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Hong Kong to Hollywood

International star Chan performs his own stunts

SAN FRANCISCO (KRT) - Jackie Chan may have a hole in his head from a miscalculated leap - "Touch it!" he says, placing my hand on his scalp - and he may play the affable stooge on screen, but he's nobody's fool when it comes to his appeal. He knows his public wants to see him, not some stunt double, falling from high places, jumping between speeding buses, narrowly avoiding Ninja death blows.

"When I do a stunt there's so many problems now," says Jackie (no one calls him Mr. Chan), in San Francisco to promote *The Tuxedo*, a secret-agent spoof that opens Friday. "Security guy on the set. Safety captain. Two insurance men. Sometimes I do a stunt; sometimes they use a double and just cover his face."

On DreamWorks' \$70 million *The Tuxedo* - starring Jackie as a meek chauffeur who gains superpowers when he dons the suit of the title - there were at least seven stunt doubles and lots of razzle-dazzle cutaways and sound effects to make it seem as if the star were taking a punch. Jackie, who once promoted himself as the only action hero to do all his own stunts, is somewhat embarrassed by this. He understands how fans might view this as a cheat.

"But what can I do?" he laments. "I don't have final edit on my stunts. The director and the studio do. That's the American way."

Such is the dilemma when you're the world's reigning action hero, a martial-arts legend who combines the agility of Bruce Lee with the timing of Buster Keaton. He's huge in Asia, especially his native Hong Kong. But since going Hollywood with the *Rush Hour* buddy comedies, he's had to contend with unions, insurance agencies and increasingly elaborate pyrotechnics and sound effects.

The closest Hollywood has come to making a true Jackie Chan movie - with the star himself frequently risking life and limb - is the

upcoming *Shanghai Knights*, says Jackie in heavily accented English. "On that one, I had almost total control. But on some of the movies I do here, I get really angry. Of course the audience, they know. I say, 'Why you use that angle? That's the wrong angle.'"

Jackie likes to improvise. His best gags, such as the chair in *First Strike*, grow out of the setting and situation. That's when your budget is less than \$3 million. But when it's \$70 million to \$100 million (the projected budget of *Around the World in 80 Days*, his next movie), everything, down to the positioning of an ashtray, has to be agreed upon in "meeting, meeting, meeting ... MEETING!"

"I have two audiences - one for Asia, one for American market," continues Jackie, a still-boyish 48. "They are so proud in Hong Kong. They force me to go to Hollywood. Jackie, go!" But they don't like my Hollywood films. They like them, but the reviews always bad. They didn't like *Rush Hour*. Too slow. Nobody understand the jokes. That hurts me. But I can I do?"

Jackie's solution: Make two big studio movies, then two smaller Hong Kong movies. The former pay the bills (he's rumored to command upward of \$20 million), the latter provide artistic control. The irony, not lost on the star, is that smaller, often panned movies, feature his best stunts and sight gags. In a bravura sequence in last year's Hong Kong-produced *Academy Spy*, he's chased from bathroom to street market, where he has whatever's handy to cover himself. It's funny and charming, classic Jackie.

"That's situation comedy - running around with the towel," says Jackie. "When I see that, I think, 'I'm a genius to create this kind of thing.' Sometimes I'm proud of myself for choreographing a kind of action. Stunts are easy. Everybody can do. Choreographing action is difficult."

The PG-13 *The Tuxedo*, which is bound to please Jackie's young fan base, came about when a project called *Nosebleed* delayed for script revisions. He was set to play a window washer who foils terrorists at the World Trade Center.

With *Nosebleed* on hold (it'll be shot next year in Chicago), Jackie was free to do *The Tuxedo*. "Steven Spielberg called me. We had a meeting at DreamWorks. He tell me the idea, then I give him feedback. He just sit there laughing - ha-ha-ha - then he stands up and says, 'Make this movie a first priority.'"

Though a lot slicker and more heavily plotted than the average Jackie vehicle, *The Tuxedo* does occasionally place the star in harm's way. He battled for the right to slide down a 120-foot rope and then dangle from a bridge. He wound up with the worst string pull of his career. "I do it by myself. But for the wide angle where you don't see my face, they use a stunt double."

Hollywood's favorite leading men - John Wayne and Clint Eastwood, among them - often relied on stunt doubles, but they were instructed to lie about it. "No, no, no - when I do the stunt, I do the stunt. I don't say I do a stunt if I don't. Why would I lie to my fans?"

"And when it comes time to back off from the really dangerous stuff, he'll be open about it. He's already thinking about less-risky adventures and romantic comedies, maybe even straight drama. This is where *Around the World in 80 Days*, which could costar Hugh Grant, and a proposed *Pink Panther* movie come in."

"Sometimes I watch a movie like *Indiana Jones* and I say, 'That should be the one in this.' When I see James Bond, I say, 'That should be the one who's the Chinese James Bond.'"

Jackie's dream collaborator? Taiwan's Ang Lee. Jackie went out of his way to meet with the director before he did *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*. "But then he calls me and says, 'I think it's better not because this is a woman's movie. I'll think of another movie for you.' It's strange. He wants to do action; I want to do drama. Totally opposite."

