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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

On June 28, as Orange County (Calif.) sheriff's deputy Owen Hall was standing beside a car he had stopped, he was shot in the leg with an arrow. After Hall pulled the arrow out and reported to a hospital, deputies combed the neighborhood and finally located archer Tri Thanh Lam, who had apparently been practicing in his back yard when an arrow got away from him. Lam was arrested, but he went free two days later when authorities realized that he had committed no crime, since the state's negligent-shooting law applies only to guns.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Criticism is prejudice made plausible."

— H.L. Mencken



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Thousands gather at scene of carnage

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

Thousands of people gathered at the Santa Monica Farmers' Market on Saturday to remember those who were killed there five days ago after an elderly man lost control of his car and plowed through the crowd.

An interfaith group of more than a dozen religious leaders led a procession from St. Augustine's By-the-Sea Church, on Fourth Street, to the intersection of Arizona Avenue and the Third Street Promenade.

"We are here to remember," said Neil Comess-Daniels, a rabbi at Beth Shir Sholom. "But we are not here to remember death."

Comess-Daniels urged the community to honor the lives of the 10 people who died last week. He reminded the crowd that in Judaism, one must repent the day before he dies. But since no one knows when he will die, everyone should pray each day.

Farmer's Market vendors, shoppers, community leaders, residents and members of the media attended Saturday's event.

Russell Weller, 86, of Santa Monica, has remained out

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John Wood/Daily Press

Members of the clergy address thousands of people on Saturday during a memorial service remembering those who died in last week's Farmer's Market crash.

Convicted killer awaits his sentence by judge

Victim's family asks for maximum jail time for Michael Bell

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

Relatives of a homeless man who was shot dead last July pleaded with a judge Friday to lock up the killer for the maximum possible sentence.

Michael Ward Bell, 55, who was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter last month for fatally shooting Andre Watson, sobbed as Watson's family members recounted the 25-year-old man's life.

Bell's supporters appeared in court as well, though they didn't speak to Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Steven Van Sicklen.

Tom Bergman, of Signal Hill, said outside of the courtroom that he met Bell in jail while serving a two-month sentence for domestic violence.

"He was in the bed next to me and he cried every night," Bergman said. "It tormented him."

Bell shot Watson six times outside of the auto repair shop he managed on Pico Boulevard. He said he acted in self defense after being attacked by Watson, a diagnosed schizophrenic with a history of violence.

Judge Van Sicklen will sentence Bell on Aug. 22. He faces a sentence as light as probation or up to 21 years in prison.

Three of Watson's family members made

emotional pleas to Judge Van Sicklen Friday, asking him to remember Watson as a sick man but one that didn't deserve to die.

"He wasn't just my nephew," said Brenetta Glass, whose voice cracked from emotion as she leafed through photos of Watson. "He was like a brother. To hear his laughter — I hear it now — he had such a love for life."

Bell, who has been in custody since the July 1, 2002 shooting, was dressed in a blue LA County Jail jumpsuit with his hands bound to his chair. He looked over at Joanne Glass-Watson as she spoke about her son.

"Mr. Bell, I forgive you," she said, looking back at him, tears streaming down her cheek. "It is not in my heart not to forgive you."

But Glass-Watson said she still wants the maximum jail sentence. She said Bell made a decision to shoot Watson when he could have locked himself in his shop and called for help.

Watson left home at the age of 17 when he was diagnosed with schizophrenia. Expert witnesses described him during the trial as an exceptionally intelligent man who was prone to fits of rage interspersed with long periods of calm behavior.

Shortly before he was killed, Watson was released from jail after serving half of a 15-day sentence for attacking two teenage girls with a box cutter on Santa Monica Beach.

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Santa Monica firm sues designer

BY DAVE DANFORTH

Daily Press Staff Writer

A long-time Santa Monica businessman is accusing one of his most prolific designers with stealing key accounts by going into business for herself last year.

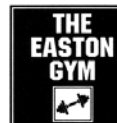
Gary Mandel, who owns the GMPC accessories design firm, claims Lendy Walker "schemed" to divert business worth \$2 million from Disney and Universal Studios before she left GMPC to form Design Labs, her own business.

Walker claims the suit is about Mandel trying to put her out of business.

"This case has nothing to do with trade secrets," Larry Berman, Walker's lawyer, told a Santa Monica jury last week in opening arguments in the case. "There's no Coca-Cola formula here. These are hats."

Walker's creative designs in placing Disney and Universal movie characters on caps for sale in their theme parks is at the heart of the case. She claims Disney and Universal owned the rights to the characters and asked her to continue to work for them after she opened her firm in January 2002.

