

3 Clemson students charged in assault

CLEMSON — Three Clemson University students and an employee have been charged with criminal sexual conduct in an assault case earlier this month, the school said Tuesday.

The men are charged in connection with an assault on a woman at Thornhill Village Apartments. The woman is not a Clemson student.

The three students have been placed on interim suspension.

Spoletto poster will feature local's art

CHARLESTON — A painting by South Carolina native Jonathan Green will appear on this year's poster for the Spoletto Festival USA.

The painting, titled "Eyelets," shows a woman in a red dress heading skyward on a swing, the dress billowing beneath the white eyelet embroidery at the hem.

The Spoletto Festival runs May 28 through June 13. This year, it includes performances by dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov and a production of the 18-hour Chinese opera "The Peony Pavilion."

Nation

Greenspan calls for expanding gas trade

WASHINGTON — The United States needs to expand the global trade in natural gas as a way to prevent future sharp price increases from harming its economy, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Tuesday.

Greenspan said a dramatic rise in recent years in the price of oil and gas for delivery six years into the future was almost certain to impact the U.S. economy.

He said the impact was likely to be greater for users of natural gas because they had no global supply to cushion price increases.

Labor department creating task force

WASHINGTON — The Labor Department, facing political heat because of new overtime pay rules, is creating a new task force it says will focus on protecting workers' eligibility rights.

The department's new rule overhauls the regulations that determine what white collar workers are eligible for overtime pay under the 1938 Fair Labor Standards Act. The rule takes effect in August and does not require approval from Congress.

World

Aired tape contains al-Qaida confession

AMMAN, JORDAN — State television aired a videotape of four men admitting they were part of an al-Qaida plot to attack the U.S. Embassy and other targets in Jordan using a combination of conventional and chemical weapons.

A commentator on the tape aired Monday said the suspects had prepared enough explosives to kill 80,000 people.

One of the alleged conspirators, Azmi Al-Jayousi, said that he was acting on the orders of Abu-Musab al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian wanted by the United States for allegedly organizing terrorists to fight U.S. troops in Iraq on behalf of al-Qaida. U.S. officials have offered a \$10 million reward for his capture.

Relief on the way for train disaster victims

BEIJING — North Korean train explosion victims battling severe burns and meager medical options received visits Tuesday from international aid workers, who began assessing long-term needs for relief.

North Korea said Tuesday the disaster caused about \$356 million in damage. South Korea has promised \$1 million in relief goods and the United States said it would give \$100,000 to the Red Cross to help those left homeless from Thursday's explosion.

North Korea's official news agency said more than 30 public buildings and houses for at least 8,100 families were destroyed, and that the blast was equivalent to about 100 one-ton bombs going off at the same time.

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This day in History

1914: W.H. Carrier patents air conditioner.

1967: Muhammad Ali refuses induction into the army and is stripped of his boxing title.

Extended Forecast



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Coming Up @ USC

Today

USC STUDENT COMPOSERS CONCERT: School of Music 206, 7:30 p.m.

LAST DAY OF CLASSES

Thursday

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE CONFERENCE: Russell House Ballroom, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
VERIZON WIRELESS IN-SERVICE DAY: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
READING DAY — NO CLASSES

Friday

VERIZON WIRELESS IN-SERVICE DAY: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
MADELEINE DARMIENTO GRADUATE CHAMBER RECITAL: School of Music 206, 7:30 p.m.
FINAL EXAMS BEGIN

Saturday

CELEBRATION OF SONG, STUDIO RECITAL OF STUDENTS OF LAURY CHRISTIE: School of Music 206, 7 p.m.
"LET A SONG FILL YOUR HEART," LAURY CHRISTIE FACULTY RECITAL: School of Music 206, 3 p.m.
"WHISPERING PINES" EXHIBIT OPENS WITH PHOTOGRAPHS BY BIRNEY IMES: McKissick Museum, 1-5 p.m.

Jackson fires lawyers before case resumes

LOS ANGELES — Act Two of the Michael Jackson child molestation case gets under way this week with a new cast of lawyers taking center stage.

"My life is at stake," the pop star said as he announced firing his two high-profile lawyers, **Mark Geragos** and **Benjamin Brafman**.

At the counsel table when court reconvenes Friday will be **Thomas Mesereau Jr.**, a well known advocate whose work on behalf of the downtrodden and minorities was a selling point for the superstar who has been involved in fund raising for numerous causes.

Mesereau also is a veteran of a star trial, having represented actor Robert Blake in a murder case for the past year before they had a falling out.

