PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Every picture tells a story
... A photographer has filed
a copyright infringement
lawsuit against singer Rod
Stewart, claiming that pictures she took have appeared on T-shirts and in
the musician's concert
program books without
her consent.

Pat Morris-Evans of Gainesville, Va., filed the lawsuit Monday in federal court. Stewart, 57, has filed his own Superior Court lawsuit against Morris-Evans and her daughter for allegedly trying to extort \$500,000 from him for the use of two photos of the singer.

Stewart's lawsuit said the daughter, Laura Morris, was hired to produce a music video for "I Can't Deny It," which appears on his 2000 album, "Human." She brought along her mother, who "surreptitiously" took several photos of Stewart, despite being told not to do so, the suit claims.

Morris-Evans later persuaded Stewart's manager to buy two of the photos, which appeared in a concert tour book. She was paid \$1,000 for the shots, the lawsuit claims. She allegedly threatened legal action if she wasn't paid \$500,000 or more for the photos.

The federal complaint that Morris-Evans filed says the photos were registered Oct. 25. She seeks lost profits and a court order barring Stewart, his manager and four companies associated with the musician from making copies of her photos.

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Promoting the boss...

Bruce Springsteen dedicated a park in his hometown last weekend in honor of a resident who supported the town's youth and took in the Boss' first band.

Former Castiles band-



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As Chelsea Clinton, 22, visited the Chelsea Flower Show in London this week, she explained that her parents named her for the former trendy section of London plus Joni Mitchell's "Chelsea Morning."

group practice its repertoire of Beatles and Rolling Stones tunes at a duplex he owned.

"Tex was someone who opened his house completely and let us come in and turn it up as loud as we wanted when everybody else was trying to get us to turn it down," Springsteen said of Vinyard, who died in 1988.

Theiss said the band's association with Vinyard and his wife, Marion, began in the opposite fashion. Theiss and the band's drummer were practicing next door when Vinyard came over to complain about the noise.

"We just started talking about music, he took an interest and became our manager," Theiss told the Asbury Park on Sunday Press.

Springsteen said the couple's influence on his musical development is immeasurable. Vinyard cosigned a loan so Springsteen could buy a decent guitar and amplifier.

"They are the unsung heroes of rock 'n' roll without which'we wouldn't have had a place to practice and hone our craft," he said.

Marion Vinyard remembers when her husband Chelsea Clinton finally has something to say, and it's about her name. She tells this story: When Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton visited the trendy Chelsea section of London in the 1970s, they decided they would give its name to the child they hoped to have.

"My parents were here during Christmas in 1978," the daughter of the former U.S. president said Monday as she visited the Chelsea Flower Show. "They were hoping to have a child and if it was a girl they said it would be called Chelsea."

She continued, "They also loved the song 'Chelsea Morning' by Joni Mitchell, which is great because I love my name."

Chelsea, in west London, was a center for trendy fashion and a celebrity hangout in the 1960s. It's now a relatively quiet, upscale residential area.

The 22-year-old, who's studying international relations at Oxford University, posed for photographers in front of a patch of tulips at a special preview of the Royal Horticultural Society's famous flower show.

promote the use of medicinal herbs and plants, organizers of the popular Chelsea Flower Show said.

Charles' "Healing Garden," which he dedicated to his late grandmother, the Queen Mother Elizabeth, received the Silver Flora in the Best Show Garden category.

The prince is a great believer in the use of natural substances to complement medical treatment.

On this day

In 1844, Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the message, "What hath God wrought!" from Washington to Baltimore as he formally opened America's first telegraph line.

Today's birthdays

Comedian Tonuny Chong64
Actress Priscilla Presley57
Actor Jim Broadbent
Singer Rosanne Cash
Actor John C. Reilly37
Rapper-recording exec-
Heavy D35