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## News Briefs

### Sightseer appeals loss of look at Titanic

RICHMOND, Va. — A man who hopes to take a sightseeing tour of the Titanic asked an appeals court Thursday to overturn a judge's ruling barring anyone but the company that salvaged it from making money off the wreck.

"No state may exercise sovereignty over the high seas," said Alex Blanton, attorney for Phoenix businessman Christopher Haver, who wants to view and photograph the ship 400 miles off Newfoundland.

U.S. District Judge J. Calvitt Clarke Jr. ruled that an American salvage company, R.M.S. Titanic Inc., had exclusive rights to excavate, view and photograph the wreckage.

In June, Clarke ruled against plans by a British company, Ocean Expeditions Ltd., to ferry about 60 tourists, including Haver, to the site. Clarke said the expedition would devalue R.M.S.'s rights and encourage other would-be sightseers.

Most of the tourists dropped out, but last month about a dozen defied the judge's order and made

the dive anyway, becoming the first tourists to view the ship 2 1/2 miles under the Atlantic Ocean. They could face contempt of court charges.

Blanton argued that the right to visit or photograph the wreck is not inherent in R.M.S.'s salvage rights.

Not so, said R.M.S. attorney F. Bradford Stillman. Any judge in any nation can claim jurisdiction by "arresting" a wreck when a salvor, in this case R.M.S., brings an artifact to that court, Stillman said.

### At least 20 killed in fire in discotheque

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Fire raced through a building that houses a discotheque in the city of Goteborg early Friday, killing at least 20 people and possibly more than 50, according to news reports.

The fire broke out about midnight in the building of the local Macedonian Association, Swedish national radio and the news agency TT reported. The cause was not immediately known.

The fire was centered in a dis-

cotheque on the second story of the brick building. About 2 1/2 hours after the fire was reported, some 20 bodies had been carried out of the building, and there were indications that as many as 50 people could be dead, TT said.

Hundreds of people were believed to have been inside when the fire broke out, TT said.

### Michigan vandalism linked to Wisconsin

MILWAUKEE — An environmental group linked to ski resort fires in Colorado takes responsibility for freeing 5,000 mink from an Upper Michigan farm in response to arrests of activists in Wisconsin, an animal rights organization says.

The North American Animal Liberation Front said Wednesday in a statement that the Earth Liberation Front claimed responsibility for Monday's release of mink from the Pipkorn Mink Farm in Menominee County, Mich.

The Earth Liberation Front has claimed responsibility for Oct. 19 fires in Vail, Colo., that caused \$12 million in damage at the ski resort community.

— The Associated Press

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