

Stanton Yard Leaf Pickup



Portland city employees John Calvert and Janet Westkraft help a Portland woman unload leaves from her van at the Stanton Yard on North Kerby Avenue. Area residents can deposit their leaves for a minimal fee through Dec. 14 at six different locations during specific dates and times. For information, call the City of Portland Leaf Line at 503-823-1784.

PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Jackson Dangles Child from Balcony

(AP) — Michael Jackson rewarded fans outside his Berlin hotel with a brief appearance and a glimpse of his youngest child — dangling the toddler over a fourth-floor balcony.

The boy, his legs kicking, had what appeared to be a white cloth over his head as Jackson, briefly holding the child with one arm, displayed him Tuesday to dozens of fans waiting below the window of the luxurious Adlon Hotel.

The child, in a baby blue jumper, was the reclusive singer's third and youngest, Prince Michael II, said Antje Sigismund, a spokeswoman for the Bambi entertainment award ceremony, which Jackson is attending in Berlin.



Michael Jackson dangles a child, its head hidden by a towel, over a balcony of the Adlon Hotel in Berlin, Tuesday.

About 200 fans gathered outside the hotel, just opposite Berlin's landmark Brandenburg Gate, and security had to remove some from the lobby. Several carried banners, including one that said "Save the Kids," with drawings of children's faces. Another said "Really good to see you."

Jackson, wearing a bright red shirt, smiled and waved to the fans, at one point tossing a small white towel to the crowd below.

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On Hunger's Edge

agencies looking for help meeting clients' needs.

Sign up for holiday assistance, which includes holiday food box meals and children's toys, began Nov. 4 and will run through Dec 13.

"If you wait too long, you might not get help," said Erlich.

Salvation Army employee John

Schauer does a little bit of everything at the main site at 1712 N.E. Sandy Blvd. He spent much of his day Friday preparing food boxes and checking in new clients. He has seen first hand the need for help right now.

"This morning it was more than standing room only," he said. "We

had a line around the corner." Schauer knows the work that the Salvation Army does is vital this time of the year.

"When I get home, I know I've done some good," he said. "I sleep like a rock."

The Salvation Army can be reached at 503-239-1226.

Muhammad Ali Visits Afghanistan

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himself in a chair surrounded by dozens of Afghan girls under a tent, Ali smiled—and pretended to snore—when a group of waiting photographers were slow to take his picture.

Girls were banned from going to school under the former Taliban government, which was ousted in a U.S.-led war last year.

Ali also made a trip to a mud-walled boxing club which had two framed photos of a younger Ali hanging on the wall. He handed out

gifts of gloves and jump ropes. After slowly shaking the hands of 20 young boxers, Ali seemed to regain his strength, taking a minute to pound a red and blue punching bag as a small crowd cheered him on.

He watched several young men spar in a makeshift boxing ring before donning a pair of red gloves and briefly boxing with two Afghans. His opponents threw no punches.

Ali, a devout Muslim, arrived in Kabul on Sunday and met President Hamid Karzai at the presi-

dential palace. On Monday, he also visited to a women's bakery sponsored by the U.N. World Food Program. He is also visiting a boxing club, and leaves Tuesday.

"He loves to travel to this region. He feels very much at home here," DiNicola said.

Ali, one of the world's best known faces, is one of dozens of celebrities who have served as U.N. goodwill ambassadors or "Messengers for Peace," helping raise awareness and money for the world's poor and war-battered nations.



Thousands of people fill Portland's streets to criticize a possible war with Iraq. PHOTO BY DAVID PLECHL/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

No More War!

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Priscilla Bradley came from Newport to march in the demonstration. She thinks a war with Iraq would be counter-productive for the American people.

"It wouldn't solve any of our problems," she said. "It would only make terrorism worse."

The protest was supported by a huge cast of organizations that included, Portland Peaceful Response, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, and St. Andrews Catholic Church.

Rattlesnake Kiss Lands Man in Hospital

(AP)— Matt George of Yacolt, Wash. wanted to show friends the rattlesnake he'd caught on a recent trip to Arizona.

But perhaps it was too early in their relationship for a kiss.

"I said, 'OK, man, you're being stupid, put it away,'" said Jim Roban, 39, recounting George's Sunday encounter with the rattler. "He said, 'It's OK, I do it all the time.'"

George, 21, holding the 2-foot-long snake right behind the head, kissed it. And then kissed it again.


"It didn't get him the first time, but it got him the second time and it got him good," LeaAnn Jennings told The Columbian.

Clark County sheriff's Deputy Steven Johnson observed George in the ambulance.

"I noticed his upper lip was

expanding, causing his face to become disfigured," Johnson said. "I watched as he became limp and his eyes rolled back into his head."

After George lost consciousness, he was flown by Life Flight Helicopter to Legacy Emanuel Hospital where he was initially listed in critical condition. By Tuesday, his condition had been upgraded to serious.




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Wellness Within REACH: Mind, Body, and Soul Activity Calendar

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Matt Dishman 77 NE Knott					Old School Dance 6:30-7:00pm Kendrick	
Salvation Army 5325 N Williams	Aerobics 6:30-7:30 pm Nickerson Weight Training 6-7 pm Hampton	Water aerobics 2:00 - 3:00pm Hampton	Aerobics 6:30-7:30 pm Nickerson Weight Training 6-7 pm Hampton	Water aerobics 2:00 - 3:00pm Hampton	Aerobics 6:30-7:30 pm Nickerson	Weight Training 10-11am Hampton
Nature's 3535 NE 15th		Yoga 7:30-8:30 pm O'Rourke				
Peninsula Park 700 N Portland		Walking Group 6-7 pm Nickerson				Walking Group 12:30 pm Nickerson
Portland Community College 705 N Kingsworth	Walking Group 6:30-7:30am Cason		Walking Group 6:30-7:30am Cason			


**Must be 21 or older to participate. Please check with AAHC before showing up to the first class 503-413-1850. Please receive approval from your doctor before beginning exercise class. All classes are free of charge!



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