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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Pastor John Sabbath of the Christ Christian Center, angry at the denial of funding by the Ontario (Calif.) City Council, announced at a June meeting that he was placing a curse on City Manager Greg Devereaux and his family.

■ And in June, the Motion Picture Association of America, for the first time ever, announced that it was rating a film PG (Parental Guidance) not for any sex, violence or bad language, but just because it is too openly religious (the film "Facing the Giants," starring Georgia preacher Alex Kendrick).

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 195th day of 2006.
There are 170 days left in the year.

On July 14, 1789, during the French Revolution, citizens of Paris stormed the Bastille prison and released the seven prisoners inside.

In 1881, outlaw William H. Bonney Jr., alias "Billy the Kid," was shot and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett in Fort Sumner, N.M.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A man must be both stupid and uncharitable who believes there is no virtue or truth but on his own side."

JOSEPH ADDISON
ENGLISH ESSAYIST AND POET

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Those are some arresting legs



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

A convoy of 20 police officers pedal their way south along the bike path at the beach on Wednesday — the third and final day of the Santa Monica Police department's bicycle patrol class. The Los Angeles Port Police, UCLA Police, the Torrance Police and the Department of Veteran Affairs participated in the class along with SMPD. There were 13 participants taking the class and seven instructors.

Thrill is gone

Lawsuit against Jackson in jury's hands

BY MICHAEL J. TITTINGER
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM COURTHOUSE — In his closing argument, Michael Jackson's attorney looked to turn the \$1.4 million suit against his client on its head, alleging that Jackson's accuser actually owes the entertainer money.

With that, a jury retired before lunch on Thursday morning to delib-

erate in the contentious lawsuit that has featured its fair share of accusations and intimate disclosures over the two-week trial in Santa Monica.

The jurists — six men and six women — are now left to decide whether the singer failed to make good on a series of business agreements or if his former trusted ad-

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It seems to suit him: Singer slapped again

By Daily Press staff

DOWNTOWN LA — The hits just keep coming for singer Michael Jackson.

On the same day a civil lawsuit against the entertainer for \$1.4 million went to jury in Santa Monica, it was reported by the Associated Press that Jackson's ex-wife has filed a suit against him.

suit against the entertainer in LA Superior Court on July 3,

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Police busy rounding up suspects

BY MICHAEL J. TITTINGER
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO NEIGHBORHOOD — On the heels of a suspected gang-related incident Wednesday afternoon, during which a lone black man was assaulted at a local restaurant and

chased on Lincoln Boulevard by a group of Hispanic teens, the police announced that they have taken five suspects into custody.

The arrests of one adult — Benjamin Andres Moreno, 18, of Bellflower — and four minors comes amid a 10-day span of vio-

lence in the Pico Neighborhood, including four shootings and a reported sexual assault. The Santa Monica Police are still investigating whether or not the suspects were involved in the other incidents.

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Accused Johnson killer in LA court

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN LA — Prosecutors on Thursday portrayed the man charged with strangling a 21-year-old Santa Monica woman to death three years ago as a calculated killer with a long history of luring attractive young women by claiming to be a Hollywood player with connections to Disney.

In opening statements in the murder trial of Victor Paleologus, Deputy District Attorney David Walgren told a jury comprised of 10 men and two women that the defendant, who sat virtually motionless throughout the day's proceedings, approached at least seven women over a 12-year period and asked them to audition for a minor, but very lucrative role in an upcoming James Bond film.

There was no film. The offer was merely a ruse so that Paleologus could get the women alone, rape them and kill them, Walgren said.

The act almost worked on several occasions, but each of the women managed to fight their way free from his clutches, all except for Kristi Johnson, a trusting Michigan transplant who was attending Santa Monica College with dreams of becoming a professional make-up artist, Walgren said.

Johnson's body was found in March 2003 at the bottom of a hill in Hollywood, partially covered by a sleeping bag, her hands and feet bound by shoelaces, her face badly decomposed. It is believed she was killed several weeks before she was discovered.

Johnson's disappearance gained national attention as her mother, Terry Wark, pleaded publicly for her safe return. Johnson told one of her

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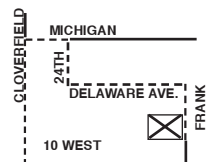
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Don't waver from your goals.

You find a strong dose of imagination and a touch less cynicism. Listen to suggestions carefully, but know that you don't need to commit to anyone's thoughts or "great ideas." Tonight: Where the crowds are.



TAURUS (April 20- May 20)

★★★ You might want to take the lead or go in a particular direction. Visualize more of what you want. You might feel pushed or between a rock and a hard place. You have a tendency to be a bit touchy. Remember your long-term goals. Tonight: In the limelight.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Take an overview rather than trigger or get upset. Think in terms of change and more positive actions. You find taking in the big picture instrumental to your well-being. You forge ahead in the right direction. Unexpected developments mark your work life. Tonight: New vistas.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Think positively about the end results. You know where you are heading, and your expectations could change as a result. You are more willing to walk in someone else's shoes. Don't push your checking account beyond its limits. Tonight: Say yes.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Others might not be so receptive to your ideas if you are negative or difficult. You might want to rethink situations involving people you care about. You might not always be on the right track. You might want to think through a decision or head in a new direction. Tonight: Say yes.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might view a situation a lot differently because of your ability to understand what is going on with others. To achieve this goal, you might need to distance yourself or take in another perspective. Others are willing to work with you. Are you willing to work with them? Tonight: Be logical.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ While friends make demands and meetings could be exhausting, you come up with answers. Your creativity is an endless resource and, if used correctly, you'll come out ahead. Think positively, and you'll find the answers! Tonight: Live it up.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You are pushed and pulled in different directions, which could be quite challenging. You get ahead because you want to sort through the pressure and what is happening. Trust your abilities and your intellect. Tonight: Head home.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ New information forces its way into your mind, even if you don't want to be a "receiver." You could shut down, but you won't. Think about more effective ways of communicating and organizing your daily life. Tonight: As you like.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You could want to do something differently, especially involving someone you are perceiving as touchy and difficult. How you view a changeable matter could be very different given time. Tonight: Your treat.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Your personality melts others' resistances, to some extent. Be careful that hostility doesn't develop into a cold shoulder. If you relax, you will get far as a result. Others need to speak their mind, but in a mutually acceptable manner. Tonight: As you like.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You might want to try to do something in a totally different style. Don't allow inhibitions to slow you down or stop what you want to do. Don't doubt your abilities. Tonight: Thinking time.

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Back in the ring

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica City Councilmember Kevin McKeown has formally announced his candidacy for re-election in November.

Three seats are open on the seven-person council. The four-year terms held by McKeown, Mayor Bob Holbrook and City Councilwoman Pam O'Connor will expire this fall. Holbrook announced earlier this year that he will run again. O'Connor hasn't made an announcement on whether she will seek re-election. So far only one challenger has come



McKEOWN

forward and that is Glean Davis, who has participated in the community through her support in local education.

McKeown, 58, will pursue an endorsement from Santa Monicans For Renter's Rights (SMRR), a powerful political group who for the most of the past three decades has held a majority on the City Council. The organization, founded on renter's rights and rent control, still promotes a social and liberal agenda in town. It also is powerful in fundraising and campaigning for their chosen candidates.

McKeown, a 30-year renter, is a former member of the SMRR's steering committee. McKeown said he has been a lead force on tenant harassment protections and affordable housing issues, recently securing a new requirement that condo developments include units deed-restricted for affordability.

"I'm proud of my record, but I'll be running on the work I still want to do to improve our quality of life and to champion social justice, lifelong learning, and an environmentally clean, sustainable city," he said.

State Senator Sheila Kuehl, an ally on youth violence concerns, has endorsed McKeown, saying, "Kevin has been consistently committed and effective on issues in Santa Monica regarding quality of life and social justice. I live in Santa Monica, and I'm voting for Kevin."

McKeown sees ongoing balance between a vibrant local economy, and impacts on neighborhoods and quality of life as a key issue for Santa Monica.

"We are already a dense, mixed-use city," McKeown said. "Moving forward, economic growth must be tempered by the acknowl-

edgment that people live here."

Participating actively in the current process to create a general plan for development and traffic in Santa Monica, McKeown said he recently spurred the City Council to take immediate action preserving local zoning options should state law change before Santa Monica can pass its improved citywide plan. Previously, McKeown led the City Council to establish greater public input and environmental review on commercial development throughout the city.

"Kevin is that rare policymaker who tirelessly sweats the little details but intuitively gets the big picture," said SMRR co-founder Denny Zane, who also has endorsed McKeown. "His impact on protecting Santa Monica from commercial overdevelopment has been immense, and every neighborhood in town has benefited from McKeown's hard work."

Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl used to say that his 11th District "surrounds" Santa Monica.

"Kevin suggested to me that my district 'embraces' Santa Monica, and I certainly embrace Kevin and his work on regional issues including homelessness," said Rosendahl in endorsing McKeown. "We are good progressive partners for the benefit of the whole westside."

Assemblymember Fran Pavley also has endorsed Kevin for re-election.

"With his combination of energy and experience, Kevin is a leader on environmental issues and has been a strong advocate for education," Pavley said. "Local lawmakers like Kevin push Sacramento toward better statewide policy, and he's certainly earned Santa Monicans' votes."

