

Re "Mel Gibson gets three years' probation" (Aug. 17):

If my son were caught driving under the influence and having an open liquor container, would he get away with the "sentence" that Gibson got? Guess if you have money for a good lawyer, you can get away with breaking the law.

- Evelyn Kaufman

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#### **None of the above**

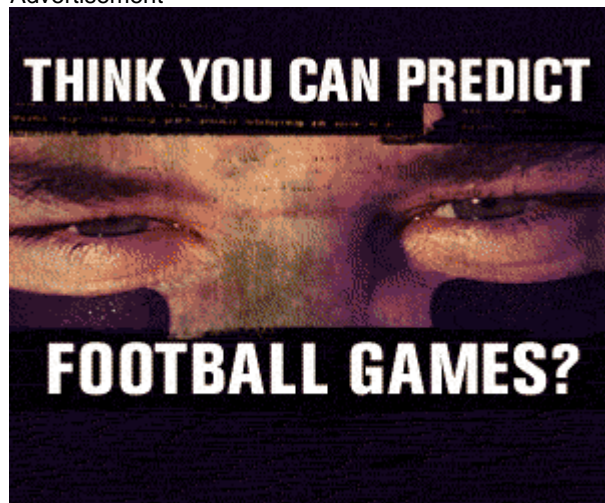
Re Online poll, Aug 21:

How could any Daily News reader intelligently respond to Monday's question: "Do you believe Karr's confession?" Only David Karr knows the answer right now, and only the investigating officers have any clue as to its authenticity. The proper answer to the poll is "don't know," but unfortunately, that wasn't included.

- Jack Allen

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#### **No reason to gripe**

Re "Gripe central" (Aug 21):

I take exception to the Daily News' opinion that Metro is shortchanging the San Fernando Valley when it comes to providing transit service. All transit agencies schedule service levels that match the ridership demand. Only one of Metro's high-bus-ridership corridors - Van Nuys Boulevard - is in the Valley, and it isn't even in the top 10 systemwide.

If the Valley had as many people riding the bus as does the central core of Los Angeles, we would also have service as frequent as that part of the region.

- Kimberleigh Richards

Chair, Metro San Fernando Valley Governance Council

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#### **Raising the risk**

Re "Judge rules no-warrant wiretapping is unlawful" (Aug. 18):

The ACLU works hard to protect the rights of criminal defendants. They shopped around for a judge who would rule that the government can't listen to calls coming in from Pakistan, and got the protection they wanted for future defendants. They also raised the odds that Daily News readers will be killed by terrorists.

People are working diligently on plans for nuclear, chemical and biological attacks on New York, Baltimore, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle. Judge (Anna) Diggs Taylor has ruled that the government can't track those plots the way the British did to keep thousands from dying over the Atlantic.

- Mike Nowland

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