Jackie can also see himself in something like *Spy Game*, *Kramer vs. Kramer* and *Gladiator*. But parents needn't worry. Jackie won't do R-rated movies. He takes his position as a model very seriously and continues to turn down lucrative TV and cigarette endorsements.

"No dirty jokes. No dirty words. No gunfire - BOOM! - where the eyeball comes out and blood around. I see this in American movies. I hate this kind of movie. Only positive things in Jackie Chan movies. I do this, I say, 'OK, I've done my job.'"



Martial arts star Jackie Chan on the set of his new movie *The Tuxedo*. COURTESY OF KRT CAMPUS

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What is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
 DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is a form of birth control that is given as an intramuscular injection (a shot) in the buttock or upper arm once every 3 months (13 weeks). To continue your contraceptive protection you must return for your next injection promptly at the end of 3 months (13 weeks). DEPO-PROVERA contains medroxyprogesterone acetate, a chemical similar to (but not the same as) the natural hormone progesterone, which is produced by your ovaries during the second half of your menstrual cycle. DEPO-PROVERA acts by preventing your egg cells from opening. If an egg is not released from the ovaries during your menstrual cycle, it cannot be fertilized by sperm and result in pregnancy. DEPO-PROVERA also causes changes in the lining of your uterus that make it less likely for pregnancy to occur.

How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
 The efficacy of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection depends on following the recommended dosage schedule exactly (see "How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?"). To make sure you are not pregnant when you first get DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection, your first injection must be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. **ONLY** within the first 5 days after childbirth if not breast-feeding and, if exclusively breast-feeding, **ONLY** at the sixth week after childbirth. It is a long-term injectable contraceptive when administered at 3-month (13-week) intervals. DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is over 99% effective, making it one of the most reliable methods of birth control available. This means that the average annual pregnancy rate is less than one for every 100 women who use DEPO-PROVERA. The effectiveness of most contraceptive methods depends in part on how reliably each woman uses the method. The effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA depends only on the patient returning every 3 months (13 weeks) for her next injection. Your health-care provider will help you compare DEPO-PROVERA with other contraceptive methods and give you the information you need in order to decide which contraceptive method is the right choice for you.

The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control, because they did not use the directions exactly).

Percent of Women Experiencing an Unintended Pregnancy in the First Year of Continuous Use

Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
DEPO-PROVERA	0.3	0.3
Implants (Norplant)	0.2*	0.2*
Female sterilization	0.2	0.4
Male sterilization	0.1	0.15
Oral contraceptive (pill)		
Combined	0.1	3
Progestogen only	0.5	-
IUD		
Progesteron	3.0	3
Copper-T 380A	0.8	-
Condom (without spermicide)	2	12
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	6	18
Cervical cap	6	18
Withdrawal	4	18
Periodic abstinence	1-9	20
Spermicide alone	3	21
Vaginal sponge		
used before childbirth	6	18
used after childbirth	9	28
No method	85	85

Source: Trussell et al. *Obstet Gynecol*, 1990;76:558-567.
 *From Nipponkai's analysis of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection.

Who should not use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
 Not all women should use DEPO-PROVERA. You should not use DEPO-PROVERA if you have any of the following conditions:

- if you think you might be pregnant
- if you have ever had a miscarriage
- if you have any vaginal bleeding without a known reason

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If you have had cancer of the breast
 • if you have had a stroke
 • if you have or have had blood clots (thrombosis) in your legs
 • if you have problems with your liver or liver disease
 • if you are allergic to DEPO-PROVERA (medroxyprogesterone acetate) or any of its other ingredients.

What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
 You will have a physical examination before your doctor prescribes DEPO-PROVERA. It is important to tell your health-care provider if you have any of the following:

- a family history of breast cancer
- an abnormal mammogram (breast x-ray), fibrocystic breast disease, breast nodules or lumps, or bleeding from your nipples
- kidney disease
- irregular or scanty menstrual periods
- high blood pressure
- migraine headaches
- asthma
- epilepsy (convulsions or seizures)
- diabetes or a family history of diabetes
- if you are taking any prescription or over-the-counter medications.

This product is intended to prevent pregnancy. It does not protect against transmission of HIV (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, genital herpes, genital warts, gonorrhea, hepatitis B, and syphilis.

What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
 Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method, it takes some time after your last injection for its effect to wear off. Based on the results from a large study done in the United States, for women who stop using DEPO-PROVERA in order to become pregnant, it is expected that about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last injection; about two-thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months; about 83% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 15 months; and about 93% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 18 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
 The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or unpredictable bleeding or spotting; an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding; or no bleeding at all. Unusually heavy or continuous bleeding, however, is not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 55% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason that your periods stop is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a resting state in your ovaries. When your ovaries do not release an egg monthly, the regular monthly growth of the lining of your uterus does not occur, and therefore, the bleeding that comes with your normal menstruation does not take place. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA your menstrual period will usually, in time, return to its normal cycle.

