



Jennifer Aniston to Star in "Pumas"

Jennifer Aniston is set to star in a new movie from CBS Films. The stunner will be seen in romantic comedy "Pumas", which will be directed by Wayne McClammy. The film's plot centres on two 30-something women who make a habit of romancing younger men and take a French skiing vacation that challenges their romantic expectations.

Aniston will produce, along with Jon Gordon, Scott Z. Burns and Kristin Hahn. Chris Moore and Barry Littman are executive producing.



John Stamos to co-star with Kevin Spacey in "Father of Invention"

John Stamos, soon to be on Broadway in *Bye Bye Birdie*, has been cast in the indie film, *Father of Invention*, according to a report in *Variety*.

Stamos will join Kevin Spacey, Virginia Madsen and Heather Graham in this project that has already begun filming in New Orleans. Stamos will play the man who has taken over Spacey's business and eventually steals his big comeback idea.

Stamos begins performances in "Birdie" on September 10. He has also appeared on Broadway in the past in the revivals of *Cabaret* and *Nine*.

Historic Vrana oil press on Lesbos reopens as Industrial Museum

The old Vrana traditional Oil Press on the island of Lesbos was inaugurated as an Industrial Museum on Saturday after extensive restoration works that lasted three years.

The historic Vrana Olive Oil Press, one of the first steam-powered factories from the industrial revolution of Lesbos, dates back to the 19th century.

Built in 1887 in Papados village, in the Bay of Yera, the Press belonged to Nikolaos Vranas, grandfather of island's Nobel poetry laureate Odysseas Elytis (Odysseas Alkypodelis), and was in operation up to the early 1970s, while the olive oil it produced was traded throughout Greece and in Istanbul on the opposite Turkish coast on the Bosphorus Strait.

The impressive stone



and marble building was donated to the municipality of Papados in 1985, and in 1999 was purchased by five members of the non-profit Archipelagos Society that was set up to preserve and promote the Aegean civilization, who later donated it to the Archipelagos Society.

Archipelagos restored the building, turning the a-

bandoned factory into a landmark Museum.

Apart from the building premises themselves, the machinery have also been restored, including its rare Tangye diesel machine built in Birmingham, UK, one of only seven of its kind in the world. Also, 112 accounting books found in 2004 under rocks and mud in a corner of the

factory have been cleaned and are also on exhibit. The books comprise one of the fullest and rarest archives of an olive oil production unit existing in Greece today.

The new Industrial Museum also boasts an exhibition of paintings by 14 prominent Greek artists that have been inspired by the olive tree and olive oil, including Io Aggeli, Yannis Adamakos, Yannis Latsiotakis, Michalis Madenis, Sotiris Sorogas, Panagiotis Tetsis, Costas Tsoklis and Alekos Fassianos.

Other items on display include old clay vases, iron and bronze vessels, and tin olive oil cans of local oil companies, while "before" and "after" pictures of all the rooms are also exhibited.

Tours of the restored Oil Press are conducted in Greek and English.

The inauguration was attended by parliament president Dimitris Sioufas and other officials.

Erasmus to help Greek students in L'Aquila?



The Education Ministry is considering using the European student exchange program Erasmus to secure the transfer back to Greece, albeit temporarily, of hun-

dreds of Greek students who say they are unable to continue their courses at the university of L'Aquila, a town in central Italy whose infrastructure suffered major damage in a strong earthquake in April.

NSW Liberal/Nationals meet with Australian-Greek Leaders

Shadow Minister for Citizenship Anthony Roberts today welcomed Australian-Greek community leaders to Parliament House as part of the NSW Liberal/Nationals' ongoing community and stakeholder engagement process. "This is our ongoing process to connect and engage with communities across NSW including the migrant communities," Mr Roberts said. "We believe that this process will allow us to receive feedback on what's important to their communities and their families leading up to the NSW State election in March 2011," he said. "The NSW Liberal/Nationals are creating a platform where we will work with Australians of all backgrounds and walks of life.

"We have already begun this process through the establishment of our Cultural and Citizenship Advisory Forum, our International Students Roundtable discussions, as well as our ongoing engagement with members from culturally diverse groups all over NSW. "To win government in March 2011, the Liberal/Nationals need to tap into the leadership and wisdom of community groups such as the Australian-Greek community. "We want to work on building a two-way relationship with the Australian-Greek community. "The NSW Liberal/Nationals believe that it is the government's responsibility to create the environment for business to thrive, and for the individuals to reach their potential," Mr Roberts said.

Some 300 Greek students based in L'Aquila have asked to continue their studies at Greek universities, complaining that the Italian institution no longer has adequate facilities to cover their needs. A source at the ministry told Kathimerini yesterday that the transfer of the students to regional universities in Greece was "out of the question" as it would constitute privileged treatment. Instead, the ministry aims to make use of the Erasmus scheme to bring as many of the students as possible back to Greece for a year or two.