McKeown works as educational technology consultant for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. He grew up in New Haven, Conn., where he attended public high school and earned a full scholarship to Yale University. After involvement in music and politics at the campus radio station, he pursued a broadcast career instead of a degree. McKeown came to Santa Monica in 1976 as general manager of Los Angeles radio station KROQ, later becoming a radio producer and co-owning a radio recording studio on Santa Monica's Main Street.

McKeown will seek support from groups and organizations. In previous campaigns, McKeown has been endorsed by SMRR, Santa Monica police officers and firefighters, teachers, environmental groups such as the Sierra Club and the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters, the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, and others.



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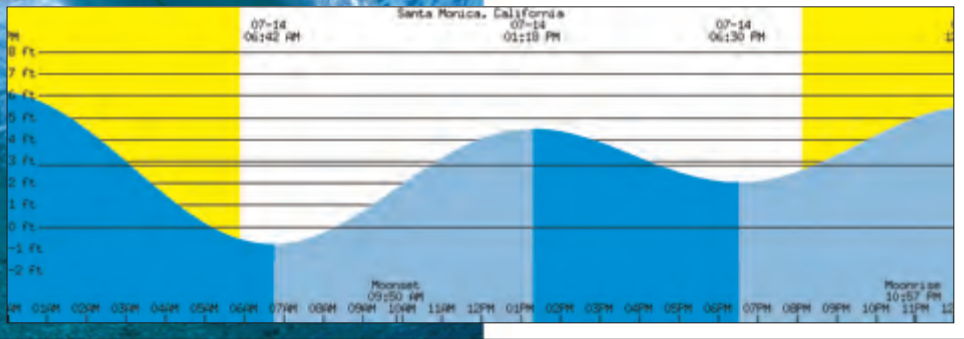
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The QLine

Cup runneth out ...

Amidst all the excitement surrounding Sunday's World Cup final, during which Italy defeated France in a shootout, comes the after-day realization that the sports world has reached a summer dry spell.

With baseball in mid-season and NFL players not yet reporting to camp, a void in spectator sports will likely thrust more people outside on weekends.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know:

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EDITORIAL

Take it to the streets



For thousands of residents living on the south side of the 10 Freeway, the nighttime patrols by police helicopters with their roving spotlights have been a bit unnerving this past week. But then, so were the four gang-related shootings and the reported sexual assault that have occurred just since the Fourth of July.

While the helicopters may provide some level of ease, they also serve as a constant reminder that the gang-bangers could strike at any moment. We can only hope that no one is struck with their bullets. The violence and increased police patrols might also lead people to conclude they are either caught living in a war zone or have found themselves residing in the 'hood.

Tell that to the people who have purchased homes there. The Pico neighborhood — while certainly not north of Montana, where real estate investments are much more hefty but at least come without the gang-banger threat — their homes have value all the same.

Pico residents have said they want true community centered policing, not an occupying force. Some residents feel as if police are continually stopping and harassing kids, or anyone for that matter, as they walk down the street. The results of which only instill bad attitudes and distrust.

They want the same courtesy and respect allotted other parts of town. Of course, those other areas don't have the same number of low-income housing projects, where unfortunately, many of the shootings occur.

One shooting this past week was in the alley behind Euclid Street, near Pico Boulevard. There is a Community Corp. of Santa Monica building at the corner. According to a report by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, prepared under the Clinton Administration, residents who live in or near low-income housing projects are more than twice as likely to be victims of gun violence than the community as a whole.

That might be one reason there aren't any low-income housing projects north of Montana or Wilshire, or in the Sunset Park neighborhood — where several City Council members live. There would seem an obvious correlation between the fact that nearly all of this community's violence happens in the Pico neighborhood — from which there has never been a resident elected to the City Council.

Pico has been ignored for decades and has traditionally always been a more impoverished neighborhood than other areas of Santa Monica. But Pico — which is bound by Pico Boulevard on the south side, Lincoln Boulevard on the west side, Santa Monica Boulevard to 20th Street on the north side, to Colorado Avenue, and to Centinela Avenue on the eastern boundary — has seen significant gentrification, especially since it is one of the largest sections of the city. What used to be a predominately poor black community, and then turned mostly Hispanic, has seen many middle-class white families moving in after having been priced out of other areas in Santa Monica.

The block on Euclid Street where the shooting occurred in broad daylight on Sunday afternoon — reportedly by 15- and 16-year-olds — is lined with small apartment complexes and several homes worth \$1 million or more. Imagine paying that kind of money and worrying whether or not your children might get killed in a drive-by shooting while playing in the yard.

About 10,000 people live in the Pico neighborhood and they are being held hostage by a handful of criminals. Tensions seem to rise when those locked up for parole and probation violations are released. That's when the shootings happen and that's when Pico residents' frustrations flare.

City officials have thrown money at the problem by hosting a few gang summit meetings and job fairs. They've put in more street lights and what are called "safe walking paths." Still, how will that protect residents when bullets fly?

They've increased police patrols and renovated a city park in the heart of the troubled area of the neighborhood. Unfortunately, the \$13 million renovation of Virginia Avenue Park hasn't kept the gang members and attackers away. There was a shooting there on July 7, where a young Hispanic male was shot in the upper torso. He survived. Four days later, a woman said she was sexually assaulted while using the pay phone around 6 a.m.

All that criminal activity and violence with a police substation permanently set up at the park. Police presence is a good thing. So why not have that station staffed 24/7, rather than just 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day?

Residents are going to have to take back their streets. We are not suggesting vigilantism, but we are suggesting a strong neighborhood watch program be put into place, with the police actively involved. Even if one quarter of the residents who live in Pico were to organize routine patrols, it just might deter the punks from pulling out their artillery.

Insecurity seems key to Republican strategy

THE SOAP BOX BY BENNET KELLEY



SA recent Los Angeles Times poll found voters favoring Democratic control of Congress by 54-34 percent, but still preferring Republicans on national security and terrorism by 39-30 percent. This is why Karl Rove believes that the key to victory for the Republicans in the mid-term elections is to make it a fight over national security. Given the Republican's foreign policy record, however, the Democrats' response should be — "bring it on."

In the past month alone the bitter fruit of the failed Bush foreign policy was in full bloom as nuclear North Korea defied U.S. warnings and tested its ballistic missiles which in theory can reach California. The New Yorker reported that Bush is considering a preemptive strike against Iran's nuclear operations despite warnings from Pentagon brass that it is unlikely to succeed and "could lead to serious economic, political and military consequences." The NATO Commander in Afghanistan complained that the west has taken "their eye off the ball" and underestimated a resurgent Taliban which has killed more coalition troops in the last six months than in the first 15 months of the war. And we learned that President Bush curtly dismissed an August 2001 CIA briefing on "Bin Laden Determined To Strike in U.S.," that interrupted his Crawford vacation by snapping at the CIA briefer "(a)ll right, you've covered your ass."

On top of this, Foreign Policy magazine released the alarming findings of its survey of 100 top national security experts in which they overwhelmingly agreed that the world was becoming more dangerous; we are not winning the "war on terror;" the war in Iraq and the actions at Guantanamo Bay were having a negative impact on this fight; and another major attack was likely to occur on U.S. soil in the next five years.

Never have the Republicans been more vulnerable on national security than they are now. Diplomats & Military Commanders for Change, a group of 27 former diplomats and military officers — all but three of whom served under Republican presidents — sums up the administration's foreign policy as "motivated more by ideology than reasoned analysis" and "fail(ing) in the primary responsibilities of preserving national security."

While the administration paid little

attention to Al Qaeda before 9/11, it has remained on the back burner since. On Nov. 21, 2001 Bush issued orders to prepare war plans for Iraq but at that same time ignored CIA calls to dispatch Marines to Tora Bora to prevent bin Laden's escape. By March 2002, the president conceded that "I just don't spend that much time on (bin Laden)." That was evident in November 2003, when the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Asset Control reported that 21 of its 120 employees were investigating violations of U.S. sanctions on Cuba but only two were tracking Al Qaeda assets, or in 2005 when the CIA closed down its bin Laden unit despite the fact that its former head believes that bin Laden "remains the single most important threat to the United States."

Similarly, despite the nuclear ambitions of North Korea and Iran, the Bush administration's neocons refused to engage directly with either nation, allowing both situations to deteriorate while they focused on the least dangerous of the three "axis of evil" — Iraq. After three years of war in Iraq, at a price of nearly \$300 billion and more than 20,000 casualties, there is no end in sight as the administration appears intent on fulfilling the neocons' dream of permanent bases in Iraq.

Republicans perversely believe that they can exploit objections to the abuses at Guantanamo Bay by painting Democrats as "coddling terrorists;" but even Colin Powell believes Guantanamo must "be closed immediately" and his former chief of staff, Colonel Lawrence Wilkerson, explains that departing from the Geneva Convention hurts our efforts against Al Qaeda because "(y)ou can't win ... a war of ideas by departing from your own ideas."

The Democrats must make sure that the national security debate actually is about security. The message for Democrats is that while the Republicans focus on flag burning and Cuba, they are focusing on real security issues by calling for an increased focus on Al Qaeda and Afghanistan, doubling the number of Special Forces, increased funding for homeland security and reducing our dependence on foreign oil.

Democrats should seize the opportunity for a true debate on national security since it will require voters to decide whether the Bush administration has made them more secure. As the news from the last month alone demonstrates, the answer is unquestionably no.

