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NAMES & FACES: Jessica Alba expecting

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rjrPeople.com reported Wednesday that **Jessica Alba** is pregnant with boyfriend **Cash Warren's** child. Expect the bambino this spring. Alba, 26, has dated Warren, 28, on and off since fall 2004 after they met on the set of "The Fantastic Four," in which she starred and he -- son of ex-UCLA basketball star and "Hill Street Blues" actor **Michael Warren** -- was a director's assistant.

Grouchy but unmoved

Rock star **John Mayer** does not have kind thoughts about paparazzi, celebrity journalism and almost anything relating to it. But of course, he used TV's "Extra" (2:30 p.m. weekdays, WDIV-TV, Local 4) -- a prime example of what he dislikes -- as the means of purveying his distaste.

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Invasive photographers? "They kind of mess with the message that anyone's trying to send out," Mayer said.

Wrong information? "You don't answer back. If they tell you that it's you coming out of a Planned Parenthood clinic, but you're really coming out of a Starbucks, let it go. I've never had my picture taken or been written about with somebody that really affected the world."

Anything at all fun about being a celebrity? "I'm definitely having the seven-year-it ch with the fame ... We're going to be 80 someday, hopefully, and we're going to look back and all these things that feel like problems are just going to be laughable.

"I'll tell you, not a single photo or gossip column ever changed the actual tapestry of my life."

Stratford's grand year

Play 0-1-4 in the lottery if you love Shakespeare. The Stratford Festival of Canada's 2007 season was a triumph for retiring artistic director **Richard Monette**: his 14th season, his 14th surplus.

"I wish my successors (new artistic directors **Marti Maraden, Des McAnuff** and **Don Shipley**) fair winds and good fortune on the voyage ahead of them," Monette said.

Attendance -- a healthy chunk of it from Detroit -- rose almost 6%, with a total of 557,813 seats sold to the 14 plays produced. The fest reported net revenue for 2007 of \$221,483 Canadian on total revenue of \$54 million Canadian, thanks to the strong ticket sales and record donations. Revenue from ticket sales was up almost 8%; annual fund-raising increased by 7%.

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Departing: From WXYZ-TV (Channel 7), **Glenn Zimmerman** for a job at WNBC-TV in New York. His weathercaster wife, **Shay Ryan**, finishing a maternity leave, will be joining him later.

Still on top: Of both the local and national Nielsen SoundScan album sales survey, **Josh Groban's** "Noel."

Wrapping: WMGC-FM (105.1) morning personality **Cyndi Canty** at 1 p.m. at Saturday Lisa's Gift Wrappers, 28834 Woodward, Royal Oak. 248-547-9094. Lisa's professionally wraps gifts -- personal or corporate -- plus other related services. A portion of the proceeds from Canty's bow-tying will go to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Out for the holidays: Two new recordings with Detroit ties. Red Heart Records has a new Christmas album by **Ray Dahrouge** (www.MySpace.com/RayDahrougeMusic) called "It's Christmas Everywhere," which includes the tune "Snowtown in Motown." Dahrouge has written over 200 songs recorded by artists such as **Engelbert Humperdinck, Ray, Goodman & Brown, Lenny Welch, Helen Reddy** and more.

Meanwhile, Plymouth pianist **Dan Beckett** released his "Simply Christmas" CD and will perform music from it at Evola Music Centers, 12745 Twenty-three Mile Road, Shelby Twp., from 6:30 to 8 p.m. today. It's a blend of classical, jazz, and pop-rock stylings. More information at www.dbeckett.com/music.

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