

ENTERTAINMENT

DOUBLE Word Of The Week:

Exegis - n. - exposition, explanation; especially, an explanation or critical interpretation of a text.

Exiguous - adj. - excessively scanty; inadequate.

My exegis on Exodus was found to be exiguous by my extraneous extracurricular teaching staff.

Entertainment News in Brief

4/4 - 4/10

Monk psychiatrist Stanley Kamel passes away

Stanley Kamel, most recently known for his role as the psychiatrist in USA Network's show *Monk*, has passed away at 65 years old. He was found in his Hollywood Hills home on Tuesday April 8 by his agents, and the cause of death has been labeled as a heart attack. He also had roles on the TV series *Murder One*, *Days of Our Lives* and *Beverly Hills 90210*.

New hit movie 21 cashes in at box office

Sony's *21*, a film about a college student who learns to count cards to pay his tuition, hit big in the box office for a second week in a row. It raked in \$15.1 million, holding off George Clooney's *Leatherheads*, which opened at only \$13.5 million. Twentieth Century Fox's *Nim's Island* took in around \$13.3 million. *21*'s 10-day total raised to \$46.5 million after a decent showing in its second weekend.

Katie Couric, CBS downplay rumors of host's departure

CBS Evening News anchor Katie Couric and her network, CBS, are shaking off a Wall Street Journal story which claimed that Couric was planning to leave the network. "We are very proud of the *CBS Evening News*, particularly our political coverage, and we have no plans for any changes regarding Katie or the broadcast," the network said in a statement. Source: CNN, Yahoo.

Beacon Entertainer of the Week

Bret Michaels



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Upcoming releases:

Movies

Forbidden Kingdom

~April 18~

Starring Jet Li and Jackie Chan. A teenage boy finds himself deeply involved in an ancient Chinese war.

Rating: PG-13



Forgetting Sarah Marshall

~April 18~

From the producers of *Knocked Up*, this flick follows the life of a man trying to get over the heart-break of a failed relationship.

Rating: R

Music

The Flight of the Conchords

~April 22~

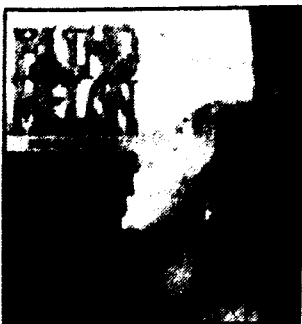
Flight Of The Conchords



Blind Melon

~April 22~

For My Friends



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Actor Charlton Heston.

Charlton Heston dies at 84

Legendary American actor and political activist passes away

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Actor Charlton Heston died Saturday, April 5 in his home in Beverly Hills, Calif.

The classic actor, who played several "larger-than-life" rolls such as Moses, was struggling through Alzheimer's disease.

He is survived by his two children and three grandchildren, along with his wife of 64 years, Lydia.

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-Charlton Heston

A statement from the family read, "We knew him as an adoring husband, a kind and devoted father, and a gentle grandfather, with an infectious sense of humor. He served these far greater roles with tremendous faith, courage, and dignity. He loved deeply, and was deeply loved."

No official cause of death was given.

Heston had been suffering from Alzheimer's since August of 2002. "I'm neither giving up nor giving in," he had said when he received the diagnosis.

Some of his most well-known roles included Moses (*The Ten Commandments*), Michelangelo (*The Agony and the Ecstasy*), and Ben-Hur (*Ben-Hur*). The latter won him an Oscar in 1959.

In 1968, Heston starred in another Hollywood classic, *Planet of the Apes*, as a rugged astronaut stranded on a foreign planet.

His last job in Hollywood came in 2002, when he played Josef Mengele, the Auschwitz doctor who conducted inhuman tests on behalf of Nazi Germany, in *My Father, Rua Alguem 5555*.

He appeared in over 100 films in a career spanning more than half a century.

Heston was also well-known for his political activism. He was an outspoken defender of gun rights and served as the President of the National Rifle Association.

He was also a public figure who backed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the civil rights era. During King's "I Have a Dream" speech, Heston stood on the podium right behind the famous speaker.

Many of the things that Heston will be remembered for are the qualities that made him stand out in his films: rugged, manly and stone-faced characters that embodied the American spirit.

