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State sues ticket broker that failed Hawks fans



“The Super Bowl is a game; we get that. But the experience is an experience that’s once in a lifetime ...”
BOB FERGUSON
Attorney general

SUPER BOWL
 So-called ‘short sellers’ promised seats they never had

By **GEOFF BAKER**
Seattle Times staff reporter

Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson is suing a New York ticket broker for what the suit calls “unfair” and “deceptive” practices leading up to last month’s Super Bowl. The lawsuit against SBTickets.com of Melville, N.Y., says the

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company failed to deliver on 60 tickets it had sold to Washington residents for a combined \$149,000, leaving fans unable to attend the game after they’d spent considerable money traveling to Arizona. SBTickets is ac-

cused in the suit of failing to tell customers it was engaging in “short selling,” meaning it didn’t actually possess the tickets it sold as guaranteed on its website. Ferguson said Wednesday that his office had received 120 formal complaints against 35 companies related to Super Bowl. See > **TICKETS, A4**

POLICE SHOT IN FERGUSON, CITY’S CHIEF PLANS TO STEP DOWN

OFFICERS HURT AMID PROTEST
 6th high official to go

By **JOHN ELIGON**
The New York Times

FERGUSON, Mo. — Two police officers were hit by gunfire early Thursday outside the Ferguson Police Department as protesters gathered following the resignation of the city’s embattled police chief.



Thomas Jackson

The shots were fired as what had earlier been a crowd of about 150 people had begun to dwindle, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported.

Ferguson police Lt. Col. Al Eickhoff said he didn’t think either officer was from his department. He also didn’t know the extent of their injuries.

The Ferguson police chief, Thomas Jackson, was the focus of complaints of racial discrimination within his department that turned into national protests after one of his white officers fatally shot an unarmed black 18-year-old in August.

Mayor James Knowles III said Jackson’s resignation will be effective March 19, and the job will be filled temporarily while a search is conducted for a successor.

Jackson, who took over the Ferguson Police Department five years ago, becomes the sixth high-rank-

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BLUE-COLLAR RIVER

where rowing club feels at home



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Teens Becca Stern, front, and James Suggs from the Duwamish Rowing Club head downstream on the waterway in a two-person shell.

THE DUWAMISH | Racing shells are a familiar sight on the urban South Seattle river known for its Superfund site.

By **DANIEL BEEKMAN**
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Pushing and pulling in unison, straining against their oars, teenagers James Suggs and Becca Stern skimmed across a sparkling span of water in their white rowing shell.

The scene was familiar — crew practice on a sunny Seattle afternoon in March.

But there were no seaplanes in sight, so this wasn’t Lake Union. No waterfront mansions, so it wasn’t Lake Washington. No joggers in Spandex, so not Green Lake.

The youngsters muscled past a scrap yard, a barge, a warehouse. They rowed under the South Park Bridge. This was the polluted Duwamish River, Seattle’s working waterway.

James, 14, and Becca, 16, are members of the startup Duwamish Rowing Club, which connects people of blue-collar South Park and nearby neighborhoods to the natural resource flowing through the area’s backyard.

“I was pretty shy the first time,” said James, who lives a few blocks away from Duwamish Waterway Park, where the club puts in. “Then I got out on the water.”

The park, 1½ acres of grass and muddy beach tucked behind industrial buildings, is where club founder Mike Merta discovered that rowing the Duwamish was possible.

“I’ve been a rower since I was a kid, and I wanted to move to South Seattle,” said Merta, 45, a case manager at Pacific Medical Center. “I was driving to Green Lake one morning to row and I was crossing the First

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Youngsters at the Duwamish Rowing Club, including Jonnie Suggs, front, carry a shell from the shipping container converted into the club shell house.



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Coach Mike Merta instructs a four-person shell from the club’s launch for a workout on the Duwamish. The fifth person, in the bow, is the coxswain.

Vets take fight to Islamic State group

By **DAVE PHILIPPS**
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The New York Times

AUSTIN, — Last fall, Patrick Maxwell, a 29-year-old Iraq War veteran now selling real estate in this bustling city, saw something in news footage of Islamic fighters in Iraq that he never saw as an infantry Marine there: the enemy.

“We patrolled every day, got shot at, mortared, hit by IEDs; one of my friends was killed,” said Maxwell, a former sergeant who deployed in 2006 to Anbar province. “But I never saw the enemy, never fired a shot.”

With the Islamic State group, also known as ISIS, hoisting its black flag above many Iraqi cities that U.S. troops spent years work-

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