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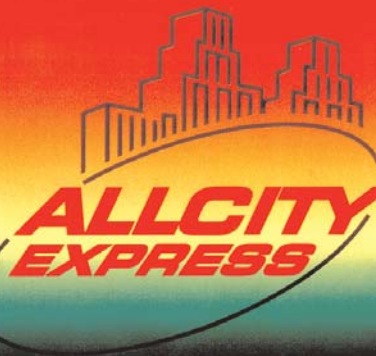
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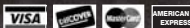
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♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Don't make the mistake of sitting back on a financial insight, need or investment. Although maintaining a low profile might feel right, you need to go over various details. A real estate investment might be slow to come to fruition. Tonight: Your treat.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Much might be going on, but you have a better grasp on the situation than you realize. A meeting might turn over some unexpected information, which could easily shake up the status quo. Talk through a change. Tonight: Do not be surprised at someone's conservative approach.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ A boss startles you with his or her ideas. You intuitively know how to respond. Trust yourself in how you deal with a changeable situation. Your own rigidity could backfire on you financially. You cannot be too careful. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Aim for what you want, with an eye to positive and dynamic change. A meeting could be stimulated by news from a distance. Your decisions hold, but be honest with yourself. Are you being tough on a special friend or loved one? Tonight: Where the crowds are.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ The unexpected occurs, but you can deal with it. Your leadership qualities comes out when you least expect it. Your intuition works with bosses and superiors in general. Others willingly work with you. Tonight: Count on tonight being late.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information. You might want to aim for more of what you desire in your present frame of mind. You might find someone in your circle extremely negative. A partner's unexpected actions give you a lot of knowledge. Tonight: Curl up and watch a favorite movie.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Work as a team with a close associate or partner. You will find that two minds work better than one. Listen carefully to someone you care about. He or she only wants the best for you. Be open to revamping a work-related matter. Tonight: Togetherness works.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Others seek you out. You might not want to do anything too fast. Your sense of humor comes into play when dealing with a child or new friend who decides to take a provocative action. Be patient waiting for a call. Tonight: Say "yes."

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Remember your real function at work. You have and need to get a lot done quickly. Bosses continue with their unpredictability. An associate who is usually most agreeable reverses his or her stand. You need to assume control at work. Tonight: You need a night off.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your imagination takes you to a new level. Laugh and play along with others who seem to be in a jovial mood after the weekend. Your creativity flourishes in such a happy and positive atmosphere. Everything naturally flows. Tonight: Enjoy the one you're with.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Family and personal matters take a leadership position in your planning. Realize that you might want to step back and take your time with security and property matters. Work might take longer than you would like. Tonight: At home.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ What you say does not fall on deaf ears. In fact, someone hears you loud and clear, which could be nothing less than a relief. You do the unexpected when you least expect it. Allow your sense of humor to flow. Tonight: Let your imagination take the lead. Reach out for a loved one.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

K9 response team comforts victims at Farmer's Market

By Daily Press staff

Within 15 minutes of the Farmer's Market crash last Wednesday, the first K9 Crisis Response Team arrived to comfort victims and witnesses.

The certified handler and the pug were working with traumatized children and adults, including the mother who tragically lost her toddler. While holding her infant, the mother was sobbing and petting the dog, repeatedly saying how her daughter loved dogs.

Later, the pug comforted a very distressed woman who has witnessed the accident and saw people flying in the air and farmers who had jumped to safety. The specially trained pug remained clam around the screaming, the commotion of the emergency workers, the scents of blood and the sirens, while focusing on its job of helping people.

Two more K9 units arrived and helped with the crowd, and family members who arrived at the scene were frantic about knowing whether their loved ones were one of the victims. They set up two canopies and provided shelter, water and snacks.

Once the shelter was opened by the Red Cross at the Civic Center, the K9 Crisis Units went there and also went to the hospitals to provide their services.

The K9 Crisis Response Team is a special program provided by "Create-A-Smile," a not-for-profit organization. Even before 9-11, the organization has been providing services to the community in crisis situations.

The program is looking for a training facility in the Santa Monica area. Donors or volunteers interested in the program should contact the office at (310) 392-6257 or visit Web site at www.create-a-smile.org.

The K9 Crisis Response Team dispatch phone number is 1-866-K9 HELPS.

Charlie Brown play musical this week at Samohi

By Daily Press staff

The new Santa Monica Civic Light Opera is presenting the Tony-Award winning, revised version of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," based on the comic strip, "Peanuts," by Charles M. Schulz.