Sitting beside Mesereau will be **Steve Cochran**, Jackson's longtime lawyer, and Robert Sanger of Santa Barbara, who has represented Jackson in lawsuits in the county where his Neverland ranch is located.

From his statement, it appeared that Jackson broke with Geragos because of the famed attorney's representation of **Scott Peterson** on charges that Peterson murdered his wife, **Lacl**, and their unborn child.

Jackson felt that Geragos' involvement in that trial, which is in jury selection, was taking up too much of his time.

"It is imperative that I have the full attention of those who are representing me. My life is at stake," Jackson said. "Therefore, I must feel confident that my interests are of the highest priority. I am innocent of these false charges, and will aggressively seek to clear my name.

"I feel very confident that when I am able to defend myself, I will be exonerated by a jury of my peers," Jackson said.

Chan now goodwill ambassador for U.N.

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA — **Jackie Chan**, who's best known for his daredevil stunts, was named a goodwill ambassador Monday for the United Nations' Children's Fund and U.N. AIDS agencies.

The Hong Kong action film star will help fight the spread of



PHOTO COURTESY OF KRT CAMPUS

Michael Jackson replaced lawyer Mark Geragos with two high-profile lawyers.

HIV/AIDS and discrimination against people affected by it, and advance the causes of children, particularly those who suffer through armed conflict, said Rodney Hatfield, UNICEF's representative in Cambodia.

Chan, a box-office star of Hollywood and Chinese-language movies for more than 20 years, will visit children suffering from AIDS and tour land mine rehabilitation centers during his three-day stay in Cambodia, which ends Wednesday.

Chan, whose movies include "The Legend of Drunken Master," "Shanghai Noon" and the sequel "Shanghai Knights," will likely begin shooting the third film in the "Rush Hour" series later this year.

Beckham on display in video at art gallery

LONDON — Fans used to seeing soccer star **David Beckham** in motion on the field can now study him at rest in bed.

An hour-long "video portrait" of Beckham asleep after training in

Madrid, where he plays for Real Madrid, was to go on display Tuesday at the National Portrait Gallery.

The gallery, which houses portraits of famous Britons in every field, said that the Beckham piece, titled "David," was "intriguing and intimate." It was shot in a single, long take and runs in a continuous loop on a plasma screen.

"It is very immediate and I think rather powerful," gallery director Sandy Nairne told Channel 4 TV.

Artist **Sam Taylor-Wood** said it was a challenge to make an original portrait of Beckham because people see his image so frequently.

"I wanted to create a direct, closely observed study," she said in a statement. "Filming while he was asleep produces a different view from the many familiar, public images."

Streisand auctions her items for charity

LOS ANGELES — Hundreds of pieces of memorabilia from **Barbra**

Streisand's career will be auctioned off June 5, with proceeds going to charities that the Streisand Foundation supports.

More than 400 items will make up the auction at Astra West in the Pacific Design Center in West Hollywood, with simultaneous bids taken online, auction coordinator **Darren Julien** said Monday.

The auction, which was dubbed "Her Name is Barbra," will feature famous items that trace the career of the singer and actress from the early 1960s to today, Julien said.

It will include costumes from "Funny Girl," "A Star is Born," "The Way We Were" and "The Main Event," album cover proofs, vintage costume jewelry and stage props from Streisand's tours, he said.

The auction items will go on display May 10 at Takashimaya in New York City; at Planet Hollywood in London; and starting May 31, at Astra West.

BRIEFS FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS WIRE

'Springer' opera set to shock Broadway

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'Jerry Springer — The Opera' is coming to Broadway but not until the fall of 2005.

The raucous, raunchy London hit about the American talk show host will open Oct. 20, 2005, at a theater to be announced, producer Jon Thoday said Monday in a telephone interview from London.

But first, the \$13.9 million production will play San Francisco's Orpheum Theatre for six weeks starting at the end of February or the beginning of March 2005, the producer said.

"Going to San Francisco, gives us a chance to work on the show if we need to improve it," Thoday said. No cast has been set for the American production, and Thoday has not ruled out hiring Michael Brandon, an American who originated the role in London.

"Jerry Springer" is a musical that appeals to people who like musicals and people who don't," Thoday said. "It's got crossover appeal. It has brought a whole new audience into the theater. And it's very funny. Aside from 'The Producers,' there are not that many genuinely funny musicals."

"Jerry Springer," created by Richard Thomas and Stewart Lee, opened last April to rave reviews at the National Theatre in London and later transferred for a commercial run to the Cambridge Theater where it is still playing.

