

Evidence mix-up in Bilic case

VERTON defender Steven Bilic escaped a surt penalty for alleged speeding after bureaucratic mix-up. The 31-year-old pleaded not guilty when he appeared before Liverpool magistrates yesterday. The court was told the alleged incident took place on August 18 last year on Scotland Road. The prosecution had aimed a speed camera aimed a Jaguar XJ6 driven by Bilic travelling at 48mph in a 30mph zone. But the court clerk revealed there were problems with evidence. He said police had sent him wrong photographs to the Crown Prosecution Service and paperwork in the case had been lost or mislaid. Magistrates dismissed the case because of a lack of evidence.

Students ready to go on air

STUDENTS at St Helens Community College are ready to go on the air after their radio station secured a licence to broadcast. It is hoped that campus-only station Solar AM will be on the air by the end of August. The station, on 1287 medium wave, will mainly broadcast music and has been set up for students if the college's media centre. Solar AM has been funded by the college along with advertising and sponsorship money.



● In action... pupils work with producer Clifford Cohen, watched by Paul Chadwick of the Roy Castle Foundation

Cartoon fun with a message

By Jo Robathan, health reporter
STUDENTS from Liverpool have produced their own animated film about the perils of smoking. Youngsters from Cardinal Heenan School in West Derby and Notre Dame High School in Everton Valley have been working alongside professionals as part of a special project run by California-based AnimAction and the city's Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation. The children were shown how to produce their own 30-second video advertisement, giving their message on the dangers of tobacco and smoking.

Collaborating
 Professor Ray Donnelly, founder and honorary medical director of the foundation, said: "This is a pilot project in the UK. "The foundation is collaborating with AnimAction who will teach our children how to make their own animated films portraying their feelings on specific subjects." Through the scheme, children learn a number of technical skills while at the same time focusing their minds on tobacco and how it affects them and their friends. The short videos can be shown to pupils, parents, or broadcast on TV.

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