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Life begins at 71, but grab a hold a wetsuit

LAUGHING MATTERS

BY JACK NEWORTH



In the early days of homelessness in Santa Monica I recall seeing lonely people having loud, incoherent conversations with themselves. These days as I walk along the boardwalk I often experience the same thing, only to realize it's just a guy with a cell phone headset talking about a stock trade. With that in mind, I admit to preconceived notions when I first laid eyes on Joe Geletko, 71. He was pushing his bicycle across the sand, with a large duffel bag over his shoulder to collect recyclables from the trash cans.

A month later when I saw Joe on the beach again he said he collected the cans and bottles to "keep busy in between movies." Silently I was saying, "Yeah, right, that's what Tom Cruise does between 'Mission Impossibles.'" Actually, now that I think of it, it beats jumping up and down on Oprah's couch. The point is I didn't believe Joe's story but it didn't matter, he was charming.

The next time I ran into Joe we chatted about his life. I learned that while I don't jump up and down on couches, I apparently jump to conclusions. Joe was so different than I had assumed. It turns out he was a mailman in Santa Monica for 31 years. He and his wife Kathy of 48 years, have four daughters and one son, ranging in ages from 37 to 47, all of whom attended UCLA. At age 51, Joe decided to take up surfing and now, 20 years later, he surfs every day. In fact he's a bit of a legend among some young surfers.

When Joe retired from the postal service at 55 he decided he'd give the movies a try. A cynic would say, "dream on." Well, that's exactly what Joe did. Through persistence, and his unique charm, he's been in been in 300 movies, with speaking parts in 11 of them. He's had scenes with Meryl Streep, Will Ferrell and Clint Eastwood in "Million Dollar Baby," and the upcoming, "Flags of our Fathers" where Joe plays an admiral no less. He was also in "Mr. and Mrs. Smith"

with Brad and Angelina but swears baby Shiloh is not his.

In his work as an extra, stand in, and one-line parts, Joe's dream, along with so many, was to have one national commercial. But after 16 years of trying and with his 70th birthday approaching, what were the odds? To celebrate that birthday Joe went surfing with one of his daughters who brought a camera. Joe doesn't necessarily believe in destiny, but only a week later he got a call from his agent. The production company doing a Safeway-Vons commercial was looking for an older surfer. There was hope.

At the audition all the other actors were either muscle-bound or younger, or both, so Joe felt his chances slipping away. But for some reason Joe had thought to take his daughter's photos with him. And sure enough when his turn came and he was asked his surfing experience Joe showed them the photos and he got his national commercial. I think his daughter may still be looking for her 10 percent, however.

The budget for the commercial was a staggering \$1 million. Joe didn't get the lion's share, or even a flea's share, but he says it was the most satisfying money he has ever earned. And it's still coming in. Joe, the ex-mailman, looks forward to getting the mail each day because he gets residuals.

What's in Joe's future? Knowing him, lots. Surfing, traveling, enjoying every day with his family and friends. Clint Eastwood is five years older, so who knows, he might take young Joe under his wing? And Joe isn't ruling out directing one day, although he acknowledges that could cut into his recycling.

So if you ever see an exceptionally fit 71-year-old pushing his bike across the sand with a duffel bag over his shoulder, don't jump to conclusions. It's nothing out of the ordinary. They're obviously not filming that day. If you see Tom Cruise with him picking up recyclables — no offense to Oprah — wouldn't that be a nice change?

(Jack Neworth can often be found at the beach, near lifeguard station No. 26, trying to think of his next column. He can be reached at Jackneworth@yahoo.com.)

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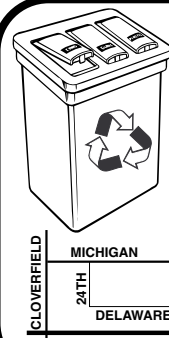
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Burglar caught in the act

On July 7, at 8:36 p.m., Santa Monica Police responded to the 600 block of Copeland Court regarding a burglary. The victim told officers that when she arrived home, she saw a woman in her home. The victim went to her son's house and called police, giving them a description of the suspect. Later, officers found the suspect, identified as Melissa Bennett, 34, of Los Angeles, in the 2500 block of Beverly Avenue. She was arrested for burglary.

On July 7, at 11:10 a.m., Santa Monica Police responded to the Loews Hotel on Ocean Avenue regarding a juvenile neglect call from the hotel's security guard. The guard told officers that when he was on patrol, he witnessed a child in an unattended vehicle in the parking garage. As officers were arriving to the scene, the mother returned to the vehicle. Nashoma Darie Gilbert, 26, of Los Angeles, was arrested for child neglect. Also, the father — Aaron Owen Campbell, 42, of Los Angeles — was arrested at the scene for failing to register as a sex offender and had a fugitive arrest warrant from out of state.

July 8, at 11:53 p.m., Santa Monica Police responded to the 3100 block of Santa Monica Boulevard, Busby's Restaurant Bar, regarding an assault with a deadly weapon — a pool cue. Apparently, the victim was assaulted by two men while he was playing pool in the bar. Officers found the victim bleeding from his cheek and chin. He told officers that he was playing pool with the first suspect, identified as Min Sung Kim, 27, of Los Angeles, when Kim's friend, identified as Fernando Xavier Pincay, 30, of Los Angeles, got into an argument with the victim. Kim then head-butted the victim and then the victim was struck in the face by a pool cue by Pincay. Both suspects were arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

July 9, at 7:55 p.m., Santa Monica Police responded to a third call by an employee at the Ocean Park Motel in the 2400 block of Lincoln Boulevard regarding a disgruntled customer who wanted his \$20 room deposit back. Apparently, earlier in the day, the customer, identified as Bruce Berling Weberg, 57, had a dispute with the employee. The employee told him he couldn't refund his money and that he should come back the next day. Weberg left only to return later that evening, when police were called a second time for a public disturbance call made by the employee. Weberg refused to leave at first, but finally did. He returned less than an hour later, when police were called again. Weberg was arrested for trespassing.

On July 8, at 2:27 a.m., Santa Monica Police responded to the 2500 block of the beach for a robbery. The victim, a transient, said he was sleeping in his bed roll when a man identified as Patrick Edmund Montano, 26, of Woodland Hills, allegedly kicked him and demanded money. He allegedly took \$60 and fled. At 9:10 a.m., officers found Montano, based on a description from the victim, in the 2200 block of the beach. He was arrested for robbery.

On July 5, at 3:33 p.m., Santa Monica Police responded to the 1800 block of 18th Street regarding an assault and battery. The victim told police that she had had an ongoing dispute with the suspect, who allegedly grabbed her and hit her with her fist when the two had engaged in a verbal argument. Melitta Kenner Madrigal, 27, was arrested for assault and battery.

On July 3, at 8:36 p.m., Santa Monica Police responded to the 1600 block of Appian Way regarding an assault and battery. The victim told police that she got into an argument with her ex-boyfriend and he shoved her, knocking her to the ground. Robert Perez, 45, a transient, was arrested for assault and battery.

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Police bust five

ROUNDUP, from page 1

On Wednesday at 4:26 p.m., police responded to the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Michigan Avenue regarding a fight. When officers arrived on the scene, the victim — a 19-year-old Santa Monica man — claimed that he was at Tommy's Original World Famous burgers at Lincoln and Pico boulevards when he was approached by the suspects.

According to Lt. Frank Fabrega of the SMPD, the victim claims the assailants made a racial comment before beginning to punch him. The victim fled on foot, heading north on Lincoln Boulevard, and while being chased one of the suspects pointed a gun in his direction before running back to their vehicle.

Three separate arrests have been made since, netting five men believed to have played a role in the incident. The suspect, according to police, knew some of the names of his assailants and helped guide police.

At 5:04 p.m. on Wednesday, police officers assigned to the Pico Neighborhood Task Force (Operation Safe Streets) — an additional assignment team created by Chief James Butts on July 10 to augment the task force — responded to the 2600 block of Pico, near the Yum-Yum Donuts Shop, regarding a fight.

When officers arrived, they detained several subjects. During their investigation, a field show up was conducted and two men were detained — Moreno and a 17-year-old male juvenile — identified as suspects in the assault with a deadly weapon. Moreno was booked for attempted murder, participation in a criminal street gang, hate crime and additional charges. The second suspect was booked at a local juvenile detention facility

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for participation in a criminal street gang, and battery.

Moreno is being held on \$1 million bail.

Less than an hour later, at 5:50 p.m. on Wednesday, police officers assigned to Operation Safe Streets, patrolling the area, spotted two additional subjects in the 2400 block of Pico Blvd. that were involved in the earlier assault with a deadly weapon at Lincoln Boulevard and Michigan Avenue. The two suspects were positively identified in a field show-up and arrested.

Both suspects — ages 16 and 17 — are juveniles, and were subsequently transported to a local juvenile detention facility. They were booked for attempted murder, criminal threats, participation in a street criminal gang and additional related charges.

Shortly after noon on Thursday, officers saw an outstanding suspect at Lincoln Boulevard and Pine Street. The suspect — a 16-year-old male — was arrested for his involvement in the assault and also transported to a local juvenile detention facility and booked for attempted murder, criminal threats, participation in a street criminal gang, and additional related charges.

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Jury mulls Jackson's fate

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sor F. Marc Schaffel actually ripped off Jackson and is looking for more.

Deliberations in the breach of contract lawsuit got underway after both sides' attorneys had exhausted their entitled closing arguments and rebuttals, winding down a case of sensational accusations that occupied Judge Jacqueline Connor's courtroom for nine days.

