

Model Naomi Campbell wins British media case

LONDON (AP) - Supermodel Naomi Campbell won her appeal Thursday in her privacy case against a newspaper that published photographs of her leaving a drug counseling meeting.

Reversing a lower court decision, the Law Lords, Britain's highest court, ruled 3-2 that the Daily Mirror invaded Campbell's privacy. The lords also overturned an order requiring her to pay the newspaper's legal costs, estimated at \$630,000.

Campbell had asked the panel, which sits in the upper chamber of Parliament, to reverse an October 2002 ruling that the Daily Mirror was justified in publishing a picture of her leaving a Narcotics Anonymous meeting because Campbell had previously lied to the media about her drug use.

"Miss Campbell is delighted by today's verdict," said her lawyer, Keith Schilling. "This is not only a vindication for her personally, but more importantly it represents a real advancement for the rights of people to maintain important elements of their privacy, particularly

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when relating to therapy." Campbell was not present for the ruling.

Some feared the verdict would restrict press freedom by granting public figures an overly wide right to privacy.

"This is a very good day for lying, drug-abusing prima donnas who want to have their cake with the media, and the right to then shamelessly guzzle it with their Cristal champagne," Daily Mirror editor Piers Morgan said.

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Campbell had sued the Daily Mirror, claiming it had breached her right to confidentiality and invaded her privacy by running the February 2001 photos and a story that included details of her drug treatment. The model testified that she felt "shocked, angry, betrayed and violated" by the piece.

In April 2002 the High Court ruled in Campbell's favor and ordered the paper to pay her legal costs and \$6,300 in damages.

The decision was overturned on appeal six months later, and the Court of Appeal ordered the model to pay the newspaper's legal costs, estimated at \$630,000. The Lords' ruling reinstates the original damages order.

Schilling said Campbell had never objected to the Daily Mirror's reporting that she had a drug problem and had misled the media about it, but only to its publication of details of her treatment.

The judges who ruled in her favor agreed. "People trying to recover from drug addiction need considerable dedication and commitment, along with constant reinforcement from those around them," ruled Baroness Hale, a member of the panel. "Blundering in when matters are acknowledged to be at a fragile stage may do great harm."



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SHOW BUSINESS

Painter-designer Jean Paul was awarded "Best of Show" for his work. His display of paintings at the 7th Annual ArtFest of Henderson last weekend caught the judges attention. Paul, who's also a percussionist and vocalist, specializes in modernistic, impressionistic and realistic paintings.

Jay-Z earns kudos from prince

LONDON (AP) - Prince Charles declared himself an urban music fan Friday, and rapper Jay-Z said the prince was very cool. The heir to the British throne met Jay-Z at a rehearsal for an urban music festival sponsored by Charles' youth charity, the Prince's Trust.

Charles, 55, watched a performance by a group of unemployed young people who have been helped by the trust.

They will appear at the festival at London's Earl's Court arena Saturday and Sunday,

alongside stars including Jay-Z, Beyonce, Alicia Keys and British rappers Dizzee Rascal and The Streets.

"I'm not very familiar with the urban scene, but I do like some of the music," said Charles, who gave the performers an enthusiastic ovation.

Jay-Z, dressed in a navy-blue suit and striped tie, said Charles was "cool, very cool."

"For someone so high up to help kids and give them a second chance in life is a beautiful thing," he added.

Shoving erupts at 50 Cent show

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) - Police had to break up a shoving match at a Boston club after the rapper 50 Cent and his entourage jumped from the stage during a surprise appearance and scuffled in the audience.

Two people were arrested for disturbing the peace during the incident in the Hippodrome club early Saturday morning, said Springfield Police Capt. Charles Arpin.

Police also were investigating whether a nearby shooting was related.

The crowd of 1,400 people did not know 50 Cent was there until he took the stage after the other acts. About 10

minutes after he took the stage, someone in the crowd threw water at him from a cup or water bottle, Hippodrome co-owner Michael J. Barrasso said.

"He removed his gold chain, handed it to someone on the stage next to him and jumped off the stage into the crowd," Barrasso said. The rapper's entourage, including bodyguards, also jumped off the stage.

The crowd was so dense Barrasso could not tell if there was any fighting beyond pushing.

Security guards and police officers pushed the rapper — whose real name is

Curtis Jackson — and his entourage back on stage, Barrasso said.

"He finished the song, believe it or not," Barrasso said. "Then the whole entourage and him just rushed for the exit, got in their cars and left."

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After the incident, a man walked into the Mercy Medical Center emergency room with a gunshot wound to the leg, saying he'd been shot about a block from the theater. Arpin said police are not certain if the shooting was related to the disturbance at the Hippodrome.

Prince

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the reasons parental advisories became standard on explicit records — his sexually charged material enraged many for years, and he never seemed to run out of ways to shock. (Remember the infamous "butt-out" pants he wore on an MTV Awards show?)

But the Prince of today is a Jehovah's Witness who refrains from cursing and won't sing those racy songs now.

He frequently uses Bible verses and parables in conversation as he bemoans the lack of morality in today's culture.

"What we have today is the same situation

right now that Noah faced," he says.

"Some rain is going to come, and it's time to get on the ark. The best thing we can do is to keep our lives in order and our conduct clean."

He is surprisingly unrepentant, however, about his dirty past: "I didn't have any regrets about that — I was a young man."

Prince may never replicate the record sales or airplay of his heyday, but it's clear he doesn't think those were ever his glory years — he's living them now.

"There ain't nothing that I feel in lack of," he says. "It's a wonderful day."

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