mr. Deeds* (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40. *Insomnia* (R) 11:20, 2:00, 5:05, 7:55, 10:40. *Reign of Fire* 11:15, 1:50, 4:30, 7:35, 10:20. *The Crocodile Hunter* (PG) 10:30, 12:25, 2:50, 5:10, 7:25, 9:35. *Road to Perdition* 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:55, 10:50.

**Landmark Nu-Wilshire**  
1314 Wilshire Blvd.  
*The Fast Runner: Atanarjuat* (NR) 11:30, 3:15, 6:45. *Lovely and Amazing* (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45. *Notorious CHO* (R) 10:05, 12:00.

**Laemmle Monica**  
1332 2nd St.  
*Y Tu Mama Tambien* (NR) 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15. *Sunshine State* (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:10. *Me Without You* (NR) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10.

**Aero Theatre**  
1328 Montana Ave.  
*The Emperor's New Clothes* (PG) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30.

## Wednesday Community

**Santa Monica Strutters**, a FREE program sponsored by UCLA Healthcare's 50-Plus Program! Walking programs for adults 50 or older looking for safe, low-impact exercise in a comfortable environment. The Santa Monica Strutters meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 8 a.m. To 10 a.m., at Santa Monica Place, Fourth St. and Broadway Ave. in Santa Monica.

**Senior Suppers** - Discounted meals for people AGE 55 or older are served daily, from 3:30 p.m. To 7 p.m., in the cafeteria at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, 1250 16th Street in Santa Monica. \$3.69 Info only: (310)319-4837.

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## Entertainment

**Poetry N Go Club**, 8 pm. UnUrban Coffeehouse. 3301 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, (310)315-0056.

**Cara Rosellini** hosts The Gaslite's Comic Review, followed by open-mic comedy karaoke, at The Gaslite, 2030 Wilshire Blvd. 7:30 p.m. FREE! (310)829-2382.

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### ODDS & ENDS

#### Politician busted for scalping

By The Associated Press

**MILWAUKEE** — An Eagles concert didn't produce a "Peaceful, Easy Feeling" for a local politician when he was caught trying to sell two extra tickets before the show.

Alderman Marvin Pratt wound up with a city citation for illegal ticket selling at the Summerfest music festival over the weekend.

Pratt and Summerfest officials confirmed Tuesday that a security guard stopped Pratt as he sold the extras for their face value of \$150 just outside the Marcus Amphitheater ticket office.

Pratt said he was trying to sell the tickets at face value rather than scalp them for extra cash. He said he had the extras because friends canceled plans to join him for the sold-out show.

"I didn't want to lose money," Pratt said.

But direct ticket sales within 500 feet of Summerfest are prohibited by city ordinance — at any price.

Pratt said he plans to review the ordinance to see if it could use some fine-tuning.

#### The road less traveled

By The Associated Press

**HACKENSACK, N.J.** — A family of six set a world's record during their summer vacation while raising money to fight cystic fibrosis.

The Collins family of Midland Park were on the road for 19 days and logged 9,942 miles before they returned home on Sunday, setting the record for using the least mileage while traveling in all 48 contiguous states.

Before leaving on June 26, they contacted officials at The Guinness Book of Records, who agreed to set up the new category. They headed north into New England, then swung through New York, Pennsylvania, and the Midwest.

They looped around the Northwest and then headed down into Utah and Nevada, grazing California before heading back east through the nation's southern tier. Along the way, the family visited the Grand Canyon, Mount Rushmore and Yellowstone National Park.

The trip was inspired by their 9-year-old neighbor, Meghan Vander Plaats, who has cystic fibrosis. The genetic disease causes thick mucus to clog the lungs and digestive system, leading to life-threatening infections.

During breaks in their travels, Sean and Jackie Collins and their children — David, 17, Jonathan, 11, Megan, 9, and Daniel, 4 — spoke about the disease and sought contributions to support research.

"I don't even know how to put what I'm feeling into words," said Kris Vander Plaats, Meghan's mother. "We're blown away."

#### Sex-starved men enroll in class

By The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — There's technical school, there's parochial school — and now there's Johns School.

That's John as in those who patronize prostitutes.

Under a new policy announced by Brooklyn District Attorney Charles J. Hynes last week, arrested johns will get to choose between attending a class on the evils of prostitution or facing 90 days in jail.

"Pimps and prostitutes are only two-thirds of the age-old crime; the remaining one-third is the john," Hynes

said. "Johns School will not only educate offenders but remind them that, as an equal part, they are in fact committing a crime."

Under the program, offenders will be taught the health risks of prostitution, the adverse effect on the quality of life within the community and the negative impact on the prostitutes themselves.

The five-hour course will be taught by assistant district attorneys, former prostitutes, health professionals, police officers, social workers and community leaders.

Previously, johns were given community service or had their cases dismissed with time served.

Defendants with violent criminal records will not be offered the class.

#### Cat found in the wall

By The Associated Press

**BILLINGS, Mont.** — A cat stuck for weeks inside the wall of a home after getting caught up in a remodeling project has been found and reunited with its owners.

Sophia was accidentally walled in when workers finished repairs at a neighborhood home, and the cat spent about three weeks in a crawl space foraging for bugs.

The cat's owners, Jeff and Nataline Runkles, had no idea where the pet had gone, and presumed it lost.

But the Runkles later read a news story about a cat being rescued from a crawl space and raced to the animal shelter to see if it was Sophia.

"When they opened the cage, she jumped up on his shoulder and planted herself," Nataline Runkles said. "There was no doubt it was our cat."

Sophia picked up a not-so-glamorous habit during her stay in the crawl space and now chases moths and beetles.



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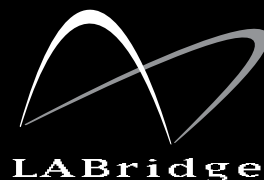
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