It is a fresh approach to the 1966 classic and includes the favorite comic characters such as Charlie, Lucy, Linus, Schroeder, Snoopy and Sally Brown.

The musical takes the audience through a typical day in the life of Charlie Brown. The day is made up of little moments picked up from all the days of Charlie Brown — from Valentine's Day to the baseball season, from perpetual optimism to utter despair — all mixed in with the lives of his friends, both human and non-human, in a single day, from a bright uncertain morning to a hopeful starlit evening.

"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" will be at the intimate Humanities Center Theatre at Santa Monica High School on July 25 at 8 p.m. and July 26 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

General admission is \$15. Call the box office at (310) 458-5939 or e-mail tickets@smcilo.org for tickets and information.

The Q-Line

Santa Monicans offer their opinions on the city's tragedy

(Editor's note: The Santa Monica Daily Press has opened Q-Line this week to give an opportunity to community members to share their feelings and thoughts about last week's tragedy at the farmer's market. We'll run your responses daily throughout the week.)

■ "I watched all the stuff crashing down. I watched the guy have the 3-year-old girl on his fruit stand trying to revive her. I watched him pass her on to this guy that came and said 'give her to me.' As he turned, he had the girl in front of me. I watched that girl take her last breath and just leave. I am 40 years old and I refuse to get a driver's license because I have three types of arthritis in my entire body ... The reason I don't is my concern that if I am driving and I have an attack like a muscle spasm ...

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surf report

Weak and steeply angled NW wind swell with minor background SW swell made sets over the weekend sweet. Northern LA spots will see 2'-3' waves at most spots today. South bay spots see the wind swell primarily for 2'-3' surf at many breaks and chest high sets at best spots.

Get stoked on an epic sesh? Get burned by a bad report? Write us at wood@smdp.com and tell us what the surf is doing at your local break.

Today the water is:

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Sunrise: 5:50 a.m.
Sunset: 8:15 p.m.

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SUNDAY	4:08	-1.5	3:14	2.3	10:45	4.1	9:31	7.0
MONDAY	4:52	-1.4	4:03	2.3	11:28	4.1	10:16	6.8
TUESDAY	5:34	-1.2	4:52	2.3	(12:11)	4.2	11:00	6.4
WEDNESDAY	6:14	-0.8	5:43	2.4	(12:54)	4.2	11:44	5.8
THURSDAY	6:54	-0.3	6:40	2.5	N/A	N/A	1:38	4.3
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The Q-Line

As most residents of Santa Monica — and, indeed, the entire country — know by now, 86-year-old Russell Weller plowed through the farmer's market on Arizona Avenue on Wednesday, killing 10 and injuring nearly 50.

It is one of the worst tragedies ever to befall this city. The grief process and reality of the situation likely is just beginning to sink in for residents.

Therefore, the Daily Press invites anyone who wants to share their feelings, experiences or thoughts about this horrific incident to call our Q-Line.

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OPINION

Even 'Beachtown USA' bleeds and heals in tragedy

Bodies broken and injured and bleeding on the ground. That is the image that got us.

For our country, the last two years have been the most violent two years since the height of the Viet Nam War. But the one thing we haven't seen through it all: Bodies broken and injured and bleeding on the ground.

Our wars of late have been sanitized to the point of ethereal. It took searing images from the horrible car accident in Santa Monica, California, to let us know, again, how precious and fleeting life is — how fragile our physical bodies are.

I am a Santa Monican. It is where my business is and where my home is.

It is this town on the coast of California that is the most accurate microcosm of America today and a barometer of extremes that can truly be called American.

This is the city where Stan Laurel

lived. This is the city where O.J.'s civil trial took place. This is the city where Tom Hayden and Jane Fonda lived and thrived. This is the city where people store explosives in their bomb shelters.

This is the city where there are church groups that never met a homeless person they didn't like. This is the city where the Chamber of Commerce campaigns to make sure Hispanics who work at the lavish hotels don't get a few pennies extra. This city has given us stars as diametrically different as Shirley Temple and Dustin Hoffman.

Santa Monica High School was used as James Dean's school in "Rebel Without A Cause." This is the city where Raymond Chandler's Philip Marlowe hung his hat. The City of Gidget and the

City of Noir.

This city even puts up with Ed Begley, Jr. (we have a sense of humor — just don't bring Woody Harrelson in).

In this city of opposites and contradictions, there have always been pockets where the millionaires and street people can co-exist in harmony. The Humvee next to the shopping cart. One of those pockets is a tradition of commerce that is Americana to the bone — the Wednesday Farmer's Market on Arizona Avenue.

