



PRINCE HARRY
At West Point yesterday.

Prince making a Point

Prince Harry showed he knows his way around a rifle as he joined cadets in training at the US Military Academy at West Point yesterday at the start of his three-day New York visit.

Harry, third in line to the British throne, arrived by helicopter at 1:30 p.m., uniformed in camouflage. He hopped on the back of a Humvee, swapped his light blue beret for a helmet, and headed out for live-fire exercises on the artillery range and field exercises in nearby woods.

Harry, who served in Afghanistan in 2008, fired an M-4 assault rifle along with a team of West Point cadets. "He clearly knows what he's doing," Col. Casey Haskins said.

The prince later visited the Intrepid Sea Air and Space Museum in Manhattan, mingling with injured war vets on the flight deck and giving an encouraging speech praising America's "pioneering work of care in prosthetics and rehabilitation." *Amber Sutherland and Post Wire Services*

Aquatic orangutan's got gal's back



SWIM PALS FUR SURE!

By BILL SANDERSON

"Suryia's learning curve splashing around,"



Latest bite on 'cannibal'

The infamous 1989 "Butcher of Tompkins Square" is staying in his locked nuthouse, thanks to prosecutors and a Manhattan judge.

Daniel Rakowitz, who has repeatedly applied for more freedom, was found not guilty by reason of insanity for the murder of roommate Monika Beerle — whose body he admitted he dismembered, boiled and fed to the local homeless. *Laura Italiano*

Now, this is some underwater monkey business.

A 7-year-old orangutan named Surya is living the life aquatic, training to become one heck of a swimmin' simian in a South Carolina animal preserve.

"He absolutely loves it," gushed his trainer, Moksha Bybee.

Surya began swimming three years ago, when he began paddling around with a life jacket in a 10-foot-deep pool.

He's gotten better and better. And since he shed the life jacket, he can swim up to 20 feet on his own.

has been incredible," said Bybee, who has also taught tigers to swim.

"He kicks off the side of the pool and makes his way to a target, such as myself or the poolside ladder, that he can see within his range of swimming ability . . .

"His favorite thing is to dive into the water on my back. And when I surface, he pulls at me almost to say, 'Again! Again!'"

Surya's first experience being immersed in water was in a bathtub.

"Over the course of a few months, I would raise the level of the water after Surya seemed to enjoy the feeling he got

Bybee said.

"The natural progression was to take him to the pool when he was around 3 years old."

Orangutans were once thought to be non-swimmers — one drowned in a Toronto zoo in 1998.

But several years ago, scientists observed them splashing around with the fish in their natural habitat in Borneo, where they paddle across rivers to gather fruit.

Surya lives at The Institute of Greatly Endangered and Rare Species, a wildlife refuge in Myrtle Beach, SC.



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HI DIVE: Surya, an unusual 7-year-old orangutan who loves to swim, joins trainer Moksha Bybee for a dip in the pool at a South Carolina animal preserve.

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