

Woman dies in Greek earthquake

A woman has been killed following minor earthquake off the coast of Greece. The woman was killed and her husband seriously injured when their house in the village of Chora on the Peloponnese peninsula collapsed, hours after the quake hit. The couple were surprised in their sleep. The epicentre of the quake, which measured 4 on the Richter scale, lay around 200 kilometres southwest of Athens.

Oldest person in the world dies at the age of 115

The world's oldest person, Portugal's Maria de Jesus, has died at the age of 115. She had six children, 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Maria de Jesus was the world's oldest person for just one month, taking over from Edna Parker, a US citizen who died at the age of 115 at the beginning of December 2008. The world's oldest person is now Gertrude Baines, also from the US. She was born on 6 April 1894.



John Mayer agrees to wed Jennifer Aniston

In an unsubstantiated report, the National Enquirer reports that John Mayer has finally agreed to Jennifer Aniston's "marriage demands," and is ready to pop the question.

The couple began dating early last year and broke up briefly in August. That was when Jen reportedly gave John an ultimatum: She'd go back to him only if marriage were a live option.

The Enquirer says Jen plans the wedding of her dreams: a traditional Greek Orthodox wedding. A source tells the Enquirer, "Nothing would make Jen happier than to have her own Big Fat Greek Wedding -- and John is totally on board."

Jett did not lie dead for hours: lawyer

Lawyers for Jett Travolta's family have denied the teenager lay dead for hours before his body was discovered, according to reports.

Jett's parents, actors John Travolta and Kelly Preston, have said the 16-year-old suffered a seizure and apparently hit his head in the bathroom of the Old Bahama Bay Resort at about 10am on Friday morning (2am Saturday AEDT).

But Bahamas police have now suggested Jett may have died on one of his frequent trips to the bathroom during the night, gossip website TMZ.com reports.

Jett was last seen alive going to the toilet at about 11.30pm



the night before after going to his bedroom sometime around 6pm following a tiring day out boating with the family.

His two nannies, Jeff Kathrein and "Eli", went to bed at about the same time. Police believe this may have left Jett

unattended for the next 10 hours. The family has said Jett — who was believed to suffer physical and mental disabilities — often got up during the night to go to the bathroom, but rejected the suggestion he was left alone for that long.

According to John Travolta's lawyer and close friend, Michael McDermott, there was only a "small window of time" between when Jett had the seizure to when he was discovered by Kathrein.

There may even have been signs of life when the Grease star then tried frantically to resuscitate his son with CPR, he said.

McDermott said it was also likely either Kathrein or Eli went to the bathroom themselves during the night, decreasing the likelihood that the teenager had been lying there for some time.

A Bahamas police spokesperson said authorities stood by their initial assessment.

"With lots of emotion that goes through a family in a time like this, it's understandable to come to your own ideas or terms, but we have an obligation to assure and convey with our public that the information we give is solid," the spokesperson was quoted as saying.

Jett was rushed to hospital and pronounced dead about two hours later.

Jett was known to suffer bad health and slept with a baby monitor and had an alarm fitted to the bathroom door to alert his nanny of his movements.

His parents have denied reports that Jett was autistic — a condition that their religion Scientology does not recognise.

Scientology views mental illness as psychosomatic and believes it should be treated through spiritual healing instead of medication. Autism is often associated with epilepsy, with nearly half of sufferers in the US prescribed with anti-convulsion drugs.

Travolta and Preston said their son suffered from Kawasaki disease, a rare inflammatory condition that can damage the heart.

They believe the illness was caused by contact with carpet-cleaning chemicals as a small child.

Russian warplanes to exercise in Greek airspace

Warplanes from a Russian aircraft carrier are to conduct exercises in Greek airspace.

Greek defence officials granted permission to the Russian navy for its aircraft carrier Admiral Kuznetsov to use Athens-controlled airspace for "training missions" over the course of the next week.



The war games will take place south of the Greek islands of Rhodes and Crete. Greek officials said that their military would have no involvement in the training, but that the Russian navy would be using airspace controlled by Athens air traffic controllers.

"The Kuznetsov, which is sailing in the southeast Mediterranean, asked Greece's civil aviation authority to operate within the Athens Flight Information Region," the ministry said in a statement. "The request was granted."

Greek defence officials said that Russian Sukhoi 25 and Sukhoi 33 fighter aircraft would take part in the operations, as well as Kamov helicopters. They are the first such war games to take place in the Nato member's territory.

The decision could prove controversial with Greece's European Union partners following a series of provocative sorties by Russian aircraft in Western Europe. Moscow has also sent its warships to conduct exercises off Venezuela and Cuba, in moves designed to irritate Washington.