The Farmer's Market is that serene village scene that connects with us as a tribal remembrance. "A continuity," as the late Santa Monican John McGiver said in "Breakfast At Tiffany's." An unpretentious gathering of all kinds of people,

coming together to buy and sell fresh fruit, flowers and vegetables in the open air. A Farmer's Market is a celebration of our ancestral past. Like a barn-raising.

To see it torn and gutted by all the wreckage a motor vehicle can do at fast speeds was like receiving a knife in the gut. And then came a quick coastal rain on that Wednesday, falling on the wounded and the rescue workers to imprint the poignancy even more.

But as a microcosm and as a living town, we will heal. We'll send all of our good thoughts to the families of the victims. And we will have a Farmer's Market again, as a celebration for those who lost their lives.

As a celebration of our town.

(Thomas Brennan is a Santa Monica resident and co-owner of Tom Brennan Media, a media placement firm based in Santa Monica.)

Guest Commentary

By Thomas Brennan

Those who belittle the homeless do nothing to help the dilemma



I often wonder why the homeless are so persecuted by certain individuals in this community.

The people who have the most trouble with homelessness are the ones who have a degree of power and prestige in this community. I wonder if these individuals would ever consider focusing their efforts on helping to eradicate homelessness all together instead of trying to start a witch hunt every time some issue comes up dealing with the homeless.

These people seem to have no idea what would happen if their ideas stick and people start to attack the homeless population. I guess their morals and compassion are somewhat lacking, because if one

of us who are homeless gets hurt or killed by someone who reads and believes all the negative crap these individuals spew out they would be morally, if not criminally, responsible. How would they feel if it were them being verbally harassed or physically attacked because of what someone has written about them?

It would seem they are not as powerful or influential as they would like to believe they are. If they were, they would be taking on the ones who are responsible for the homeless situation.

They would be writing things about how the mega corporations are laying off people just to keep the CEO's multi-million dollar pay check.

They would be calling for the removal of all politicians who are sleeping with these corporations and giving them all the tax breaks, allowing them to move jobs and corporate offices out of the country so they will not have to pay the taxes and can exploit the poor of underdeveloped countries so they can keep profit margins above the norm for any American-based corporations.

They would be calling for watchdog

groups to keep the homeless agencies in line and ensure the homeless citizens of this nation are helped in getting jobs and housing. They would — if they are apartment property owners — give up some of their rental property, some of which has stood vacant for years, to be rolled back to rent control prices.

But, alas, that is not the situation. These individuals seem to have no conscience at all when it comes to the homeless. They think that because they work hard to achieve what they have that no one else is worthy of the American Dream. They do not realize that homeless people like myself and those who do work out here are not less than they.

On Wednesday, a homeless man was killed at the Farmer's Market. I knew him and he was a hard working individual, he was sober and living at Turning Point.

We, who are homeless, are human beings not animals. We are American citizens, not some terrorist group. We have feelings and spirits and are all created by God, the same as those who constantly have something negative to say about us.

I, once again, issue this challenge to

those who are so anti-homeless. Come out to the streets for one month, with nothing but what you can carry on your back. If you cannot meet this challenge then you are, in my opinion as a hard working, educated, creatively blessed homeless man, nothing but a coward and a bully who attacks those who cannot defend themselves but cannot stand up to those who are stronger than you to help solve this dilemma of homelessness.

You need to either help with solving the problem or stop trying to stop and belittle those of us who want to solve the problem. Because in the vernacular of the street, "Karma's a bitch" and you who are so anti homeless have really chalked up much bad karma, constantly blasting those who are weaker than you.

To those who are trying and wanting to help with solving the homeless situation in a positive way, I commend you for your efforts and keep up the good work.

(Charles Springer is a freelance writer and artist living on the streets of Santa Monica. He can be reached at Chaz_59@yahoo.com)

The Q-Line

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my concern is the people crossing the street or the car next to me. What if I cause an accident? This is why I don't drive. If I have enough sense to know that I have a condition or keep me from functioning 100 percent ... somebody that is three times my age should have enough sense to know that they shouldn't be driving ... I just think what happened was really wrong. I finally cried about it yesterday which was Friday ..."

■ "I feel really bad that all of these people were killed and injured. It was a horrific accident. It should've never happened. The city of Santa Monica should bear a good amount of responsibility for this accident because it is sponsored by the city of Santa Monica. They should

have had barriers like they do on the Promenade. Other markets have barriers placed so this very thing doesn't happen ... I am very sure they are liable for this accident. Hindsight is foresight ... The city of Santa Monica should've seen that this was going to happen. They need to put up some type of permanent barrier so this never happens again."