G.I. Joe: a real American hero

Filming started in February for new GI movie to hit theatres in 2009

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A real American hero? Well, not anymore. Due to hit theatres on Aug. 7, 2009, the long-awaited live-action movie for the adored toy line, comic book and television series has finally made its debut. Its roots trace back to 2003 when Hasbro began development on a film based on their G.I. Joe toy line. Work on a script began when two Hasbro developers, Brian Goldner and Lorenzo di Bonaventura, chose Michael B. Gordon as screenwriter due to his success in writing the script for *300*.

The movie is being written as an "origins story," says Bonaventura. "There are a lot of different ways that the audience has connected with G.I. Joe over the years," he says, "so, we're going to do our best to honor as many [connections] as we can."

By March of last year, Skip Woods was rewriting the script

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-Lorenzo di Bonaventura

for the new *G.I. Joe* feature film. According to Bonaventura, "our president has put us in a position internationally where it would be very difficult to release a movie called G.I. Joe." He went on to explain the reasoning behind adding in Alex Mann into the film, a character from the British line of toys: "to add one charac-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO An old-school GI Joe photo starring the famous team.

ter to the mix is sort of a fun thing to do." The script, as written by Woods, was apparently leaked online via the *Latin Review*, which explained that the famed, villainous COBRA Organization had been cut out of the movie and replaced with a boss whom was a CIA agent gone rogue.

However, when word got out that the bad guys fans loved to hate were being axed, fan response toward the entire production to these worries, Bonaventura promised in subsequent rewrites that "we're going to get it right this time." On his behalf, he explained his problems with the COBRA Organization, saying



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Denis Quaid, who plays Hawk.

that, for a cartoon at least, "they were probably the stupidest evil organization out there." Nevertheless, during a press conference, Hasbro made the "official" promise to fans that the villains would return to production and there was no chance of the organization being cut.

Following the success of *Transformers*, another Hasbro toy line, in July of 2007, the final draft of the script gained enough momentum to finally be greenlit in August that same year.

Under Paramount Pictures, the movie is being directed by Stephen Sommers, responsible for titles such as *The Mummy* and *Van Helsing*.

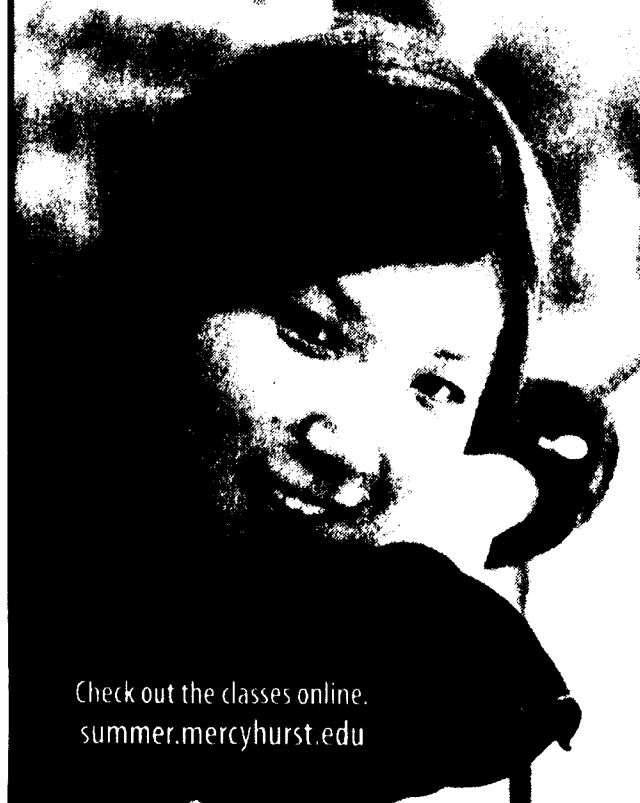
Unfortunately, many fans and critics alike are afraid that a movie based upon the "Real American Hero" toy line won't be well received with international audiences. Fears that a movie about the U.S. military won't be embraced by foreign audiences who aren't loving Uncle Sam these days are starting to linger on their minds.

Bonaventura explains, "What [the Joes] stand for, and what Duke stands for specifically in the movie, is something that I'd like to think a worldwide audience might connect with." Also, to increase international appeal, the producers have taken the acronym of G.I. Joe, which originally stood for Government Issued Joe and gave it a new twist: GJOE, which now stands for Global Integrated Joint Operating Entity. This new take on the Joes also has them stationed in Brussels.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO One of only two movie pictures released of Snake Eyes (Ray Park)

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