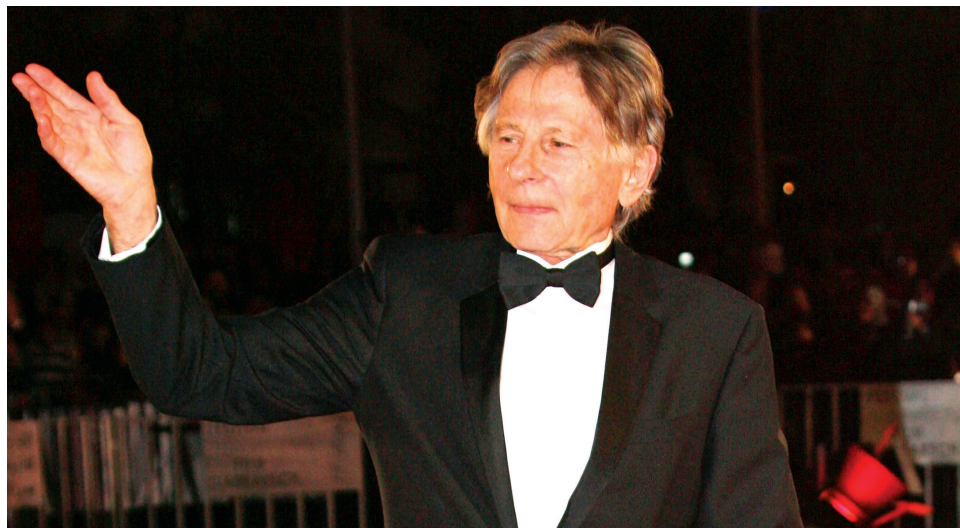


FRANCE, POLAND URGE SWISS TO FREE POLANSKI ON BAIL

FOREIGN AUTHORITIES WANT U.S. EXTRADITION REJECTED



Francis Mori/Associated Press

Director Polanski was arrested on Saturday in Zurich, where he was to receive an award at a film festival.

ZURICH, Switzerland – The international tug-of-war over Roman Polanski escalated today as France and Poland urged Switzerland to free the 76-year-old director on bail and pressed U.S. officials all the way up to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Polanski was in his third day of detention after Swiss police arrested him Saturday on an international warrant as he arrived in Zurich to receive a lifetime achievement award from a film festival.

A complicated legal process awaited all sides as

the U.S. moved forward to secure his extradition for having sex in 1977 with a 13-year-old girl and fleeing to France.

The Swiss Justice Ministry today did not rule out the possibility that Polanski, director of such classic films as Chinatown and Rosemary's Baby, could be released on bail under strict conditions that he not flee Switzerland.

In Paris, French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said he hoped Polanski could be quickly freed by the Swiss, calling the apprehension a "bit sinister."

He also told France inter radio that he and his Polish counterpart Radek Sikorski wrote to Clinton, and said there could be a decision as early as today if a Swiss court accepts bail.

Polanski, who has hired Swiss attorney Lorenz Erni to represent him, seems likely to spend several months in detention, unless he agrees to forgo any challenge to his extradition to the U.S.

U.S. investigators learned of his planned trip days ago, giving them enough time to lay groundwork for an arrest. Associated Press

NEW VILLAN IN TOWN ON LITTLE MOSQUE

BY SANDY CAETANO

There's a new man of God in town and he's not ready to play nice with the local Imam, as Little Mosque on the Prairie returns for its fourth season tonight on CBC.

Reverend William Thorne (Brandon Firla, Billable Hours) is a calculating and determined minister from the big city who, is startled when he learns a group of Muslims are his tenants.

Firla says fans of the inter-

nationally acclaimed comedy series should expect "a Noah's Ark-load of hilarity".

"Actually, boxing is a good analogy. Not only do we participate in an actual boxing match, we go head-to-head in pretty much every episode, with a "may the better religion win' mentality," Firla says in an interview.

"He's the villain, the nemesis, the Joe Frazier to Amaar's Muhammad Ali," Firla says. "He possesses the manic

pomposity of Basil Fawlty, the scathing wit of Groucho Marx, and the spiritual insanity of Mel Gibson."

Firla's character prefers a church without an Imam and mosque in it, so needless to say, the conflicts that have started brewing between Reverend Thorne and Imam Amaar (Zaib Shaikh) have brought a little more edge to the show.

Thorne is literally the "thorn" in Amaar's side.

THIS WEEK'S NEW MOVIE RELEASES

Monsters vs. Aliens	Shrink
Management	The Girlfriend Experience
Away We Go	Flood
Superman/Batman: Public Enemies	Steam
Bob's Big Break	The Unit: Season 4

PRIMETIME LINEUP

8PM	A: Gossip Girl (N) Citytv: How I Met Your Mother (N) Global: House (N)
9PM	A: Two and a Half Men (N) Citytv: Trauma (N) Global: Lie to Me (N)
10PM	A: Castle (N) CTV: CSI Miami (N) Global: Heroes (N)

REALITY CHECK

DANCING WITH THE STARS:
Director Baz Luhrmann serves as guest judge

JON AND KATE PLUS 8:
The family visits a tea room.

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE:
Top twelve compete.

LATE-NIGHT GUESTS

Jay Leno Show	Bill Maher
The Hour	Michael J. Fox
Jon Stewart	Bruce Bueno de Mesquita
Stephen Colbert	Sheryl WuDunn
Conan O'Brien	Drew Barrymore
David Letterman	Felicity Huffman
Jimmy Kimmel	Courtney Cox
Jimmy Fallon	David Duchovny
Craig Ferguson	Chris O'Donnell