Jackson's attorney, Thomas Mundell,

meticulously sifted through each of Schaffel's claims during his closing argument on Thursday morning, refuting his bookkeeping and alleging that the plaintiff actually owed the singer approximately \$660,000 for breach of fiduciary duty and fraud in mishandling the accounts established for businesses he formed to negotiate deals for the pop singer.

"The accounts were pretty much looted," said Mundell, showing that the accounts in question — once totaling millions — were

practically empty or overdrawn within a month of Schaffel's being fired by Jackson.

Schaffel's attorney, Howard King, who concluded his closing argument on Wednesday afternoon, tried to convince the jury that Jackson was looking to renege on a series of oral contracts empowering his client to act on the entertainer's behalf — including an alleged highly sensitive payment of \$300,000 to an undisclosed party in Brazil amid Jackson's criminal trial on child molestation charges one year ago.

Meanwhile, Mundell again on Thursday portrayed his client as a child-like genius unable of helping his own cause by recalling financial dealings — such as a \$7 million loan from former adviser Alvin Malnik, or the \$2 million he supplied for the business with Schaffel — leaving him ripe for the picking by manipulative hangers-on.

"This is a case about misplaced trust," Mundell said in closing. "Here, we have a gentle artist, who despite all his fame and all his money, is lonely. He's insulated. He brought his passion and his musical genius to the world, making him vulnerable to people who want to take advantage of him."

Mundell re-read a message that Jackson sent Schaffel, relaying his hopes for their pending partnership. Jackson asked that Schaffel never let him down.

"I like you. I love you. I have been betrayed so much," Jackson said. "We can conquer the business world ... but please be my loyal friend."

Mundell concluded by stating, "Mr. Schaffel is not Michael Jackson's loyal friend," before telling the jury they should send Schaffel "home with nothing."

Afterwards, King took advantage of an allowed rebuttal on Thursday to counter the Jackson camp's arguments, much of which he charged were off topic — smokescreens set to draw attention away from the business agreements made between his client and the pop superstar.

King took issue with his Schaffel's background as a gay adult film producer being brought up by Mundell, as well as his counterpart's continual assertions that Jackson is not responsible for the deals he wrought because he is incapable of remembering the details.

"Mundell wants you to conclude that Mr. Schaffel is a liar and everything else," King told the jury. "He wants you to suspend logic and not reward anything."

King posed the jury with questions pertaining to the mysterious payment of \$300,000 in Brazil, wondering aloud why neither Jackson nor his closest advisors never questioned the payment and, in fact, did reimburse Schaffel for his travel expenses for his trip there. Speculation has persisted that the \$300,000 was either hush money offered during Jackson's child molestation trial in 2005 or was authorized by the singer as seed money in an attempt to adopt Brazilian boys.

Citing a lack of evidence to prove otherwise, King contradicted the defense's assertion that Schaffel hadn't paid his fair share to produce the charity record entitled "What More Can I Give?" in 2001, performed by Jackson and a slew of other recording artists, including Usher, Jason Timberlake and Celine Dion. The rights of ownership to the

Mother of Jackson's kids files suit, wants custody

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alleging Jackson failed to pay her in accordance with their 1999 divorce settlement. Rowe claims Jackson stopped making payments to her on October 2003.

Rowe is reportedly seeking close to \$250,000 for legal fees and living expenses aimed at mounting a child custody case against Jackson.

Following their 1999 divorce, it was agreed that Jackson would pay Rowe \$1 million for three years and \$750,000 for six years after that. Rowe is said to have relinquished parental rights to the children she had with Jackson — son Prince and daughter Paris-Michael — but requested that a judge reinstate them following molestation charges being brought against Jackson in 2003.

Earlier in the day, closing arguments were held in the lawsuit brought against Jackson by F. Marc Schaffel, who claims the star reneged on oral agreements and cash advances amounting to more than \$1 million.

song, and the potential profits that accompany the master tape, was a heated point of contention on Thursday.

"It's a contract — you receive money, you owe money, you pay me money," said King.

Schaffel originally claimed in his lawsuit that the entertainer owed him \$3.8 million for a series of cash advances, royalties and other services, but subsequently reduced his claim to \$1.6 million. On Thursday, King outlined claims totaling \$1.4 million.

Schaffel, who claims he was empowered to negotiate creative projects for Jackson in return for a percentage of the profits, was let go in 2001 after Jackson learned he was involved in the adult entertainment business. He then was back on the scene in 2003 and claims he is due unpaid royalties from a pair of TV specials, the charity record and various other business dealings.

At issue is whether or not Jackson — who appeared at the trial only through videotaped deposition — understood that the money he was given was his own or a loan. Schaffel claims it was money that was owed to him for his work while Jackson believes the cash was generated by his own projects. Employees and business associates like Schaffel had access to Jackson's money and often forwarded him large amounts of cash.

Mundell has sought to portray Schaffel as a hanger-on who parlayed his friendship with Jackson into a means of supporting his exorbitant lifestyle.

"We did not pick this fight," Mundell said, before the jury was sent off to deliberate. "We are only making claims back because Mr. Schaffel has sued Mr. Jackson."

Jackson is countersuing Schaffel as a result, with Mundell asking the jury on Thursday to reward the entertainer approximately \$660,000 to account for money Schaffel allegedly misused — including \$400,000 for a house in Calabasas — plus interest and the costs of hiring a forensic accountant to trace Schaffel's multiple mishandlings of Jackson's funds, according to Mundell.

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Six women to take stand

MURDER TRIAL, from page 1

roommates that she had been approached by a movie executive at Century City on Feb. 15, 2003 and offered an audition. Johnson left that afternoon to meet the man and never returned home.

Paleologus, 43, was charged with Johnson's murder, which carries the special circumstances of lying in wait and attempted rape.

Paleologus is also charged with using another's identification to try and purchase a BMW from a Beverly Hills car dealership, a car which he is also accused of stealing from the lot after allegedly submitting false information on a credit report.

The defendant was originally arrested Feb. 17, 2003 on charges of grand theft auto, and has since been held without bail. If convicted of murder, he could face the death penalty.

Paleologus' defense attorney, Andrew Reed Flier, painted a very different picture of Paleologus on Thursday, telling jurors during his opening statement that his client may be a thief who lied to pick up women, but he was definitely not a killer.

While Walgren used a detailed, Powerpoint presentation during his opening statement, Flier worked with no notes or visual aides as he tried to punch holes in the prosecution's case, stressing that there is no physical evidence linking Paleologus to the murder.

Walgren asked jurors to "keep an open mind" when considering the facts of the case.

"The prosecution wants you to focus on the past," Flier said. "We want to focus on what counts — the evidence."

Flier plans to call a medical examiner who will testify that the condition of Johnson's body proves she was killed after Paleologus was already in police custody for allegedly stealing the BMW. He also plans to call a real estate agent to testify that, while he did show Paleologus homes near the spot where Johnson's body was found, he was in Paleologus' presence during the time the prosecution said the murder took place.

Flier also said there is only one eyewitness who can identify the killer, and that is Orlando Morales, a valet at the St. Regis Hotel in Century City where Johnson's 1996, white Mazda Miata was parked on Feb. 16 — the day after she was reported missing to police. While prior reports said Morales identified the driver of the car as Paleologus, Flier said Morales has never picked his client out of a photo lineup.

"This case is completely circumstantial," Flier said. "There is not one scintilla of science or a physical trace that connects Mr. Paleologus in this case. No saliva ... pubic hair, no semen, nothing."

While that may be the case, circumstantial evidence didn't stop Walgren from constructing a timeline which showed Paleologus allegedly trying to pick up six other women over a 12-year period using the same pitch — that he was a photographer working for Disney looking for women to portray a dominatrix-like character in an upcoming Bond film.

During the course of the trial, which is expected to last up to six weeks, Walgren said he will call each of the women to testify that Paleologus approached them, either at LAX or at the Westfield Shopping Center in Century City, and asked them to audition for the role, which would pay roughly \$100,000.

Walgren said the women will also testify that Paleologus asked them to show up to the audition wearing a white dress shirt and black mini-skirt, with nylons and black, high-

heeled stilettos — the same outfit Johnson was wearing when her body was found.

According to Walgren, one of the women, Heather Maher, will testify that Paleologus brought her to a deserted restaurant and dance studio in August of 1998 and took pictures of her posing in the outfit. He then tried to tie her up and rape her, but she was able to escape by fighting back. Paleologus pleaded no contest to assault with intent to rape in that incident.

By calling the women, Walgren is looking to show not only a history of deceit and violence towards women, but also a link between the outfit found on Johnson's body and those worn by the witnesses.

Walgren said he also planned to call a cell phone expert to show Paleologus made calls on his cell phone in the area where Johnson's body was found shortly after the murder is believed to have been committed.

The prosecution also plans to call an ex-girlfriend of the defendant's, who is expected to testify that Paleologus broke into her apartment in 1996 and chased her with some ligature in an attempt to choke her after she ended their relationship. Paleologus pleaded guilty to residential burglary in that case.

Flier countered that there is no proof that these women ever met Paleologus, and even if they had, it wouldn't prove he was responsible for Johnson's murder.

One of the women allegedly duped by Paleologus, Susan Murphy, testified Thursday, saying she was approached by him in Century City less than a month before Johnson went missing. Murphy, a striking brunette with an hour-glass figure, said she was in a Macy's looking at sweaters when Paleologus walked up to her and told her she was beautiful and proceeded to engage her in a conversation about a film role.