■ "We cannot hold Mr. Weller accountable for this tragedy. The state of California, the city of Santa Monica and the immediate family should be held accountable. Every person that received that video from 10 years ago should be ashamed of themselves."

■ "Thank you for allowing us to say something about Wednesday's accident. I believe seniors over 75 or 80 should have a medical report from their doctor to see if they should be driving."

YOUR OPINION MATTERS

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LOCAL



Victims, vendors return to the farmer's market



John Wood/Daily Press

Susan Ayles sells produce to customers during Saturday's farmer's market where hundreds of people returned to shop after last week's tragedy in which 10 people were killed and dozens injured.

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of the public eye since the fatal accident. He told police he may have hit the gas instead of the brake, causing him to lose control of his 1992 Buick LeSabre. Police are investigating the accident and charges against Weller are pending.

While some residual sentiments of anger and resentment towards Weller could be heard in the crowd, the overwhelming feelings at Saturday's event were of grief and recovery.

Many members of the audience, who gathered in front of a makeshift stage adorned with fresh flowers from the market, sobbed and held one another in the midday heat, as religious leaders led prayers and musicians performed for the crowd.

A bell was chimed for each of the dead and local leaders — such as City Councilman Bob Holbrook and Santa Monica Fire Department Chief Ettore Berardinelli, among others — read each victim's name.

The crowd then observed a moment of silence before dispersing into the bustling market.

Jenna Edwards, a 25-year-old Santa Monica worker who was taken to the UCLA-Westwood Hospital Wednesday after being pinned under a table at the market, said she didn't want to attend Saturday's event but was urged by her mother to come.

Once she arrived and felt the community support, Edwards said she was glad she came.

"I'm, lucky," she said through heavy tears, leaning on crutches. "I'm so lucky."

Edwards was treated for a bruised femur and released just hours later. She said she watched an elderly woman who also was pinned beneath a table die in front of her.

"You have to do the living of the 10 people that passed on because you survived," she said.

Only two vendors that do business at both of the twice-weekly markets didn't return Saturday. Both were in shock and will return this Wednesday, said Laura

Avery, the farmer's market manager.

"We were bruised and we were shattered by last week's events," Avery said. "But our desire to come together as a market was stronger than fear."

Susan Ayles, who for 20 years has been coming to the market to sell for Harry's Berries Farm in Oxnard, posted behind her stand that read "Our Wednesday crew is fine, thank you."

"They share something that only they can understand," she said of the crew. "It was a freak thing. Take whatever precaution you can, but is there anywhere in this world that is safe?"

Her neighbor at the market, Grant Reed of Winchester Cheese, witnessed Wednesday's carnage. He said many of his regular customers appeared to be staying away from the market, while others had rushed straight to his stand early Saturday morning.

Asked if he was hesitant to return after seeing the death firsthand, Reed said, "A little apprehensive, but I thought it's better to get back to some normalcy."

Reed said the shock from the event hadn't fully worn off by Saturday.

"I heard a roar and it sounded like a hurricane coming down the street, with god awful screams," he said, looking at the ground. "Horrific screams."

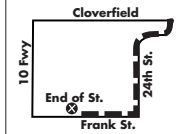
Though some stayed away from the market and many non-regulars came to show support but not to buy goods, Avery said the market drew about the same number of regular shoppers as any other Saturday.

Deborah Glusker, a real estate agent who works in Santa Monica and frequents both markets, said she missed Wednesday's accident by a mere 15 minutes. But despite her close encounter, Glusker said she felt compelled to return Saturday.

"I love it," she said of the market. "I think it's one of the greatest places in LA and I just had to be here today."

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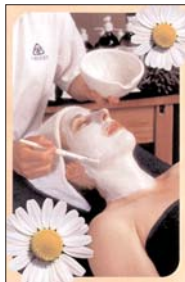
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Pico mechanic to be sentenced next month

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Bell said Watson first indicated he wanted to slice his throat from across the street and later in the day tried to enter his shop with a blade in his hand. When Bell went to lock up the shop and heard a noise, he said he panicked and grabbed a .357 Magnum in his file cabinet drawer.

After walking more than 50 feet down Pico Boulevard, Bell said Watson jumped him, prompting him to unleash six rounds, four of which connected with Watson's hip, thigh and pelvis. He died of massive bleeding.

Los Angeles Deputy District Attorney Mark Burnley pushed for first-degree murder during the trial, arguing that Bell methodically and deliberately shot at Watson as he lay in a fetal position on the sidewalk near BT Automotive, the auto repair shop Bell managed.

