



Deep Ng at Kowloon City Court

I'll watch where I hang out, says singer acquitted of assault

Chandra Wong

Canto-pop singer and actor Deep Ng Ho-hong yesterday was acquitted of an assault charge after a court ruled the victim's statement was inconsistent.

The 22-year-old, whose real name is Ng Wai-nam, appeared in a dark suit in Kowloon City Court charged with assaulting Chim Chikin at the Boozeroo pub in Tsim

Sha Tsui on July 11. Ng denied the charge.

Magistrate Douglas Yau Tak-hong warned Ng to "conduct" himself in future so as to avoid facing similar situations.

The victim, 24, told the court Ng had forcefully dragged him by the left sleeve and pushed him out the pub door.

He had then been beaten by about 10 men and suffered a bro-

ken left hand and multiple abrasions.

Mr Yau found discrepancies in evidence submitted by Mr Chim after he told the court he had shared details of the assault in three phone conversations with a friend.

But the friend who was called to testify yesterday denied the details.

Mr Yau said he found it strange that during these phone conversations, Mr Chim had never men-

tioned Ng had forcefully dragged or pushed him but said merely that Ng had merely scolded him.

Another two defendants, Shum Lok-chi, 22, a waitress at the pub, and Yan Ching-ching, 18, were separately accused of attacking Mr Chim in the pub on the same day.

Shum pleaded guilty to one count of common assault, and was fined \$2,000 and ordered to pay Chim \$1,000 in compensation.

Yan was acquitted on the same charge.

Ng was previously convicted of possessing cocaine in July last year. He was fined \$5,000 after pleading guilty following his arrest in Yau Ma Tei on June 23 last year.

Police found 0.42 grams of cocaine in his possession.

The entertainer admitted to paying \$1,800 for the drug and said it was for his own use.

Outside the court yesterday, Ng vowed he would not risk his reputation again and said he would be careful in choosing places to visit after work.

"I think I showed up at an inappropriate place at the wrong time," he said.

"As an artist and a public figure, I will choose where I should go and will avoid visiting certain places other than for work in future."

Hepatitis B a growing scourge, says doctor

Many people unaware they have the virus linked to liver cancer

Patsy Moy in San Francisco

Hong Kong may see an increase in severe liver diseases because new mainland migrants unwittingly carrying the hepatitis B virus fail to seek treatment, doctors warn.

They also point out that many people remain ignorant about hepatitis B, and there is an urgent need to improve public education to promote early screening and vaccination.

These concerns were raised by George Lau Ka-kit, hepatology professor at the University of Hong Kong, who tested 500 Cheung Chau residents last week, with results showing that about 10 per cent carried hepatitis B.

But as many as 80 per cent of the carriers were not aware that they had the disease until they had the blood test.

Dr Lau, who is also a trustee of the Cheng Si Yuan (China-International) Hepatitis Research Foundation, said the figures were comparable with other districts in Hong Kong. Hepatitis B has been identified as a key cause of liver cancer because at least 80 per cent of cases are linked to the virus. About 1,400 people die of liver cancer every year in Hong Kong.

"Hong Kong is such an advanced city that people are generally well educated and informed. But we still have 80 per cent of peo-

ple who are not aware of their own health problems," Dr Lau said.

"We believe that no more than 1 per cent of hepatitis B carriers in the mainland know they are carrying the disease, so many patients don't seek treatment until the late stages.

"One of our major concerns is that some of the children or young people from the mainland who settle in Hong Kong for family reunion may carry the virus unknowingly," said Dr Lau, who was in San Francisco to attend the 56th annual meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases.

"They may develop liver cancer when they grow older, probably in their middle-age ... that means we may see more liver patients in Hong Kong in the future."

Samuel So, director of the Asian Liver Centre at Stanford University, also described the mainland as a "major country for both hepatitis B and liver cancer" patients.

He said that of 600,000 people who died of liver cancer every year worldwide, 54 per cent were from the mainland.

"In the US, of the 40,000 new migrants found with hepatitis B every year, at least a half are Asians, and a significant portion of them are from the mainland. I worry that Hong Kong shares the same problem," he said.

