

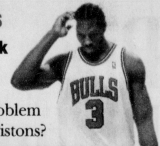


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## Should Brown's tipsters get reward?

Opinions split on if women deserve \$140,000 for late info

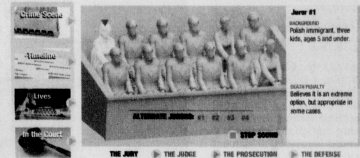
BY SARA FAIWELL  
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The killers of seven people at the Palatine Brown's Chicken have had a bounty of more than \$100,000 on their heads since the vicious slayings in 1993. Yet with Thursday's conviction of Juan Luna, it remains uncertain whether any of three

women who helped crack the case — one of whom admits she kept quiet to protect the defendants — will see a dime of that purse. Palatine officials who set up the fund as authorities scoured the country for suspects say they haven't considered whether the women should get the money. "People donated the money

with the perception it would be paid to someone to come forward," said Palatine Councilman Jack Wagner, who spearheaded the collection. "I would imagine we have an obligation to look real carefully at the person or persons who were responsible for this." Some donors have strong opinions that waiting nearly a decade to come forward should

vacate any claim to the cash. The owner of the Brown's Chicken & Pasta chain, who has pledged \$25,000 to the reward fund, holds that view. "Do I think they deserve it? Hell, no," Frank Portillo scoffed. Portillo had a separate reward fund of about \$110,000 he collected through his stores and



**All the facts** Get the complete story about the Brown's Chicken murders with our extensive story archive and multimedia presentations on [dailyherald.com](http://dailyherald.com)

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This Cherokee-Cruiser plane piloted by a Texan landed on Northwest Highway in Palatine when the pilot saw he was out of fuel. He was headed to Campbell Airport in Grayslake. PHOTOS BY MARK WELSH/welsh@dailyherald.com

## CALL IT NORTHWEST RUNWAY

Pilot lands his plane safely on Palatine street after fuel runs out

BY SARA FAIWELL  
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Just call it the miracle on Northwest Highway. What could have been a Friday night plane crash turned into somewhat of a circus after a small aircraft ran out of fuel and made an emergency landing near a busy Palatine intersection. No one was hurt when the Piper Cherokee Cruiser plane made its way down onto Northwest Highway and Quentin Road, in front of Brandt's restaurant, just before 8 p.m. Having left work moments before at A.C. Imports Laguna down the street, Lin Chandler was driving his 2006 red Mini Cooper home when all of a sudden the plane came up behind him and kept going over the roof of his car. As he pointed out the scratch it left, Chandler, of Arlington Heights, said he's just glad everyone is OK.



Enrique Dubois of Arlington, Texas, nearly crashed his plane on Northwest Highway in Palatine after his plane ran out of gas, hit power lines and scraped a car. Here, he sits on the wing of his plane — the black marks on the wing are where he made contact with the power lines.

"I called my wife, told her that I was hit by an airplane and would be late for dinner," he said. Before seeing the plane, Chandler said the white emergency lights were flashing on all the traf-

fic lights. He was looking around, thinking an ambulance would be coming up. The rights were activated after someone called 911 and police headed toward the scene, the Palatine Fire Department said. The pilot — Enrique Dubois from Arlington, Texas — is in town to visit family. He was heading to Campbell Airport in Grayslake, he said. A woman was with him in the plane, but it's unclear if she was related to the pilot. "I ran out of fuel but had enough to taxi down here," he said. "I just looked for a street to land on." The four-seater, single-engine is registered to Stephen Judy of Arlington, Texas, as well as Texas resident Rudolph Thomas and Dubois. Each owns a third. Walter Beaulieu of Bedford, Texas, was a one-third owner of the plane until two weeks ago. He

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## Riding bike drunk same as DUI?

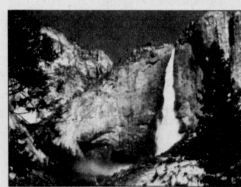
BY CHARLES KEESHAN  
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With no driver's license and four prior driving under the influence violations on his record, you might think Charles E. Braun was smart to climb aboard a bicycle instead of into a car after having too much to drink last month. Think again. Braun, 43, who recently moved to Oakwood Hills from Elk Grove Village, appeared in a McHenry County courtroom Friday morning facing a prison sentence of three to seven years if convicted of a pair of felony charges for driving his bicycle drunk. The facts and circumstances of this case, the state would admit, are unusual. Assistant McHenry State's Attorney Ryan Blackney said after Braun pleaded not guilty to aggravated driving under the influence and driving with a revoked license. County authorities filed the charges because, they say, Braun's black Schwinn is no ordinary bike. Attached to the two-wheeler, officials said, is a small, two-cycle motor that qualifies the bicycle as a motor vehicle under state law. As a

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## Cheney sends verbal shot across Iran's bow

Vice President Dick Cheney said Friday, while about 150 miles off the Iranian coastline, that the heightened U.S. military presence in the Persian Gulf demonstrated Washington's resolve in a standoff over Iran's nuclear plans. "With two carrier strike groups in the Gulf, we're sending clear messages to friends and adversaries alike," Cheney said aboard the carrier USS John C. Stennis. "We'll stand with others to prevent Iran from gaining nuclear weapons and dominating the region," he said. See story on Page 2.



Yosemite, above, and Glacier national parks are environmentally friendly vacation spots.

## Eco-friendly vacation spots

If you're planning to pack up the kids this summer, will you hit the road in a gas-guzzling RV or a fuel-efficient hybrid car? More than two-thirds of those questioned for a recent survey say eco-friendliness is an important factor when planning vacations. For a look at some of the "greenest" spots, see Page 9.

- What people are saying about traveling green**
- 65% say it would somewhat impact their decision to stay at a hotel if they knew the hotel was using solar or wind energy
  - 52% would be willing to donate small portion of their vacation budget to help save the environment when booking a trip
  - 63% would pay a little more to rent a hybrid vehicle or stay at a green hotel
  - 51% feel the U.S. tourism industry is not environmentally friendly
- Source: MarketFoot survey of 201 regular adult travelers



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**Not too shabby**  
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