The two talked and agreed to meet the following day for an audition. Murphy said she was told to wear a black mini-skirt, white dress shirt, nylons and stilettos. When she arrived at the location specified by Paleologus, she said he was irritated that she was not dressed in the outfit. He put his hand on her shoulder and tried to get her to go with him.

Murphy's then-fiancé, a former cop from London, was waiting in a car nearby and eventually confronted Paleologus in an alley, where he frisked him and asked for identification, Murphy said. Paleologus allegedly said he did not have any I.D., but gave a telephone number which later proved to be false.

Murphy eventually called the police to report Paleologus after reading a news article about Johnson's disappearance.

"It was just women's instinct," Murphy said, explaining why she called law enforcement, even though Paleologus did nothing to harm her. "I just felt something wasn't right."

Paleologus watched with interest as Murphy testified. He was clean shaven, dressed in a black blazer, blue jeans and a dark blue dress shirt. His face looked pale.

During cross-examination, Flier seemed to suggest that Murphy may have had an ax to grind against Paleologus because he rejected her once she asked him for proof that he was involved in the movie business.

Murphy denied she was angry. She said she and her former fiancé tracked down Paleologus because she was still "intrigued by his offer."

When Flier asked her if Paleologus was ever violent or threatening, Murphy said "no." She also said he had never harmed her physically.

When asked why she never called police after the incident, Murphy replied, "There was no crime."

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INFECTIOUS

Best laid plans of women and men

BY NORA SORENA CASEY

Special to the Daily Press

SM AIRPORT — At first glance, one might misinterpret the title of Cindy Lu's new play, "The Four Man Plan: A Romantic Science." But the play is, in fact, about one woman and her experiences dating four men at once — a tactic for finding true love she highly recommends.

Tonight, the Ruskin Group Theatre presents the premiere of Lu's one-woman play — a theatrical experience-cum-dating-tutorial that delivers a comic punch along with practical advice on nabbing that elusive soulmate.

Lu's play, directed by Paul Linke, is based on her own tried, tested and successful approach to dating.

"Yes, the goal is to date four men at a time," she said. "But it isn't as simple as it sounds. The Four Man Plan consists of a carefully developed set of postulates, graphs, charts and theories. For example, there are the 'Wait for Sex Index,' 'The Rule of Chuck,' 'The Half Man Imperative' and 'The Chick's Chick Angle.'"

Lu, 36, has been acting for 17 years — having appeared in "Desperate Housewives," "Six Feet Under," "ER," "Frasier," "Friends" and "Seinfeld" — but had begun to grow tired of similar roles. She combined her creative drive with experience as a writer and improv actress, opting to write for herself. She embarked on her first play in November.

Lu contends that the Four Man Plan creates competition among the men and is a surefire way to see who is the most interest-



Photo courtesy

COUPLES CLICK: Cindy Lu runs through her pragmatic approach to love in 'Four Man Plan.'

ed. It combines modern science with the old fighting-for-the-lady theme, she said.

Lu turned her life experiences into her first writer/performer play. She takes the stage and talks about her own experiences from before and after the plan, sharing her anecdotes and epiphanies about dating. The show is set up to allow audience questions throughout the performance, and cocktails — "Planners Punch," invented for the show, will be served.

"It's very much a comedy," Lu said. "It's a

little raunchy at times — PG15, PG16 maybe."

But regardless of its comedic potential, Lu swears that her Four Man Plan will lead single women to the perfect man.

"I developed (the Four Man Plan), I practiced it, and then I met my fiancé and we've been together for five years," she said. "So I guess it works."

"I've had girlfriends do parts of the plan and now one of my friends has a 1-year old, another is engaged in Utah."

But tonight's debut of the show will mark the

first time that Lu's dating methodology is condensed and made available for the single public.

Lu will be selling her new book, based off the play, in the lobby after performances. It also is available at www.thefourmanplan.com. The book provides all the information from the show as well as 80 extra pages of text and graphs and charts that will prepare the owner to begin her own plan.

For Lu, this is only the beginning of her career as a writer/performer.

"I already have two more show ideas and a book idea," she said.

The director, Linke, has been a professional actor and director for almost 30 years. He has directed shows at Ruskin including "That May Well Be True" and "Caterpillar Soup." He has created, acted in and directed several one-person shows, including "Nobody Don't Like Yogi" starring Ben Gazzara, off-Broadway at The Lambs Theatre, and Charles Nelson Reilly's hit "Save it for the Stage."

Linke also starred in such feature films as "Motel Hell," "Grand Theft Auto" and "Parenthood," and was the founder and original artistic director of the Powerhouse Theatre in Santa Monica.

"The Four Man Plan: A Romantic Science" will run from July 14 through Sept. 2 at Ruskin Group Theatre, 3000 Airport Dr. at Santa Monica Airport. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays, and 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets are \$20.

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Welcome to the Santa Monica Art Palette for the weekend of July 14. The goal of the Art Palette, created by City Hall's cultural affairs division, is to showcase the many eclectic arts and cultural opportunities available in Santa Monica every week, highlighting one or more of the many happenings within our borders. The summer's getting hot and so is the Santa Monica art scene. Check out the free Shakespeare in Reed Park's Miles Playhouse on Friday then get ready for a totally banging Saturday night at the 18th Street Arts Center and Bergamot Station. There's great art and great fun just waiting for you out there this week so get out there and live it.



Pericles, Prince of Tyre

The Powerhouse Theatre, Shakespeare Santa Monica and the Miles Playhouse have all teamed up to present the third annual Shakespearean Repertory at the Miles Playhouse. This weekend "Pericles, Prince of Tyre" opens at the Miles Playhouse in Reed Park. I caught a brief look at rehearsals for this epic the other day and was amazed by the power, beauty and movement displayed by this ambitious cast. This

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Depicting Action: An international exhibition of time-based live art At the 18th Street Arts Center you'll find "Depicting Action," an international exhibition of time-based live art running through Sept. 29. Jamie McMurry has assembled a line up of artists from Germany, Ireland, Britain, Canada and the USA who work to redefine the boundaries of performance and live art.

"Depicting Action" brings together some of the leading established and emerging voices in live art from five different countries. From pushing the limits of the body's endurance to the enactment of socio-political themes to the meaning of audience interaction, the nine artists presented create intense, visionary work rarely presented in Los Angeles.

Cardboard cobbler and folk singer Phranc also will be performing at 7:30 p.m. in an outdoor concert so bring along a picnic dinner, a blanket and all the kids for a wonderful night beneath the stars. While you're there, check out the open studios of visiting artists in residence Chou Meng-Yeh from Taiwan, Australian Stephen Haley, Shawn Hall of New Orleans and 18th Street residents David Palmer, Michael Barnard and Clayton Campbell.

Saturday, July 15, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
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Craig Krull Gallery presents Nancy Monk: Made in Pasadena | Leigh Wiener: Johnny Cash At Bergamot Station's Track 16 Gallery, you'll find work from more than 70 artists who teach at the prestigious Otis College of Art and Design. The assembled artists, designers and writers reflect the amazing breadth of creativity found at Otis. Also at Bergamot, the Craig Krull Gallery presents a solo exhibition of photographs from the estate of photographer Leigh Wiener. Beginning his photojournalist career with the Los Angeles Times in the early 1950s, Wiener documented events such as atomic bomb testing, the Kennedy campaign and the funeral of Marilyn Monroe. The current exhibition focuses on the photographs that Wiener made of the legendary Johnny Cash in the early 60s.

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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS



MOZART

The Wolfgang’s all here
By Daily Press staff

Even though Mozart can’t enjoy his birthday anymore, Santa Monica can.

The Santa Monica Public Library hosts the Bright Light Chamber (BLC) players in celebration of Mozart’s 250th Birthday with a series of Saturday concerts. In celebration of Mozart’s birthday, come hear the second concert in the series on Saturday, July 22. The Saturday events begin at 2:30 p.m. and take place at the new Main Library’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium, located at 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Led by music director Whitney Griggs Raleigh, the BLC players perform Mozart’s Piano Quartet in E Flat Major, K. 493, the Horn Quintet in E Flat Major with Strings, K. 406 and the Viola Quintet in B Flat Major, K. 174.

Auditorium doors open 20 minutes before the concert begins. Seating for the free program is first come, first serve. Free tickets will be available in the courtyard after 1 p.m. the day of the concert. Additional seating is available in the second floor of multi-purpose room, where a live feed of the program will be projected onto a large screen.

For more information, call the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600.

Mods and rockers
By Daily Press staff

Many people were too young, too old or too incoherent to see the Mod movies of the 1960s. Now, those who missed out and many new generations can get inspiration from the hip, trippy, flashy, smash films.

On Friday, July 14, at 7:30 p.m., the Aero Theater will hold a screening of “Performance,” directed by Nicolas Roeg and Donald Cammell. Described as a wild and deeply layered psychedelic movie, gangster James Fox goes on the lam, hiding out in reclusive pop-star Mick Jagger’s decaying townhouse in the hippie London ghetto. Jagger and polysexual girlfriend Anita Pallenberg put Fox through his paces with mind games and large doses of psilocybin mushrooms — all climaxing in the “Memo for Turner” production number. Brutal beatings, sexual identity crises and prodigious drug-taking is punctuated by one of Jack Nitzche’s best scores.

Saturday, July 15 at 7:30 p.m. the Aero will have a screening of “A Hard Day’s Night,” director Richard Lester’s carefree comedy that captured the Beatles at their best, clowning like the musical Marx brothers. From Lester’s restless handheld camerawork to writer Alun Owen’s surreal Day-in-the-Life script, to the Beatles themselves — exuberantly singing “Can’t Buy Me Love,” “If I Fell” and many others.

