

Pot Luck

Battalion photo by Mark Benson

Cecilia Arce throws a pot in the MSC Craft Shop Monday.

Robinson breaks free fall record

United Press International
BUENA PARK, Calif. — The exact distance — close to 300 feet — may be disputed, but no one argued that it was not a long way to fall without a parachute.

Stuntman Dar Robinson broke the free fall record by dropping, without a parachute, from a hovering helicopter Saturday. Robinson, 31, fell unhurt onto a 30-foot airbag in a field at Knotts Berry Farm, an amusement park.

Surveyors from the P.W. Cook Co. set the distance of the fall at precisely 286.1 feet. However, Robinson said the surveyors had made a mistake and the fall should be listed as 311 feet.

Whichever it was, it beat the old mark of 232 feet set by stuntman A.J. Bakunas during filming of the Burt Reynolds movie "Hooper."

This was the third time Robinson attempted the jump. The other jumps were canceled because of poor wind conditions.

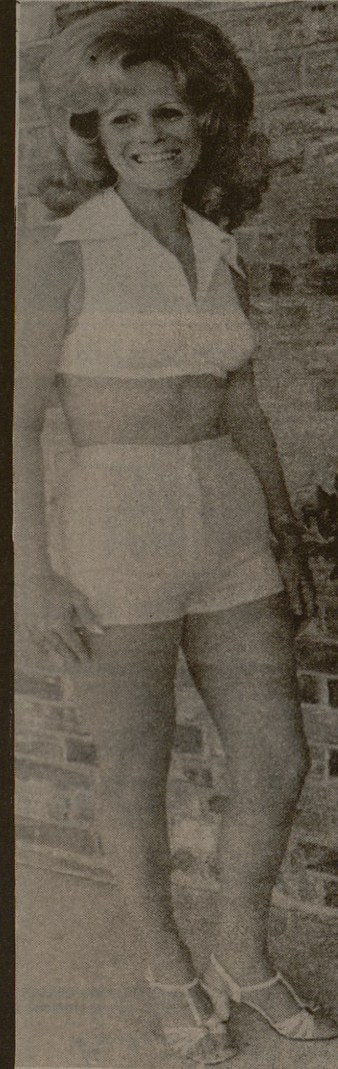
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Red worms still linger in glasses

BROUSSARD, La. — The fuzzy, half-inch red worms that poured from water faucets for several days apparently have been wiped out by an overdose of chlorine, but the shudders linger on for those who found them in water glasses.

Jerry Grooms, a consulting engineer for the Lafayette Parish community of 3,000, said the state health department assured residents that while the worms might be unsightly, they posed no health problem.

"Hopefully, we've got the problem resolved," Grooms said Sunday. "Today, I didn't see any when I checked on it."

Grooms said complaints began Friday morning. Health officers were called immediately and diagnosed the problem as larvae that had gotten through filters and into the water system.

A heavy dose of chlorine was applied to the water system Friday morning and another was applied Friday afternoon when it became apparent the first was not completely effective, Grooms said.

He said the regular chlorine dose apparently failed to kill the larvae. Some residents had complained the worms were clogging screens in water taps. Others showed reporters glasses of water with worms in them.

Grooms said such problems occur occasionally during the fall, when most standing water outdoors has dried up and mosquitoes and other insects are seeking places to lay their eggs.

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