



Gas Price Relief

As a result of the successful prosecution of a class action lawsuit by SDSBS attorneys **Jack Scarola** and **Bill King**, the pressure of historically high gas prices will be relieved briefly for customers of the Texaco gas station at 2175 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, West Palm Beach, Florida. The case challenged the station's practice of advertising a per-gallon price on the roadside sign that was 10 cents cheaper than the actual price charged at the pump. To get the advertised price, customers also had to purchase a car wash.

Complaints to management failed to correct the deceptive practice. A civil lawsuit was filed and the misleading signage was immediately changed. However, by the time the change was made, customers had been overcharged for approximately 30,000 gallons of gasoline. The terms of the court-approved settlement will now result in a 10-cent per-gallon discount for the sale of 30,000 gallons to the first members of the general public requesting the rebate.

SDSBS waived recovery of the fees to pass the maximum benefit of the settlement on to the public. ♦

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