"People should have blood tests for hepatitis B to identify whether they are carriers. People who are not infected should receive vaccinations and those who carry the virus should seek early treatment."

Dr So warned that most people, regardless of their nationalities, were ignorant about hepatitis.



Burning barge

Four crew members escaped unhurt when the engine of their barge burst into flames in waters off Sai Kung yesterday afternoon. The 20-metre barge was about 50 metres

off the shore when the fire broke out around 4.15pm. Crew members managed to berth the burning barge at Wong Shek Pier near a water sports centre and dial 999.

Six fire engines and an ambulance were despatched. The blaze was put out shortly after 6pm. The cause of the fire is being investigated. Photo: Red Door News

England star of 1966 visits with World Cup

Clytze Li

George Cohen, World Cup winner with England in 1966, has arrived in Hong Kong bearing gifts for Po Leung Kuk children's foundation and school - a \$50,000 donation and tips on playing football.

Cohen also brought with him the original Fifa World Cup, and more than 50 children had photographs taken with him and the trophy yesterday at Causeway Bay.

"I am pleased to see so many youngsters in Hong Kong are participating in football, especially girls," Cohen said.

The priceless trophy was

brought to Hong Kong by World Cup sponsor Philips Electronics, and remained under constant guard. The children appeared interested, even though they had no idea what a treasure it was.

Cohen signed dozens of footballs that were given to the children. While some struggled to understand what Cohen was talking about, others were not afraid to ask questions in English, such as "when did you start play football?" and "which is your favourite team?"

Cohen said he started playing when he was 13 and his favourite team was Fulham, for which he played 408 games. He encouraged the children to start playing football as young as possible.

"The earlier you start playing football, the better you will get," he said.

The World Cup star, who won 37 international caps, had a kick-



Former England footballer and World Cup hero George Cohen visits Po Leung Kuk to show off his football skills and the World Cup trophy yesterday in Causeway Bay. Photo: Martin Chan

around with the children and showed them basic skills. Some boys who tried to take him on found him as tough to get past as the German players did in the 1966 World Cup final, which England won 4-2.

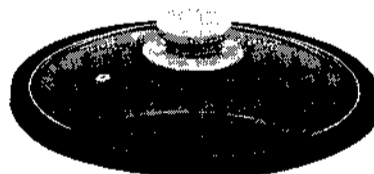
Choi Ka-lo, eight, had a lot of

fun. "He is very cool and very nice. He can move so quickly with the football. And he said 'well done' twice to me," she said.

A boy named Tommy said he was happy to have met Cohen, even though he did not know who he was before the visit.

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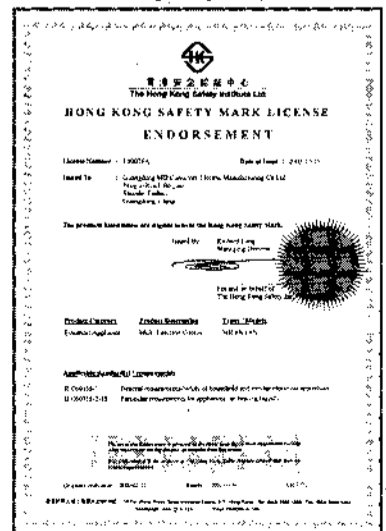
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In Memoriam: Professor Samuel T. Chanson: 5 August 1946 – 26 August 2005

A beloved teacher and colleague, and a world-renowned computer scientist, Prof Samuel Chanson was a founding faculty member of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology's Department of Computer Science.

He passed away this summer after a brave fight against illness. An inspiration to the very end, his dedication to colleagues and students shone through even the most difficult days of his illness when he would teach and attend faculty meetings confined to a wheelchair. Prof Chanson was widely acclaimed and an internationally consulted expert in the fields of Internet protocols and high speed networks; multi-media communication; load balancing and other Internet technologies, particularly security and commerce.

A committed Christian, he is also remembered as one of the University's finest lecturers. Through his teaching and research, Prof Chanson stood as a role model for generations of Hong Kong computer scientists. His legacy will live on through the contributions his many students will make to society in the years ahead.

As a fitting and permanent memorial to his dedicated service, both to education and computer science, the "Professor Samuel Chanson Scholarship Fund" has been established to support the University's best teaching assistants, undergraduate and postgraduate students in the fields of computer science and computer engineering.