Sunday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m. the Aero audience will see a double feature. First, Jane Fonda is the final word in comic-strip heroines in Roger Vadim’s “Barberella.” It’s a wacked-out romp in the 41st century through a universe populated by a blind birdman, a one-eyed dominatrix, and galaxy dictator Duran Duran and his orgasm machine, featuring an ultra-groovy soft-psych soundtrack by Bob Crewe and the Glitterhouse.

Next up on the same ticket is “Danger: Diabolik” directed by Mario Bava. The surreal Euro thriller ’60s flick is based on the popular Italian comic-strip hero. From sexy, cat-suited super-thief John Phillip Law to gorgeous gal pal Marisa Mell, to Ennio Morricone’s psychedelic paradise of a score, this is Mod, baby.

The films will be played at the Max Palevsky Theatre at the Aero Theatre, located on 1328 Montana Ave. Tickets are available online at www.fandango.com. For full festival details, go to www.modsandrockers.com.



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BASEBALL

Thinking blue has fans feeling good after '05

BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — What a difference a year has made for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The team was in freefall at last season's All-Star break — devastated by injuries, trailing the NL West-leading San Diego Padres by 7 1/2 games, with bickering raging in the clubhouse.

Not now.
The Dodgers open the second half of the season with a four-game series at St. Louis beginning Thursday. Yes, they still trail San Diego, but this time it's by two games, with just five games separating the five teams in the division.

"We've hung in there, we've been pretty resilient. It hasn't been a smooth road," first-year manager Grady Little said. "We feel good about ourselves, we feel good about what we've got to look forward to in the second half of the season. The key is keeping the players on the field. We feel good about our chances when our players are on the field playing."

Injuries have plagued the Dodgers for the second consecutive season. They spent 639 days on the disabled list in the first half — second-highest in the majors behind Washington's 846.

Among those affected have been outfielders Kenny Lofton, Jason Repko, Ricky Ledee and Jayson Werth. Second baseman Jeff Kent has missed six consecutive games because of a strained muscle in his left side.

Closer Eric Gagne is out for the season after having back surgery last Saturday. The 2003 NL Cy Young winner missed the first 51 games of the season and made only two appearances after that because of elbow problems.

Brad Penny has been the ace of the staff so far this season. The right-hander is 10-2 — the best start of his seven-year career — with a 2.91 ERA. He was the NL starter in Tuesday's All-Star game in Pittsburgh.

Little plans to go with rookie Chad Billingsley on Thursday night in St. Louis. Derek Lowe is scheduled to pitch the next night, followed by Mark Hendrickson on Saturday and Penny on Sunday.

Along with Penny, Lowe (7-5) had been a bright spot in the starting rotation until his recent funk. He gave up four hits and a walk to the first five batters in an 11-7 loss to San Francisco last Sunday.

"There's something's going on that we will figure out before the next start, as far as what's going on mechanically to cause the inconsistency," he said.

Little wants more production out of his other starters in the second half, saying, "We feel good about the guys we have. We just need them to step up and do their job a little better."

Offensively, the Dodgers lead the NL with a .284 batting average.

No one has been better than Nomar Garciaparra, who switched to first base in his first season with the Dodgers. He is tied for first in the NL with a .358 batting average and brings a 21-game hitting streak into the second half. He also leads the Dodgers in home runs (11) and RBIs (53).

"Defensively at first base, I think he's exceeded all expectations," general manager Ned Colletti said. "As good as he's played offensively, he's done this before. To date, he's been everything he said he'd be, and more."

So have the Dodgers' rookies, who have capably filled in for the injured veterans. Andre Ethier, Russell Martin and Matt Kemp have combined for a .309 average, 17 home runs and 88 RBIs.

Ethier was called up May 2 and leads NL rookies in batting average (.352), on-base percentage (.403), slugging percentage (.545) and outfield assists (5).

Martin has become the Dodgers' everyday catcher, helping the team to a 34-18 record in his 52 starts. He is hitting .289 with 12 doubles and 35 RBIs.

Kemp emerged from Class AA at the end of May and hit seven home runs last month.

"If what they've accomplished to date is any indication, they'll meet the challenge," Colletti said. "They've been called upon a lot already to keep the thing afloat. That speaks well."

Right fielder J.D. Drew stayed off the disabled list in the first half for one of the few times in his career. He is hitting .287 with nine homers and 50 RBIs.

Colletti believes pitching and health will be keys to a strong finish in the second half.

"Whoever pitches well will win, coupled with the team who gets healthy or stays healthy," he said. "Some of our pitchers have not pitched as well as they expect to and we expect them to. Our team has been resilient, the bench has been great."



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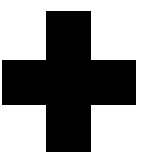
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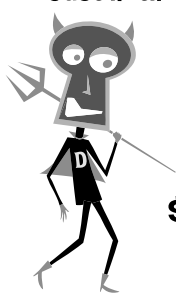
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The roar outdoors

Mountain lions and humans look to co-exist in Rockies

BY JUDITH KOHLER
Associated Press Writer

EVERGREEN, Colo. — Carrie Ann and Shaffer Warner have repeatedly called authorities about the stalker that peers into their 6-year-old son's bedroom window at night, has killed the family cat and even chased them into their home in the wooded hills west of Denver.

The culprit is a tannish-brown mountain lion that has eluded wildlife officers perched on the porch with shotguns, traps baited with roadkill and even a motion-detection camera fastened to a pine tree.

The family keeps the blinds drawn and has built a steel enclosure around the back porch. Two months ago, Schylure told his parents the lion stared into his room "like it was mad at me."

"We're living in this vale of fear," said Carrie Ann Warner, watching Schylure fidget near the side of the house. "I've reached my wit's end. I don't know what to do."

The clash between the family and one of the West's most infamous predators is not the only one in Colorado this year, not by far.

Reports of mountain lions roaming neighborhoods and devouring family pets are cropping up from suburban Denver to Fort Collins, one of the most heavily populated stretches in the Rockies. In April, a lion attacked and broke the jaw of a 7-year-old boy on a trail in Boulder before it was chased off.

Wildlife officers are scrambling to educate people about how to get along with the big cats as development pushes farther into the canyons and pine-studded hills the animals once had to themselves. They say mountain lion fatalities are rare — only 17 nationwide since 1890 — and insist, for the most part, that the animals are naturally wary of people.

Still, the number of human-lion encounters — when an unprovoked cat makes contact with a person — started picking up nationwide starting in the 1970s, rising from about two each year to between six and 10, said Paul Beier, a conservation biology professor at Northern Arizona University.

The number of fatal lion attacks in that span has increased from about one to three or four a decade, he said. "They're still extremely rare events," Beier said.

The numbers really look small, Beier added, considering that the West, where most of the cats are, is the fastest-growing part of the country. Hunting, development and other activities wiped out mountain lions in most of the East and Midwest, though most experts agree they are gradually moving east, prompting North Dakota and South Dakota to start hunting seasons.

A recent book suggests lions are becoming more threatening because they're starting to see people as prey. Published in 2003, "The Beast in the Garden: A Modern Parable of Man and Nature" by David Baron is set in Boulder, where mountain parks and open space abut the city limits.

As mountain lions follow deer into gardens and yards, Baron says, they may be learning to look at family pets and people as potential food.

"I think that people and mountain lions can largely coexist. The threat from mountain lions is extremely small compared to most threats we face in our daily lives," said Baron, who lives in Boston and works for Public Radio International.

Ken Logan, a nationally recognized mountain lion biologist, said Baron's book does a good job exploring how people affect the environment and wildlife. But he said science doesn't support the premise that lions are starting to view humans as dinner.

"If pumas were relying on humans for prey, people would be getting killed by pumas weekly, if not daily," said Logan, who is in the second year of a 10-year study for the state Division of Wildlife on mountain lions in western Colorado.

"These are intelligent animals. They can learn to live around humans," said Logan, who also did a study in Southern California after a fatal attack there and found that radio-collared mountain lions avoid humans.

A study is also in the works on mountain lions in eastern Colorado, including the foothills west of Denver. There are an estimated 3,000 to 7,000 mountain lions statewide, with

CAT SCRATCH FEVER

A look at mountain lions, also called pumas, cougars, panthers and catamounts:

APPEARANCE: Usually tawny to light cinnamon in color with black-tipped ears and tail. Male adult males can grow to more than 8 feet long and weigh an average of 150 pounds while female adults may be up 7 feet long and 90 pounds. The tail may be one-third of their total length.

RANGE: Once roamed throughout North America but now mostly found in the West and in Florida, where it's endangered. Its habitat was reduced as result of hunting, development and other activities.

HABITAT: Ranges from desert, chaparral to subalpine mountains and rain forests. An individual can range from 10 to 370 square miles.

FEEDING HABITS: Most cats are active from dusk to dawn, but will travel and hunt in daylight. Prefer deer, but will kill elk, livestock and domesticated animals. Stalks prey using available cover and attacks in a rush, often from behind. Will cover a carcass with dirt, leaves or snow and return to feed over several days.

MATING: Lions are solitary except during breeding season. Female lions usually start reproducing when they're 2 1/2 years old and have two or three kittens every other year. Most give birth between April and July after a three-month gestation period.