What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
 Use of DEPO-PROVERA may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing bone fractures. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that, it begins to resemble the normal rate of age-related bone mineral loss.

Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, ovary, uterus, cervix, or liver. However, women under 35 years of age whose first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 to 5 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this with your health-care provider.

4. Allergic Reactions
 Because DEPO-PROVERA is such an effective contraceptive method, the risk of accidental pregnancy for women who get their shots regularly (every 3 months [13 weeks]) is very low. While there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived close to the time of injection, such pregnancies are uncommon. If you think you may have become pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, see your health-care provider as soon as possible.

5. Other Risks
 Women who use hormone-based contraceptives may have an increased risk of blood clots or stroke. Also, if a contraceptive method fails, there is a possibility that the fertilized egg will begin to develop outside of the uterus (ectopic pregnancy). While these events are rare, you should tell your health-care provider if you have any of the problems listed in the next section.

Contraceptive Injection?
 Call your health-care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA:

- sharp chest pain, coughing up blood, or sudden shortness of breath (indicating a possible blood clot in the lung)
- sudden severe headache or vomiting, dizziness or fainting, problems with your eyesight or speech, weakness, or numbness in an arm or leg (indicating a possible stroke)
- severe pain or swelling in the calf (indicating a possible blood clot in the leg)
- unusually heavy vaginal bleeding
- severe pain or tenderness in the lower abdominal area
- persistent pain on the lower left side of the abdomen (indicating a possible blood clot in the leg)

What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1. Weight Gain
 You may experience a weight gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two-thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in clinical trials reported a weight gain of about 5 pounds during the first year of use. You may continue to gain weight after the first year. Women in one study who used DEPO-PROVERA for 2 years gained an average total of 8.1 pounds over those 2 years, or approximately 4 pounds per year. Women who continued for 4 years gained an average total of 13.8 pounds over those 4 years, or approximately 3.5 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained an average total of 16.5 pounds over those 6 years, or approximately 2.7 pounds per year.

2. Other Side Effects
 In a clinical study of over 3,900 women who used DEPO-PROVERA for up to 7 years, some women reported the following effects that may or may not have been related to their use of DEPO-PROVERA: irregular menstrual bleeding, amenorrhea, headache, nervousness, abdominal discharge or irritation, breast swelling and tenderness, bloating, swelling of the hands or feet, fatigue, depression, insomnia, acne, pelvic pain, no hair growth or excessive hair loss, rash, hives, and joint pain. Other problems were reported by very few of the women in the clinical study, but some of these could be serious. These include convulsions, jaundice, urinary tract infections, allergic reactions, fainting, paralysis, osteoporosis, lack of return to fertility, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, breast cancer, or cervical cancer. If these or any other problems occur during your use of DEPO-PROVERA, discuss them with your health-care provider.

Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1. Missed Periods
 During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may skip a period, or your periods may stop completely. If you have been receiving your DEPO-PROVERA injections regularly every 3 months (13 weeks), then you are probably not pregnant. However, if you think you may be pregnant, see your health-care provider.

2. Laboratory Test Interactions
 If you are scheduled for any laboratory tests, tell your health-care provider that you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception. Certain blood tests are affected by hormones such as DEPO-PROVERA.

3. Drug Interactions
 Cytidine (aminoglycosides) is an anticancer drug that may significantly decrease the effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA if the two drugs are given during the same time.

4. Nursing Mothers
 Although DEPO-PROVERA can be passed to the nursing infant in the breast milk, no harmful effects have been found in these children. DEPO-PROVERA does not prevent the breasts from producing milk, so it can be used by nursing mothers. However, to maximize the amount of breast milk that is passed to the infant in the first weeks after birth, you should wait until 6 weeks after childbirth before you start using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception.

How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
 The recommended dose of DEPO-PROVERA is 150 mg every 3 months (13 weeks) given in a single intramuscular injection in the buttock or upper arm. To make sure that you are not pregnant at the time of the first injection, it is essential that the injection be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. If used following the delivery of a child, the first injection of DEPO-PROVERA **MUST** be given within 5 days after childbirth if you are not breast-feeding or (13 weeks) between injections, or longer than 6 weeks after delivery. Your health-care provider should determine that you are not pregnant before giving you your injection of DEPO-PROVERA.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Highway dedicated to Andy Griffith

MOUNT AIRY, N.C. (AP) - Mount Airy is coming back to life.

The 76-year-old actor, who brought fabled Mayberry to life on "The Andy Griffith Show," will make a public appearance Oct. 16 for the dedication of a section of U.S. 52 in his honor.

"He is probably one of the most recognized people, most recognized actors in the country because he's just got that charm," said David Bradley, president of the Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce.

"This is a great opportunity," Gov. Mike Easley will be the keynote speaker, with Griffith scheduled to speak afterward.

Griffith's visit comes just two weeks after the 13th annual Mayberry Days, a festival scheduled to run Friday through Sunday that celebrates the characters and spirit of The Andy Griffith Show.

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