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Metro Headquarters Morphs into a Chicago Newspaper Building

- Building to be featured in TV comedy, "Pepper Dennis"



(March 15, 2006) Amid a gaggle of journalists, TV reporter Pepper Dennis rushes forward to interview the mayor of Chicago as he emerges from the city's leading newspaper, the Banner-Herald.

Photos by Bill Heard

Pepper falls, misses the interview and is upstaged by a male rival. Someone yells, "Cut, print it!" and all the actors, stand-ins, extras, camera operators, lighting and set crews, and hangers-on that seem to attend any LA film shoot, relax.

So, again on Tuesday, Metro Headquarters was the setting for scenes in a TV series, standing in for fictitious locations in the Windy City – and hopefully without palm trees in the shot.

The series is the 20th Century Fox production, "Pepper Dennis," and it will premiere April 4 at 9 p.m. on the WB network.

The TV newsroom comedy stars Sports Illustrated swimsuit model Rebecca Romijn, who has appeared in such movies as "X-



A TV van from a make-believe Chicago station waits at the curb in front of Metro Headquarters as a camera crews readies for Tuesday's film shoot. Below, a producer gives direction to extras who will portray news reporters waiting to interview the mayor of Chicago.

Men 3" and on TV in "Just Shoot Me" and "Friends."

Her co-star is Josh Hopkins, a stage, film and TV actor who has appeared in a number of movies, including "The Perfect Storm," and in such TV series as "Law & Order" and "Ally McBeal."

Communications Manager Herman Hagan, Metro's liaison with Hollywood, coordinated the day's filming with 20th Century Fox.



Actress Rebecca Romijn, as TV reporter Pepper Dennis, reads her lines at the entrance to Metro Headquarters, portrayed here as the Chicago Banner-Herald newspaper. Below, a stand-in for TV series star, Rebecca Romijn, patiently takes her position while the camera focuses in for the shot.