Wildlife experts offer the following tips on living with mountain lions as more people frequent their habitat and their numbers increase where deer herds are expanding:

- Make lots of noise.
- Install outdoor lighting.
- Closely supervise children outdoors and make sure they're inside before dusk and not outside before dawn.
- Remove vegetation to eliminate hiding places for lions.
- Avoid planting vegetation appealing to deer, the mountain lion's favorite prey, and don't feed wildlife.
- Keep pets under control and don't feed them outdoors. Place livestock in enclosed sheds or barns at night.
- Stop or back away slowly when coming upon a lion, try to appear larger by raising your arms, throw stones or branches and fight back if it attacks.

Source: The Colorado Division of Wildlife: <http://www.wildlife.state.co.us>

male adults weighing 110-180 pounds and reaching 6 feet long.

Naomi Rachel and her husband, artist Ryo Murraygreen, know there are mountain lions near their mountain home west of Boulder.

They've topped the rail along their second-story deck with wire mesh so their four house cats can't jump down and a cage connected to the house allows the felines to get fresh air safely. Plants and vegetables are behind Plexiglas and inside wire cages to keep out critters.

Rachel has seen mountain lion tracks a few times in the snow in the 14 years she and Murraygreen have lived in the mountains — but no cats. Murraygreen said he once saw a mountain lion and her kittens from afar.

"Every time I walk out here I figure there's a 5 to 10 percent chance or less that there's a mountain lion watching me and I know I'm not very interesting in terms of (being) prey," he said.

Not far away, neighbor Jon Silver said he has caught rare glimpses of mountain lions in the nearly 30 years he has lived in the area. He warns the people living on his rental properties about bears and lions.

"It's just a matter of adapting to your surroundings," Silver said. "If I'm in Manhattan and it's 11 o'clock at night, maybe I wouldn't be walking down streets that weren't well lit."

For Silver, adaptation has meant devising a special dog run. His wife's German shepherd puppy, Me Too, goes outside by running through a doggie door into the garage, where he enters a door on the floor, scampers through a 40-foot underground tunnel, complete with a light triggered by a sensor, and bursts into a 24-foot-long chain-link cage.

The door over the tunnel closes when the garage door opens so the Silvers can drive cars in with no problem.

"I want to live with wildlife. It's their territory. But I also want to protect my dog," Diana Silver said.

Closer to Boulder, a mountain lion was the talk of one neighborhood before it was captured in early June in a trap in Tracey English's back yard. She no longer allows her teenage son to jog by himself in a nearby open space and her dog stays inside unless it's being walked on a leash.

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NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL HEARING:

CONSIDERATION OF WORKING GOALS TO GUIDE THE SHAPE THE FUTURE 2025 AND MOTION BY THE OCEAN PROJECTS (LAND USE AND CIRCULATION ELEMENTS)

This discussion is for the Council to endorse working goals that will guide the Planning and Community Development Department's preparation of Alternative scenarios for the draft Land Use and Circulation Elements. These goals have been developed with input from the community, through a workshop, on-line survey and Main Library display, and were modified based on Planning Commission recommendations. Completion of the Alternatives Workbook and a major community participation effort are scheduled for late fall. You are invited to attend and comment on these draft working goals.

DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2006
TIME: AT 6:45 PM

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401

MORE INFORMATION

An agenda and staff report will be available 72 hours prior to each meeting at City Hall, 1685 Main Street, or on-line at www.santa-monica.org. Current information on the City's effort to update the Land Use Element is available online at www.shapethefuture2025.net and, for the Circulation Element, <http://motion.santa-monica.org>. If you want more information about this meeting, please contact Jonathan Lait, AICP, Principal Planner at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at jon.lait@smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact Carmen Gutierrez at (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 serve City Hall.

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Esto es una notificación al público solicitando sus comentarios sobre los proyectos Shape the Future 2025 y Motion by the Ocean, los cuales crearan pólizas para guiar futuros edificios y actividades de transportación durante los proximos 20 años en la Ciudad de Santa Monica. Para mas información, visite nuestro sitio de Internet: www.shapethefuture2025.net y <http://motion.santa-monica.org> o llame a Carmen Gutierrez en el departamento de planificación al numero (310) 458-8341.



Trekkers hike across northwestern Alaska

MARY PEMBERTON
Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Roman Dial wanted to know how far he could hike across the Alaska wilderness carrying all his own food, gear and supplies.

The long-distance trekker found out by hiking 622 miles in northwest Alaska, carrying a pack that in the beginning weighed 59 pounds — 42 pounds of that in food, including 45 chocolate bars, 40 small bags of chips, 3 pounds of almond butter, brown sugar, freeze dried meals, butter, noodles, olive oil, dried cherries, mashed potato powder, cocoa and powdered milk.

Dial, a 45-year-old professor of biology and mathematics at Alaska Pacific University in Anchorage, and two other trekkers started last month from the village of Kivalina on the Chukchi Sea. Dial was accompanied by Ryan Jordan, 36, of Bozeman, Mont., who publishes Backpacking Light Magazine, and Jason Geck, 33, a geography instructor and teacher of an outdoor studies class at APU.

“I think everybody was a little apprehensive because it was such a daunting distance,” Dial said Wednesday.

Dial, the only one to go all the way from Kivalina to the Dalton Highway, completed the trek in 23 days and 8 hours.

The trio started June 11, following animal paths and picking routes along gravel bars and ridge tops as they moved first north and then east, at one point crossing over the Brooks Range. They also made dangerous chest-high crossings of rivers swollen with snowmelt — one time inflating the waterproof bags they kept their food in — to swim across a wide channel of the Colville River.

The route the hikers took included stopping at the most remote spot in the United States, defined by the team as that place farthest from roads and towns. The spot, pinpointed with the help of global positioning satellites, is along the Ipnarik River, 120 miles from the villages of Ambler and Atkasuk, and about 380 miles northeast of Fairbanks, Dial said.

“We walked to it and took some pictures,” he said.

On the second day of the hike about 30 miles from Kivalina, the trio surprised a grizzly bear on the Wulick River. The bear was eating a moose and did not want to be interrupted.

Dial was in the lead when the bear took a couple of steps toward them. They took a couple of steps back and began yelling at it.

“He stood up and he was tall,” Dial said Thursday. “I yelled the loudest.”

Dial said there were a few tense moments before the bear slowly moved off. It was then the hikers discovered the moose carcass.

“It explained his begrudging behavior,” Dial said.

Jordan said one of his favorite moments was finding some ancient Inupiat hunting structures with arrowhead fragments and piles of caribou bones on a ridge between Surprise Creek and Kokolik River, near the northernmost point of their route.

Then, there was the time a large, white wolf followed the hikers for about a half-hour.

“We howled at it and it howled back,” Dial said.

In the beginning, the trio walked 10 hours a day, stopping every two hours to rest and drink at least a quart of water each, dipping it straight out of rivers and streams.

Jordan walked five days and nearly 100 miles when he twisted his ankle.

“I fell through a small section of rotten shelf ice over a creek and landed onto my ankle,” he said.

Jordan walked another 80 miles on the bad ankle before the pain got so bad he couldn’t ignore it. He initially thought it was just a bad sprain but as the swelling went down he could see the ankle was badly bruised and not holding together very well.

“The pain went through the roof,” he said.

A pilot was called and Jordan was picked up from a gravel bar on the Utukok River, about 170 miles into the trek. It turned out that he’d torn a tendon and ligaments in his lower leg.

“This was a bad step. This is really rugged terrain. You just have to try and accept there is some level of risk if you are going long distances like this,” he said.

Dial trekked on with Geck. Now that their packs were lighter, the two often hiked four hours without stopping and usually put in at least 12-hour days. In one 22-hour period, they hiked a marathon 49 miles to reach Anaktuvik Pass. Geck, whose goal was to reach Anaktuvik Pass, decided he’d go home.

Geck said he went through his food pretty fast and was hungry by the second week.

Geck, who is 5 feet, 11 inches, ended up losing 15 pounds, going from 163 pounds to 148 pounds.

“Toward the end I was craving his chocolate,” he said of Dial’s cache of chocolate bars.

In hindsight, Geck said he wishes he’d pushed to the end with Dial. But at the time he wanted to get back for the Alaska Mountain Wilderness Classic, a race he helps organize.

Israel intensifies its attacks against Lebanon via air

BY SAM F. GHATTAS
Associated Press Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Israel intensified its attacks against Lebanon on Thursday, blasting Beirut’s airport and two Lebanese army air bases near the Syrian border, and imposing a naval blockade. More than 50 people have died in violence following the capture of two Israeli soldiers by Hezbollah militants.

Warplanes punched holes in the runways of Beirut’s international airport and two military air bases, attacks that could draw the Lebanese army into the conflict.

Israel’s army chief Brig. Gen. Dan Halutz warned that “nothing is safe” in Lebanon and said Beirut itself would be a target. Maj. Gen. Udi Adam said Israel had hit hundreds of targets and hadn’t ruled out sending in ground troops.

Hezbollah fired rockets into northern Israeli towns and said it was using a new missile that appeared to be more advanced than previous models. One Israeli was killed and at least 12 were injured.

The militant group also said it would rocket the key Israeli port city of Haifa if Israel hit Beirut, a strike that would be the deepest ever into Israel by the guerrillas — some 18 miles.

Two days of Israeli bombings, the heaviest air campaign against its neighbor in 24 years, had killed 47 Lebanese and wounded 103, Health Minister Mohammed Jawad Khalife said. Besides the Israeli civilian, eight Israeli soldiers had also been killed.

