

## **ANNUAL STELLA AWARDS**

The Annual Stella Awards were named after 79-year old Stella Leibeck who spilt coffee on herself and successfully sued McDonalds for \$3.85 million. That case inspired the Stella awards for the most frivolous, ridiculous, successful lawsuits in the US.

This years runaway winner was Mrs Merv Grabinski of Oklahoma City. She bought herself a new 10m Winnebago motor home and on her first trip home, set the cruise control at 110 kph on the freeway.

She then calmly left the driver's seat to go back and make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the Winnebago left the freeway, crashed and overturned.

Mrs Grabinski sued Winnebago for not advising her in the owner's manual that she couldn't do this.

The jury awarded her \$2.3 million plus a new motor home. The company actually changed its manuals on the basis of this suit.