Despite Watson's devastating illness, family members said they held out hope that he would one day find the right medication and return to his family in Chicago. He had spent the last eight years working with various groups out west, at

one point traveling with a carnival.

But every six or seven months, Watson would have an episode of psychosis and he would leave to travel to a new place, Glass-Watson said.

Before he left his family, Watson had won awards for his classical guitar playing and had served as a Cub Scout and as an altar boy, Glass-Watson said.

He was diagnosed just one month before his graduation from high school. That summer, he left.

"He said to me, 'Mom, if I'm going down the tubes, I'm going by myself. I'm not taking anyone with me,'" Glass-Watson said while crying.

The last time she heard from Watson was by telephone in February. Glass-Watson said her son would call once or twice a year to check in.

"He said, 'Mom, I want to apologize to you for not being the son that you deserve,'" she said. "And I said, 'Your sisters and I just finished talking about you. And do you know what we said? We decided you are one of the most beautiful people we've ever met.'"

Theme park designer wants what she thinks she deserves

SUIT, from page 1

Walker had worked for Mandel since 1996 before she left to start Design Labs.

Mandel's firm, GMPC, sells promotional items such as keys, mugs, hats and backpacks.

Mandel claims Walker developed the Disney and Universal accounts at GMPC, and was paid salary and commissions worth \$300,000 annually.

The case is a "classic unfair competition" claim, Eddie Woods, Mandel's lawyer, told the jury. He centered on claims that Walker "appropriated" the relationship he set up with a Taiwan manufacturing firm called "Heads Up" and sought to conceal it from him.

Because Disney and Universal have developed extensive checklists for overseas plants to guard against sweatshop conditions, it can take years to set up such a relationship, Woods argued.

Mandel collected a series of e-mails between Walker and Heads Up owner Shelly Liao in an effort to show they concocted a scheme to invent a fake firm with a new name so Mandel wouldn't realize she was dealing with Liao and Heads Up.

Walker, however, claimed the use of the fake name "Shan Tai Manufacturing" was Liao's idea because Mandel owed Heads Up money and Liao feared going unpaid if she worked with Walker's Design Labs.

"She couldn't have started that business without a pre-approved factory," Woods told the jury.

"Gary Mandel would rather compete in a courtroom than in the marketplace," Berman countered.

Walker claims to have built the Disney and Universal accounts by calling them and asking who handled hats.

From 1997 to 2000, GMPC's sales of Walker-designed products totaled \$23 million and produced \$6 million in profits for Mandel's firm, Berman told jurors.

But after Walker left, almost all her designs were new for the two theme park firms, Berman said. Holding a yellow "Sponge-Bob" cap for jurors to see,

Berman exclaimed, "Isn't it adorable?"

Walker also developed a hat design using "Tinkerbell" and a slogan, "Don't Even Tink About It," Berman noted.

"Design is all about designing great stuff so a parent will hear a kid say 'I want that,'" Berman said. "She's got a gift, a knack for making stuff that little kids and their parents like."

Disney and Universal bought goods from Walker because it sold well in their theme parks, he noted, adding that the two theme park owners will set up similar relationships with anyone who can make them money.

Walker's work was good enough that Disney and Universal ordered \$3.8 million worth of merchandise from her in 2002, after she left GMPC, she claimed through her lawyer.

Though a prior bid to start up her own firm had failed because Walker is primarily a designer with little business sense, by 2002 she went into business with her fiancé. The fiancé, Adam Beatty, is a Harvard Business School graduate.

Walker claimed to have been dissatisfied with her treatment at GMPC. Her lawyer told jurors that other sales reps were making more than Walker's 15 percent commission and that Mandel had capped her pay before she left.

Walker had every right to leave, Berman noted. She took with her not trade secrets or confidential lists, but her own superior design abilities, he said.

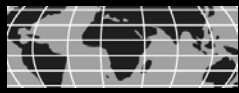
The only better designer at the firm was Mandel himself, Berman said. Mandel testified on the witness stand that his relationship with Walker was one of a "valued employee and friend" and that he was unaware of her unhappiness.

Mandel claimed that Walker planned her exit and "hoarded sales" in late 2001 in order to complete them after she'd left. Berman ridiculed that notion, contending that sales swooned at GMPC after September 11, 2001 because sales at theme parks declined.

Walker's defense includes a claim for unpaid commissions and vacation pay.



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WORLD BRIEFLY

Second plutonium plant may be in North Korean mountains

By The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea would find it hard to secretly build another plutonium production plant, a key step toward making nuclear weapons, South Korean experts said Sunday. Yet they did not rule it out amid suspicions the North may be operating a second facility, possibly buried deep in the mountains.