Both sides played a high stakes game following the capture of the two soldiers by Hezbollah: Israel sought to end Hezbollah’s presence on the border, while the guerrillas insisted on trading the captured soldiers for Arab prisoners.

Trapped between the two sides was Lebanon, which Israel said it held responsible for Hezbollah’s actions. Hezbollah fighters operate with almost total autonomy in southern Lebanon, and the government has no control over their actions. But Lebanon has long resisted international pressure to disarm the group.

The Israeli warnings of more attacks caused panic in Beirut, and many people stayed home from work. Long lines formed at gas stations and supermarkets.

The violence reverberated throughout the region and pushed crude oil prices to a new intraday record of \$76.30 a barrel.

President Bush pledged to work with Israel, criticizing Hezbollah for thwarting efforts for peace in the Middle East.

“My attitude is this: there are a group of terrorists who want to stop the advance of peace,” he said at a news conference in Germany. “The soldiers need to be returned.”

Western countries, Russia and the United Nations called for restraint and demanded the return of the soldiers. The Arab League called an emergency meeting of foreign ministers in Cairo on Saturday, while the Lebanese Cabinet urged the U.N. Security Council to intervene.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan planned to send three veteran U.N. officials to the Middle East to try to defuse what he called a “major crisis.”

The European Union criticized Israel for using what it called “disproportionate” force in its attacks and EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana said he was planning a peace mission. Moderate Arab governments reacted with relative restraint, apparently reflecting a sentiment in Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia that Hezbollah had started the fight with Israel.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas warned that Israel’s Lebanon offensive “is raising our fears of a new regional war” and urged world powers to intervene.

The eight Israeli soldiers killed so far is the highest death toll for the army in four years. Three soldiers died in the initial Hezbollah raid, and four were killed when their tank ran over a land mine Wednesday.

Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regev said Israel had information Hezbollah was trying to transfer the two captured soldiers to Iran, which backs Hezbollah. He did not disclose the source of his information.

After hitting roads and bridges in the south all day Wednesday, Israel dramatically expanded its campaign Thursday with their biggest offensive in Lebanon since Israel’s 1982 invasion.

Which of These Costly Mistakes Will You Make When You Sell Your Santa Monica Home This Summer

BY JAMES COSTELLO AND JOHN MCCORMACK

SANTA MONICA – A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

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Jolie to don Pearl role

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK



JOLIE

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt, whose relationship was spawned on a film set, will again work together — this time on a movie based on the life of Daniel Pearl, the Wall Street Journal reporter who was kidnapped and murdered in Pakistan.

Jolie will star as Pearl's wife, Mariane Pearl, in an adaptation of her book, "A Mighty Heart: The Brave Life and Death of My Husband Danny Pearl," it was announced Thursday. Pitt will produce the film, directed by Michael Winterbottom.

In an ironic twist, the movie will be produced by Revolution Films and Plan B, the production company Pitt and his wife, Jennifer Aniston, founded. Pitt and Aniston, who were divorced last year, remain co-owners of the company.

It is the first announced on-screen role for Jolie, 31, since the birth of daughter Shiloh Nouvel in Namibia in May. The couple have two older children, 18-month-old Zahara, adopted from Ethiopia, and 4-year-old Maddox, adopted from Cambodia.

Pitt, 42, and Jolie first collaborated as co-stars in last year's "Mr. & Mrs. Smith."

"I am delighted that Angelina Jolie will be playing my role in the adaptation of my book," Pearl said in a statement released by Paramount Vantage. "I deeply admire her work and what she is committed to."

There was no announcement about who would play Daniel Pearl or when shooting for "A Mighty Heart" would begin.

The movie will be based on Mariane Pearl's account of her husband's abduction in Karachi, Pakistan, in 2002, while researching a story on Islamic militancy. Months later, his beheaded body was found in a shallow grave in a compound on the outskirts of Karachi.

HONG KONG

Coldplay keeps cool on politics



COLDPLAY

Coldplay doesn't want to impose their political beliefs on others, says frontman Chris Martin, but band members feel an obligation to use their celebrity for a good cause.

Coldplay supports Oxfam's fair trade campaign, which lobbies against trade policies that hurt developing countries, such as the influx of goods from developed countries.

"We don't want to be preachy, we just say those words (fair trade), and make sure people look it up themselves," Martin said at a news conference ahead of a concert Thursday.

He said the British rock band wants to put their name recognition to good use.

"When one or two people take pictures of us, we feel like we could start advertising something we care about," said Martin, 29, who has the Oxfam campaign's twin-striped logo tattooed onto his left hand.

He also said the band dislikes their debut album, "Parachutes," which was released in 2000.

"We know that's terrible music, and we always try to think about what we can do next," Martin said.

He declined to say when their next album will be released, but said it definitely won't be this year.

LAKE PLACID, N.Y.

Springsteen offspring is safe



SPRINGSTEEN

Evan Springsteen, the 15-year-old son of Bruce Springsteen and Patti Scialfa, had to be pulled from an Adirondack lake by forest rangers earlier this month after his kayak overturned.

The incident occurred July 2, when the family was in Lake Placid, where the couple's daughter Jessica was competing in the resort village's annual horse show.

Officials with the state Department of Environmental Conservation said forest rangers on routine patrol spotted an overturned kayak some

distance from shore. When they pulled up, they saw a teen in the water.

The rangers got the boy into their boat and took him to the rented lakeside camp where his family was staying.

The teen Springsteen wasn't hurt in the incident, which occurred while he was on an outing with friends.

A department spokesman said the 56-year-old rocker thanked the rangers for rescuing his son.

LONDON

'Soup Nazi' chef hits Britain



YEGANEH

New York chef Al Yeganeh, who inspired the brusque "Soup Nazi" character on "Seinfeld," is taking his recipes to Britain.

Yeganeh and his partners plan to open 50 Original SoupMan franchises during the next year, chief executive John Bello said Wednesday. He said the first franchises would be in central London, Manchester and Birmingham.

The company also hopes to open outlets in Germany, Italy and Japan.

Yeganeh's takeout restaurant, Soup Kitchen International, became a midtown Manhattan tourist attraction after the 1995 "Seinfeld" episode in which Jerry, George, Elaine and Kramer have their soup orders abruptly cut off by a gruff man with a thick mustache.

Employees at the international locations will not yell the character's trademark "No soup for you!" at customers, but will enforce Yeganeh's strict rules — "Have your money ready!" and "Move to the extreme left after ordering!"

"We think it will be an exciting concept that people in England will embrace," said Bello. "Al's an artist and very particular. ... His work is clearly soup. His life is his soup."

The London outlets will offer soups from seafood bisque and lentil to chilled gazpacho, and there are plans to package the product to sell in grocery stores, Bello said.

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In 1853, Commodore Matthew Perry relayed to Japanese officials a letter from former President Fillmore, requesting trade relations.

In 1958, the army of Iraq overthrew the monarchy.

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In 1965, U.S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson Jr. died in London at age 65.

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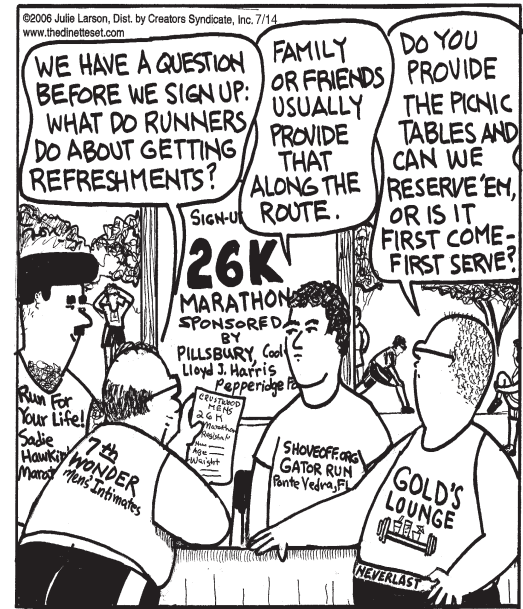
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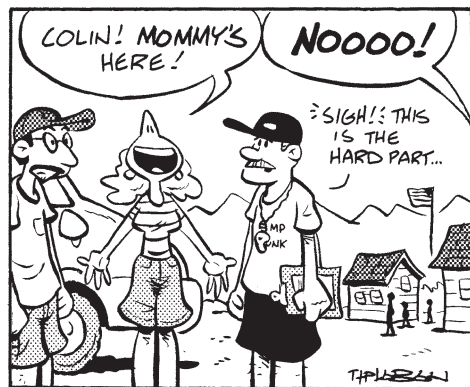
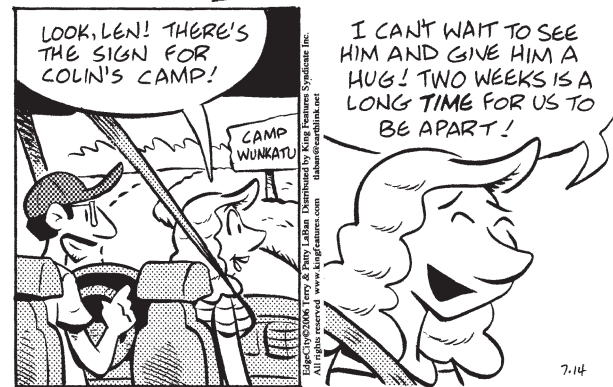
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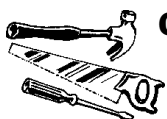
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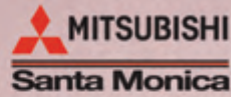
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