The University will hold a Memorial Service on Friday 25th November to celebrate the life of Prof Chanson. More than just an academic, Samuel is a dearly missed friend, colleague and teacher. All are welcome.

The Samuel Chanson Memorial Service

Time and Date 5:30pm, 25th November 2005
Venue The Tin Ka Ping Hall, University Center, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Condolence messages: cm@cs.ust.hk

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A Memorial Service for **Dr. Feliciano V. Carino** will take place at 4.00 p.m. Thursday 24th November at the Kowloon Union Church, 4 Jordan Road, Kowloon.

His body will lie in state at the Universal Funeral Parlour, No. 10 Cheong Hang Road, Hung Hom from 10 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. on 24th November.

OBITUARY

ADVANI H.A., Hashushing Awatsingh passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 19, 2005. Survived by only son, Danny Advani. Funeral arrangements will be announced shortly.

Thank you St. Jude & Mother Mary for answering my prayers.
SDG

Faulty traffic lights ruled out in crash

Jonathan Li

A government engineer told the District Court yesterday there were no faulty traffic lights in North Point when a fatal accident involving two minibuses and a taxi occurred in October last year.

Ho Kam-shan, a Transport Department traffic engineer, also said that according to computer records of the traffic lights' monitoring system, no traffic lights in that area were switched off on the morning of the accident.

He added the computer system was in good condition on that day, and explained the timing sequence of the traffic lights along Kings Road that morning.

Mr Ho gave evidence yesterday as a prosecution witness in the trial of minibus drivers, Liu Chun-pong, 25, and Poon Wing-kay, 30.

Both Liu and Poon are accused of causing the death of Lee Lai-chuen and Lung Kai-hon through dangerous driving on October 22 last year.

The two also face a joint charge of causing bodily harm to their passengers by racing.

They have denied all charges.

The District Court has heard that Poon's bus was travelling west along King's Road when it rammed into a taxi at the corner of Healthy Street East at 5.45am and then hit the other minibus, causing it to flip over.

Lee, 23, and Lung, 58, who were passengers in Liu's bus, died later that day. Fifteen passengers were injured.

The case continues before Judge Bernard Whaley.

IN BRIEF

STUDENTS HELD OVER CIGARETTE ASSAULT

Police yesterday arrested two male students, aged 16 and 18, for allegedly kicking another student, 19, and burning his neck with a cigarette. The alleged assault took place outside the Vocational Training Council's Hospitality Industry Training and Development Centre in Pokfulam Road about 5pm on Friday.

UNEMPLOYED MAN PLUNGES TO DEATH

A jobless man, 48, plunged to his death from the 25th-floor of Yok Yu House, Choi Wan Estate, in Choi Hung, about 5am. In a separate case, an 85-year-old woman with a history of mental illness fell to her death from an 18th-floor unit in Chung Tak Mansion, Magazine Gap Road, Mid-Levels, about 10.30am.

HYGIENE OFFICERS INJURED

Five hygiene officers were injured in a scuffle with an alleged unlicensed hawkker, his wife and a male friend outside Hiu Fung House, Fung Wah Estate, in Chai Wan, just before 12.30am. The suspects were arrested but no charge has been laid.

PEDESTRIAN HIT BY GLASS

A 55-year-old woman was hit by glass when a window fell from a 23rd-floor unit in the Hsin Kuang Centre on Lung Cheung Road, Wong Tai Sin, about 4.30pm.

MOTORBIKE UP IN FLAMES

A motorcyclist, 31, was arrested for drink-driving after his motorbike burst into flames on West Kowloon Corridor, Shamshuipo, shortly before 6am. He was released on \$5,000 bail pending further investigation.

LOVE-LORN GIRL CUTS WRIST

A love-lorn Form Five student slashed her wrist with a paper cutter at the Vocational Training Council Yeo Chei Man Senior Secondary School on To Lok Road in Tseung Kwan O.

TAXI KNOCKS OUT WOMAN

A woman was knocked unconscious by a taxi at the junction of Argyle Street and Tin Kwong Road, Kowloon City, about 2.30pm.