If true, a report that North Korea has built a second plant for producing weapons-grade plutonium could complicate diplomatic efforts to seek the verifiable dismantling of Pyongyang's nuclear facilities. It also poses a dilemma for President Bush if diplomacy fails and he is forced to consider military action.

Visiting Seoul, British Prime Minister Tony Blair said Sunday that North Korea must not be allowed to develop nuclear weapons, and that multilateral talks involving the United States, China, Japan and the two Koreas were essential to a resolution.

"This is a situation which I think has to be handled with a special sensitivity," Blair said at a joint news conference with South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun.

U.S. and U.N. officials are watching for signs that Pyongyang has begun producing weapons-grade plutonium, a process that emits a kind of krypton gas that U.S. sensors can detect. The New York Times reported Sunday that American officials confirmed that sensors on the North Korean border have detected elevated levels of krypton 85.

But the gas is apparently not emanating from North Korea's known Yongbyon nuclear site, leading American and Asian officials to believe North Korea has secretly built a second plant for producing plutonium, according to the Times.

Jessica Lynch to return home this week

By The Associated Press

ELIZABETH, W.Va. — Jessica Lynch has never seen her home county look quite like this: bedecked, bow-strewn and virtually weedless.

Then again, Wirt County has never planned a celebration quite like Tuesday's homecoming of Lynch, the 20-year-old Army private who was taken prisoner in Iraq in March, and whose survival and recovery by U.S. forces made her a hero.

Knowing that hundreds of journalists will be descending on this county seat of about 1,000 for Lynch's first public comments about her ordeal, the locals have been painting, pruning and preening for weeks.

"Every weed in every crack is down to dirt," said Debbie Hennen, the county assessor. "We don't want people to see weeds. We want them to say, 'Gosh, that is such a friendly town. That's a place I'd like to live.'"

Many of the flags and yellow ribbons that sprouted after Lynch's maintenance convoy drove into an ambush March 23 have been replaced with new versions, especially along the five miles Lynch's motorcade will drive on her journey's final leg from Elizabeth to her home town of Palestine.

Lynch — who is still recuperating from multiple broken bones and other injuries — and family members will be flown to Elizabeth by helicopter from Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Vehicle control system could avoid accidents

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A vehicle control system that has been proven in Germany to cut down dramatically on accidents is available on just 6 percent of vehicles in the United States.

Electronic stability control, a feature on one of every three vehicles in Europe, has yet to catch on among American drivers. Many have never heard of it, and that has prompted suppliers to kick off an eight-city tour Wednesday in Washington.

Suppliers of stability control systems say they hope consumer demand, not government mandates, will persuade automakers to overcome their well-known aversion to added costs and offer the system on more vehicles.

Electronic stability control, which has different trade names, is a system that applies brakes to specific tires and decelerates if it senses a driver is veering off course.

If a driver swerves to the left to avoid an animal in the road, for example, a vehicle with stability control will apply brakes to the outside front tire to

prevent the vehicle from fishtailing.

Stability control is different from traction control, which keeps wheels from spinning when the driver accelerates. It's also different from all-wheel drive, which distributes energy to all four tires to increase traction.

Saddam is probably alive, but without power

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Saddam Hussein is probably still alive and hiding in Iraq, but the ousted leader is not orchestrating the daily attacks on American troops, the top U.S. official for the country said Sunday.

Civilian administrator L. Paul Bremer also said Americans should prepare for a lengthy stay in Iraq.

"It's clear that, given the size of the task, we're going to be there for a while," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "I don't know how many years."

A Pentagon advisory panel last week suggested coalition troops will need to remain in Iraq for at least two to five years to back up the fledgling Iraqi police and military.

Not long before Bremer made the rounds on the weekend television talk shows, two soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division were killed in an ambush Sunday in northern Iraq, according to the U.S. military. That followed the death Saturday of an American soldier who was shot while guarding a bank in Baghdad.



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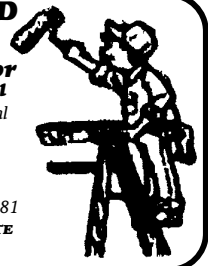
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Bruce Almighty PG-13 — 7:45, 10:10
Finding Nemo G — 11:45, 2:15, 4:40, 9:35
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Former Red Sox GM leaves the field, hits the stage

By The Associated Press

PITTSFIELD, Mass. — Dan Duquette waltzed right into a new gig after being fired as general manager of the Boston Red Sox.

