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# Cortines' accuser speaks out

Scot Graham, leasing chief of Los Angeles Unified School District, has filed a \$10 million claim against the district, alleging invasion of privacy.



**SUIT:** District leasing chief says he was pressed for sex by ex-superintendent, encouraged to keep quiet.

By Barbara Jones Staff Writer

Sometimes, Scot Graham says, even the deepest secrets have to come out.

That's the reason the Los Angeles Unified leasing chief is suing retired Superintendent Ramon Cortines, alleging incidents of sexual misconduct going back more than a decade.

It's the rationale for the \$10 million claim he's filed against the school district, accusing officials of defaming and failing to protect him.

And it's why Graham is speaking out for the first time since he was thrust into the public eye by LAUSD officials as they rebutted Graham's allegations against Cortines and the district and tried to prevent the accusations from erupting into a scandal.

During a candid interview this month at his West Hollywood condominium, Graham provided a context for understanding his friend-

ship with Cortines, and his rationale for challenging the power structure of the nation's second-largest school district.

The two were introduced by a mutual friend in San Francisco in the late 1980s — a time when the AIDS epidemic was exploding and most gay men kept their sexual orientation secret and socialized

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NEIL ARMSTRONG, 1930-2012

# ONE GIANT LOSS FOR MANKIND



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## FIRST MAN TO WALK ON THE MOON PLAYED KEY ROLE IN THE SPACE RACE

A footprint left by one of the astronauts of the Apollo 11 mission shows in the soft, powder surface of the moon on July 20, 1969. Neil Armstrong and Col. Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. became the first men to walk on the moon. Armstrong died Saturday at age 82, modest to the end despite his huge achievement.

By Lisa Cornwell and Seth Borenstein The Associated Press

Neil Armstrong was a soft-spoken engineer who became a global hero when as a steely-nerved pilot he made "one giant leap for mankind" with a small step onto the moon. The modest man, who had people on Earth entranced and awed from almost a quarter-million miles away, but credited others for the feat, died Saturday. He was 82.

Armstrong died following complications resulting from cardiovascular procedures, his family said in a statement. Armstrong had had a bypass operation this month, according to NASA. His family didn't say where he died; he had lived in suburban Cincinnati.

Armstrong commanded the Apollo 11 spacecraft that landed on the moon July 20, 1969, capping the most daring of the 20th century's scientific expeditions. His first words after becoming the first person to set foot on the surface are etched in history books and the memories of those who heard them in a live broadcast.

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," Armstrong said. (Armstrong insisted later that he had said "a" before man, but said he too couldn't hear it in the version that went to the world.)

In those first few moments on the moon, during the climax of a heated space race with the then-Soviet Union, Armstrong stopped in what he called "a

tender moment" and left a patch to commemorate NASA astronauts and Soviet cosmonauts who had died in action.

"It was special and memorable but it was only instantaneous because there was work to do," Armstrong told an Australian television interviewer this year.

Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin spent nearly

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### More are getting kidney stones

According to a recent study by UCLA and the RAND Corp., the number of Americans getting kidney stones has nearly doubled since 1994. A4



DOUG McINTYRE

## A cheesy apology to a fellow vacationer

Nothing screams summer fun like the annual McIntyre clan pilgrimage to Oregon to visit the Tillamook Cheese factory.

The jammed parking lot was Clue 1 we're not the only folks who enjoy watching enormous blocks of cheddar getting guillotined into smaller blocks of cheddar and then racing along steel rollers through a shrink-wrap machine before vanishing behind a plastic curtain into some mysterious room off-limits to everyone except trained cheese professionals in disposable hairnets.

Given America's ever expanding waistline, it should come as no surprise a cheese

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### Ron Paul passing Libertarian torch

The future of what Ron Paul started rests with supporters who will attend Paul's final presidential campaign rally. A10

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## GOP scraps first day of convention

Republican officials abruptly announced plans Saturday night to cancel the first day of their national convention, bowing to the threat of Tropical Storm Isaac as it bore down on Florida.

The announcement was made as convention-goers flocked to the Tampa area for what had been scripted as four days of political pageantry and speechmaking with a purpose — to propel Romney into the fall campaign against President Obama. See tory on News A9.

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