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On President Nixon's Library, Bruce Lee Bronzes and Spelling Mistakes

Nixon's Library to Become Public

Until 2004 President Nixon's papers and tapes could not legally leave the Washington DC area. A federal ban dating back to the President's resignation in 1974, together with a law giving the government ownership of the records, ensured that the documents concerning Watergate remained intact. Lawmakers have now approved a \$4 million budget to move the files to Yorba Linda, California, 30 miles southeast of Los Angeles, where Nixon enthusiasts have been operating The Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace as a private venture since 1990.

Sources : "With \$4 Million in Federal Funds, Nixon Library Is Poised to Go Public," *The Washington Post*, 21 November 2005 ; <http://www.nixonfoundation.org/>.

Martial Arts Icon Celebrated in Hong Kong and... Bosnia

A 2.5m bronze statue of Bruce Lee (1940-1973) was unveiled on the Avenue of the Stars, Hong Kong's harbour side equivalent of Hollywood's Walk of Fame. The Bruce Lee Club, which campaigned and raised funds for the long overdue statue, was rather upset when a life-sized bronze statue of Lee was unveiled in Mostar just one day before the HK celebration.

Born in San Francisco to a Chinese opera actor, the young Lee moved to Hong Kong where he received his kung fu training. His international success helped popularise martial arts in the West.

Sources : "Hong Kong Honours Bruce Lee," *The Australian*, 25 November 2005; "HK Beaten to the Punch on Lee Statue," *South China Morning Post*, 28 November 2005.

The Spelling Chequer

Eye have a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marks for my revue
Miss steaks eye cannot see

As soon as a mist ache is maid
Eye no bee fore two late
Sew eye can put the error rite
Lest eye should find it grate

Each thyme when eye have
Struck the quays
Eye weight for it two say
If watt eye rote is wrong or rite
(It shows me strait a weigh)

I've run this poem threw it
I'm shore you policed to no
It's letter perfect in its weigh
My chequer tollled me sew

Source: anonymous email appropriately sent to ANGLLOW's editor.