Instead of going after the Yankees on the field, he is doing it with a song-and-dance number while portraying the manager of the Washington Senators in a local production of "Damn Yankees" from July 31 to Aug. 3.

Duquette is taking singing and acting lessons to prepare for his role as Benny Van Buren, who inspires his team to win the pennant with a rendition of "You Gotta Have Heart."

"This is my first try at anything in the theater," Duquette said. "It's a challenge. But it's a lot of fun."

The idea of staging the 1956 Tony Award-winning musical in the 111-year-old Wahconah Park came last summer to Jenny Hersch, a minority owner of the Berkshire Black Bears, Wahconah's home team.

When Hersch asked Duquette in November to play the role of Van Buren — who enlists slugger Joe Hardy to win the championship over the Yanks — Duquette didn't hesitate.

He figures this is a chance to try something new and give Pittsfield and the Colonial Theatre project a shot in the arm.

"Besides," he said, referring to a recent commercial featuring the Yankees' owner and shortstop spending a night on the town, "If George Steinbrenner can get in a conga line with Derek Jeter, why can't I do this?"

■ **BELLEVILLE, Ill.** — There was pie on the fly as fans of classic movie comedians Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy paid tribute to their heroes.

About 20 of the duo's fans kicked off a two-day festival of their silent films Saturday by re-enacting one of the most famous scenes from their "Battle of the Century" — a pie fight of mammoth proportions.

Trudy Wellen, of Olivette, Mo., was covered from head

to toe with heavy whipped cream after the fight outside the Lincoln Theatre, but she couldn't have been happier.

"I've been waiting for this for so long you wouldn't believe," said Wellen, as the sticky mess dripped from her arms. "I don't even want to get cleaned up."

The festival was to continue Sunday with four Laurel and Hardy silent films, accompanied by organ music from Stan Kann and Dennis Ammann.

The four films showing on Sunday were: "Liberty," "Should Married Men Go Home," "You're Darn Tootin'" and "Finishing Touch."

■ **SALT LAKE CITY** — Best-selling author Jon Krakauer told an overflowing crowd that his latest book, examining the violent fringe of the Mormon religion, wasn't a bid for social reform.

But Krakauer, on a book tour Friday for "Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith," said The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints should accept that its history played a role in creating an unwavering brand of fundamentalism.

Every church bears some responsibility for the deeds of its most fervent believers, Krakauer said.

"Humans are a very irrational species," Krakauer told a standing-room-only crowd at an 800-seat theater. "When religious beliefs supplant rational judgment, strange things do happen."

"Under the Banner," which went on sale Tuesday, looks at the dangers of religious extremism through those who claim to follow the original teachings of the Mormon church, notably the tenet of polygamy.

The book, from the author of "Into Thin Air," has drawn outraged responses from church officials.

■ **SYDNEY, Australia** — The wife of Australian-born media magnate Rupert Murdoch has given birth to the couple's second child, according to published reports.

Wendi Murdoch, 35, gave birth in New York Thursday to a girl who was named Chloe, Murdoch's Australian newspapers reported. The couple's first daughter, Grace Helen, was born in November 2001.

The 72-year-old Murdoch, who holds U.S. citizenship, is chairman and chief executive of News Corporation, which operates television, print and movie businesses throughout North America, Europe and Asia. His stable of companies includes the Twentieth Century Fox movie studios and the New York Post and The Times of London newspapers.

Murdoch has four adult children from two previous marriages.

■ **CAPE TOWN, South Africa** — Hours after hosting 1,600 guests at his 85th birthday celebration, former President Nelson Mandela officially opened a new Johannesburg bridge named in his honor on Sunday.

By The Associated Press

Accompanied by President Thabo Mbeki and other dignitaries, the opening capped a week of birthday celebrations for the country's former president.

Mandela said the bridge was a symbol of all who fought to free South Africa of apartheid, the South African Press Association reported.

"I feel very humble indeed," Mandela said.

"There were many ... who had suffered more than I did," he said.

President Mbeki said the bridge was a symbol of the closing of divisions in the nation.

"We must stand together as one nation," he said.

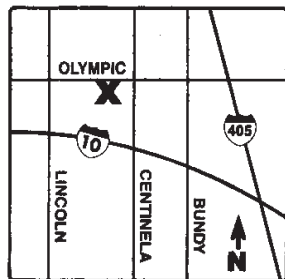
Mbeki was also present at Saturday night's celebrations at the Sandton Convention Center. Other guests at the banquet included celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey, Robert DeNiro, former South African President F.W. de Klerk, former U.S. president Bill Clinton, his wife Hillary and daughter Chelsea.

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