

People in the news

Supermodel tries role of motherhood

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Elle Macpherson gave birth to a boy over the weekend in New York, a newspaper said.

The baby, born in a Manhattan hos-

pital, was named Arpad Flynn Busson after his father and weighed in at 7 pounds, the *Daily Telegraph* said.

His parents will call him Flynn.

Mother and baby were doing



Macpherson

well, the newspaper said.

The model retreated Monday with her husband and newborn to a hotel suite where they have been staying for two weeks.

Bounty still held for Salman Rushdie

LONDON (AP) — The British government promised Monday to keep

fighting Iran's death sentence against Salman Rushdie.

"Iran should be in no doubt that this issue is an obstacle to better relations with the United Kingdom," Foreign Secretary Robin Cook told reporters after a meeting with the author.

"It is appalling that the threat to his life remains after all this time."

Rushdie has been in hiding since 1989, when the late Iranian leader Ay-

atollah Ruhollah Khomeini declared that he had blasphemed Islam in *The Satanic Verses*.

Britain will mobilize support in the 15-nation European Union, Cook said.

Iran renewed the fatwa Friday and the bounty on Rushdie's head stands at \$2.5 million.

Rushdie, who has been more visible in recent months, called the death threat "a colossal pressure,"

adding, "It is a very unpleasant thought that someone is offering money for my death."

Fundraising show set for North Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Michael Jackson plans a fundraising concert here later this year to help starving North Korean children.

Tentatively called "We Are World 2," the concert will be held Oct. 10 at the Olympic Stadium and broadcast live in 120 countries, an aide to President-elect Kim Dae-jung said Monday.

"Mr. Jackson is enthusiastically pursuing the project. He has been and will be contacting some 50 other celebrities and world leaders for participation," said an aide, Choi Kyu-sun.

Those being invited include Luciano Pavarotti, Whitney Houston, Celine Dion, Boyz II Men, Elizabeth Taylor, Michael Jordan and Shaquille O'Neal, Choi said.

For taped messages and songs to be aired during the concert, Jackson is in contact with such luminaries as Pope John Paul II and South African President Nelson Mandela, Choi said.

"Mr. Jackson's side has been in contact with North Korea. But we cannot say whether or not the hope will be true," Choi said.



Jackson

Carnegie Hall show plays without lights

NEW YORK (AP) — Getting Carnegie Hall was not the problem for the Minnesota Orchestra.

Soloist Kathleen Battle was in the middle of a piece from Verdi's opera "Attila" on Sunday when the lights dimmed by half, then dimmed again until the stage was almost completely dark.

She kept singing, and three accompanying musicians kept playing. Music director Eiji Oue said afterward that if Battle had stopped, he would have followed her lead.

"But we all have that piece memorized. It's like walking to your kitchen in the dark," he said.

Harp player Kathy Kienzie said she eventually adjusted to the darkness. "I think there was a little light at the audience. I was really playing by ear and what I remember," she said.

Apparently someone backstage had backed into a computerized control board, cutting power until the system could be reset.

Film adapts novel by Virginia Woolf

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Elizabeth Atkins is not sure her attempt to dramatize the works of Virginia Woolf would sit well with the late author.

"I really do hope there isn't a letterlife," the actress and screenwriter said in Sunday's *Los Angeles Times* from London.

"There she'd be, waiting for me saying, 'Who do you think you are trying to be me?'"

"For one thing, she's an intellectual. I know she wouldn't like me at all, a self-taught Cockney. I would have lasted 20 minutes without talking her to death."

Atkins, 63, said she discovered Woolf in her '20s, when filmmakers and producers began asking her to play the writer because she resembled her.

She has played Woolf in two plays that she wrote, adapted and directed. Woolf's diaries for a BBC radio series and adapted the novel *Mrs. Dalloway* for the screen.

The film starring Vanessa Redgrave opens this month.

Detroit airport earns low service scores

ROMULUS, Mich. (AP) — Detroit Metropolitan Airport ranks last among Tampa, Fla.'s airport is best among the nation's 36 top airports, according to a passenger survey.

In four of eight categories — speed of baggage delivery, ease of reaching gates, available ground transportation and ease of following signs — Metro Airport earned the lowest scores of any airport in the survey.

In the remaining categories — cleanliness, quality of restaurants, attractiveness, and closeness of parking — the 68-year-old airport ranked near the bottom.

The private survey by Los Angeles-based Plog Research Inc. was commissioned by the 36 big airports. Passengers were surveyed in the first six months of last year and the study was completed late last year, but airport officials refused to release the findings. It was obtained last week by *The Detroit News*, which published a story Monday.

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