The production, which won the Olivier Award (the British equivalent of the Tony) for best musical, features tap-dancing Ku Klux Klansmen, rude language and a never-ending parade of lowlifes and freaks. In the musical, Springer is shot at the end of the first act and gets dragged down to hell.

The real-life Springer saw the show last November in London and praised the production while distancing himself from the Jerry portrayed in it. "It's a persona, and they did it remarkably well," he said. "As an opera, it's perfect."

USC Briefly

U-WIRE taking fall internship applicants

U-WIRE is now taking applications for its fall internships. Interning for U-WIRE can be done from your dorm, apartment or computer lab. Four to five student positions are available each semester for line editing, copy editing, headline writing, content development and fact checking of our daily feed. Interns will work on our Web-based editorial system and receive constant feedback and instruction via

Instant Messenger and e-mail. Ideal candidates will have experience editing their campus newspaper with proficiency in Associated Press style. This internship is for full-time students only. The internship runs from Aug. 24 to Dec. 10 (university holidays observed), and offers a stipend of \$2,000. For more information, e-mail jenny@uwire.com.

4 medical students take 1st at MedWAR

This past weekend one fourth-year and three first-year medical students from USC School of Medicine won first place in the Southeast MedWAR, or Medical Wilderness Adventure Race.

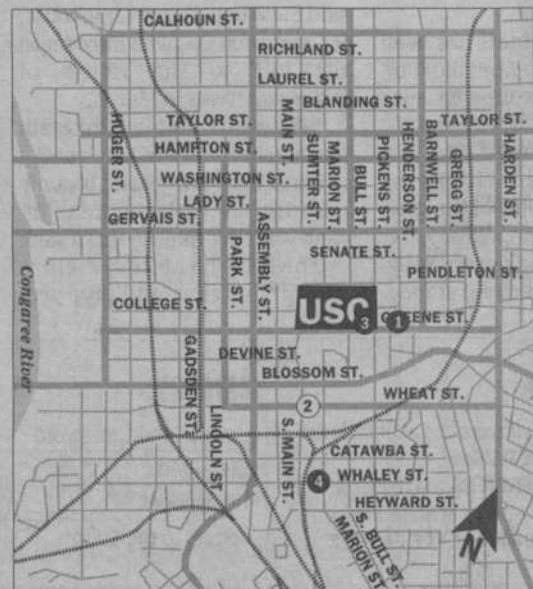
The event combines wilderness and medical challenges with adventure racing. School of Medicine team competed against teams from around the country composed of doctors, nurses, residents and other medical students. They finished in around 7.5 hours, 22 minutes ahead of the second place team. For more

information, visit <http://www.medwar.org/>.

Late Night Carolina to be held at Strom

Alcohol and Drug Programs is sponsoring Late Night Carolina tonight at Strom Thurmond Wellness & Fitness Center from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The event is free to USC students and includes a mechanical bull, dunk tank, human foosball, a DJ, massage therapy, games, prizes and food.

Police Report



Each number on the map stands for a crime corresponding with numbered descriptions in the list below.

DAY CRIMES (6 a.m.-6 p.m.)

□ Violent
○ Nonviolent

NIGHT CRIMES (6 p.m.-6 a.m.)

■ Violent
● Nonviolent

CRIMES AT UNKNOWN HOURS

□ Violent
○ Nonviolent

These reports are taken directly from the USC Police Department.

Monday, April 26

- GRAND LARCENY OF COMPUTER, LECONTE, 1523 GREENE ST.** The complainant said someone entered the secured area and stole a Dell computer, a keyboard, two books, and one briefcase. Estimated value: \$2500. Reporting officer: D.W. Fields.
- LARCENY OF BICYCLE, BLATT P.E. CENTER, 1328 WHEAT ST.** The victim said someone stole his bicycle from the P.E. Center. Estimated value: \$500. Reporting officer: Rozier.
- MALICIOUS INJURY TO REAL PROPERTY, WOODROW, 1415 GREENE ST.** The complainant said he saw a white male between the ages of 20 and 25

pulling on a lamp attached to the west side of Woodrow. The complainant said the subject tore the lamp from the wall then ran into Greene Street and yelled, "Preston rocks." Reporting officer: M. Denard.
- HARASSING PHONE CALLS, BATES HOUSE, 1423 WHALEY ST.** The victim said someone called him nine times on his cell phone. He said he was unable to tell what the caller said. The victim said he thinks the caller used a computer program to make a male voice. The victim received no threats. Reporting officer: M. Denard.

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