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Philanthropy

The Chronicle of Philanthropy says that anonymous charitable giving is on the rise, calling 2007 "a banner year for anonymous charity." Unnamed donors gave 87 gifts totaling nearly \$1.1 billion last year. Many donors say they prefer to give on the sly because they don't want to be asked to give by other charities but also because they fear for their own safety. A La Jolla billionaire was robbed in his home last year and security consultants contend that his \$60 million gift to Children's Hospital and \$30 million donation to UC San Diego may have led to the attack. Some donors say that they prefer to keep immediate family in the dark about their charitable giving so they can avoid complaining relatives.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-anonymous31mar31.1.5838611.story>

Sex Offenders / Employment

A convicted rapist is suing the owner of the **Massachusetts** McDonalds where he used to work because he was fired from his job once his sex-offender status was made known. He's also suing the woman who tipped off his employer to his status after finding his information on the state's sex offender registry. He contends that his information on the registry was misused. Specific language on the website for the registry says that the information contained cannot be used to discriminate or harass an offender. The man served 27 years in prison and after his release got a job in the kitchen at McDonalds. He was up-front with his employer about his sex offender status from the beginning. His lawyer said, "he's a shining example of someone doing everything he's supposed to do and still getting a raw deal.at the end of the day."

<http://www.thebostonchannel.com/news/15776645/detail.html>