



"Tell you what — I'd like to get a piece of that money Bill Clinton makes giving speeches."

DALAI LAMA

ON WHAT HE'LL DO IF FORCED TO RESIGN AMID CHINESE CRACKDOWN OF TIBET

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Steely McBeam busted for impersonating a mascot

In nod to diversity, first hurricanes of year to be 'Biggie' and 'Diddy'

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Experts: Superdelegates are 'strange visitors from another planet with powers and abilities far beyond those of mortal men'

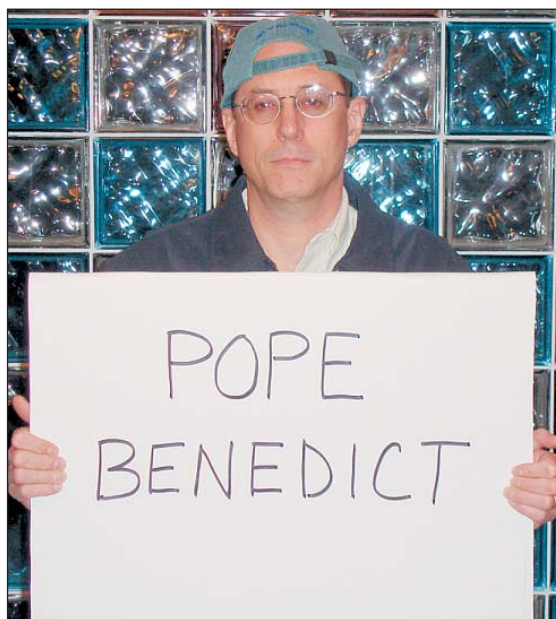


COUNTDOWN

Pope's plans while in America

10. Tour the QVC Studios
9. Eat at Olive Garden
8. Spend the day at Dollywood
7. Advise a contestant on Deal or No Deal
6. Pilgrimage to steps used in Three Stooges Ice Men short
5. Pilgrimage to steps used in The Exorcist
4. Catch Jackie Mason in Atlantic City
3. Visit the Liberace Museum in Vegas
2. Meet Chuck Norris
1. Attend Mass on Sunday

Driver picks up wrong Pope Benedict from airport



Limousine driver Noah Swayne, assigned to pick up Pope Benedict at Reagan National Airport on the Pontiff's U.S. visit, accidentally picked up the wrong man — ironically another traveler also named "Pope Benedict."

"I waited at the baggage area, holding up my 'Pope Benedict' sign," Swayne explained, "and this man approached me and said, 'I'm Mr. Benedict.' It was the weirdest thing — turns out his first name is 'Pope,' too."

It wasn't until they were on the road that Swayne learned his passenger is not the head of the Roman Catholic Church but a Radio Shack store manager from Blawnox.

Pope Benedict XVI of the Vatican was forced to share a cab from the airport with comedian Carrot Top.

Jerk time machine inventor wants to save Titanic's 'men and children first'

To commemorate the anniversary of the April 15, 1912 sinking of Titanic, time-machine inventor Dr. Chad Hermann has issued a call to feminist scholars and Women's Studies pro-

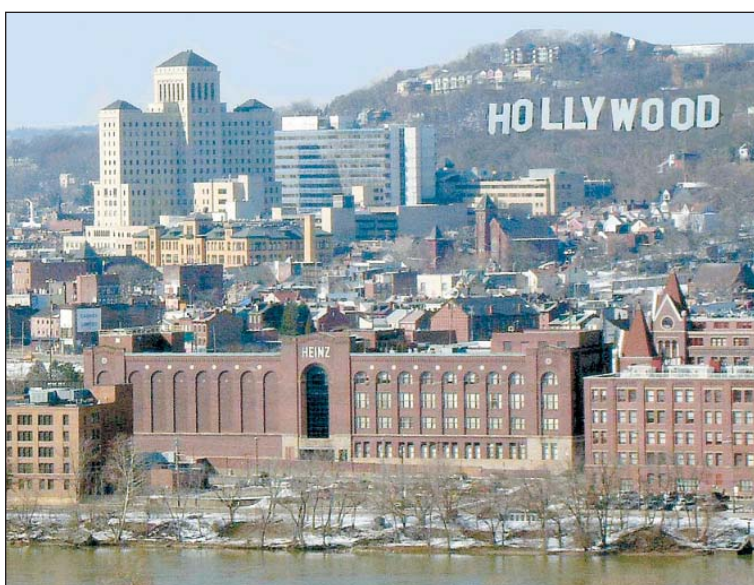
fessors to return to the ship's deck on that fateful night and help him reverse the sexism practiced by men who insisted on saving "women and children first."

Thus far, no one has accepted the offer. One professor, who asked to remain anonymous, explained, "I'm for equality and all that, but he's nuts."

OLYMPIC TORCH IMPLICATED IN LOCAL ARSON

The entire International Olympic Committee was charged with using the Olympic Torch to burn down the famed Dreamland Ballroom at Conneaut Lake Park last February.

In related news, the FBI announced that the IOC is a committee-of-interest in the 2007 Southern California Wildfires, the 1980 MGM Grand fire in Las Vegas, and the 1937 Hindenburg disaster in Lakehurst, N.J.



A different look

Pittsburgh buys Hollywood sign to add "a touch of glamour" to the North Side.



Hear da JUDGE

By the Hon. Rufus Peckham
Editor of Carbolic Smoke Ball

Dear Judge: I invented a bio-diesel system that I think will replace fossil fuels, but I need some legal help on the patent. Can I count on you?

— Bob from Brentwood

Dear Bob: Certainly. Send me your blueprints and any mock-ups but don't waste time making copies, and destroy all copies that might exist.

If you never hear from me again, that means your idea has no merit.

But don't be surprised to see your idea pop up one day, perhaps soon, as most such inventions do.

Dear Judge: My no-good 20-year-old nephew Barry is a dope addict. Despite coming from a very well-off family, he steals from me every time he's over my house. What can I do with this bum?

— Timmy from Pleasant Hills

Dear Timmy: You say his family is well-off? See, I have this 18-year-old daughter — great personality — and she might be just the thing Barry needs to, you know, straighten him out, or whatever. Him being well-off and all.