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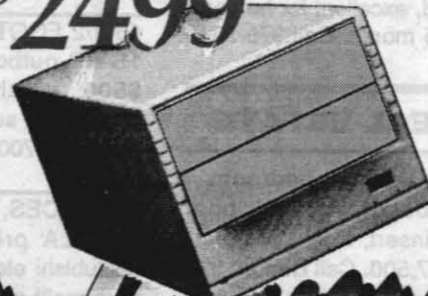
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Document storage and retrieval system goes on line in IMD

*Scan/workstations allow input at
various NAWCWPNS locations, while
licensed users get desktop access*

By Barry McDonald
Editor

According to the National Association for Information and Image Management (AIIM), the average employee spends nearly 65 percent of their workday looking for or sharing written information. Much of that effort can be automated through use of image processing systems like the one that recently went on line in the Information Management Department (IMD) at NAWCWPNS. The new system is the result of the Image Processing Initiative begun several years ago.

Image processing is, simply stated, the scanning of printed materials — text and graphics — into a computer-based imaging system (digitizing them) and making them available to personnel via the network on their own desktops.

After the material is physically scanned in, the system does what is called an OCR (optical character recognition) process; it reads the scanned image and converts the digital data to ASCII text. At that point, the system "reads" each word and builds a database enabling the user to search on any word within a given document. End users are then able to search on a word, document name and so on.

For the system now in use at NAWCWPNS, client software is available for both Macintosh- and Windows-based desktop computers, and it also supports X Windows sessions. The system's search capability is very friendly, forgiving and fast owing to the pattern recognition technology that is employed.

Users can view or print either an ASCII text file of the document or the actual scanned image. The system allows for more than one person to view the same document at the same time. It also stores and retrieves any file format. And with certain common file formats, such as MS Word and Excel, it will do a full text index of the ASCII characters in that file.

"It's taken us many years to get where we are today," said Bob Bloudek, who represents Science and Technical Documentation (S&TD, formerly TID) in the Imaging Working Group. He's been pursuing such a system for roughly 10 years. When TID was unable to obtain funding individually, he worked to sell the concept of computer-based electronic document storage and retrieval to several organizations that were at that time in the Services and Information Directorate (SID).

"Basically it was TID, Information Systems, Procurement and the Comptroller departments," he said. "All of us saw the potential such systems would have on our business operations, and we requested funding to establish systems within our departments. At the SID level, it was decided

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Photo by Margie Hammett

CEREMONIAL flag retirement symbolically marked the closing of Groves School Friday, after the K-6 elementary had served China Lake and Ridgecrest students for 47 years. Various dignitaries, including Capt. Charles A. Stevenson, spoke at the morning event. Please see story and more photos on Page 10.

Dr. Jon A. Wunderlich Lab dedication June 29

Public is invited to
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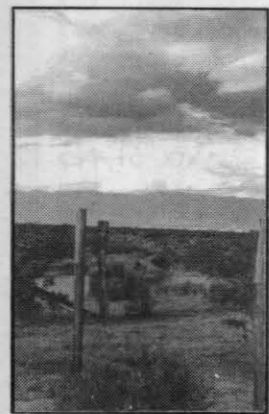
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Three receive Deputy Commander's Awards

Bennett, Bukowski and
Chan honored for research
and development efforts

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Weather



	May 17-23				
	High	Low	Gusts	Humidity	
Wed	99	60	14	40-12%	
Thurs	95	61	24	44-14%	
Fri	95	60	19	—	
Sat	99	59	17	—	
Sun	100	61	18	—	
Mon	92	65	33	45-13%	
Tues	86	55	33	37-14%	
	May 24-30				
Wed	75	51	21	35-17%	
Thurs	85	48	15	44-15%	
Fri	92	50	11	48-13%	
Sat	100	55	10	—	
Sun	107	61	17	—	
Mon	108	64	18	33-12%	
Tues	106	63	21	35-11%	

China Lake Calendar

Saturday, June 17

•Teen Party, Community Pool: See *Rec Bits*

Monday, June 19

•CPR class. Sign up by calling 939-1929

Monday, June 19

•American Heritage 5K Run/Walk: See *Rec Bits*

Tuesday, June 20

•American Heritage Week food booths at China Lake, Solar Park. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, June 28

•Housing Town Meeting with CO, Seafarer, 7 p.m.,

Thursday, June 29

•MESA Building dedication as the Dr. Jon A. Wunderlich Laboratory, 1:30 p.m. See *Announcements*

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The Commanding Officer's Desktop

By Capt. Charles A. Stevenson
NAWS CO



Question

Captain, I understand there are several quality of life improvements planned for the housing at China Lake. Will these include bike paths for our kids? Also, do we get a chance to look at and comment on the plans that will impact our neighborhoods?

Answer

I'm glad you asked. It just so happens I have scheduled a Town Meeting on June 28 at 7 p.m. in the Seafarer Club to do just that. During this meeting, we will have the plans on display for your review. Additionally, I will go over the final proposed plan for work to be done, or at least started, this year. The short answer to your question is yes, there will be bike paths, hiking paths, playgrounds, tot lots and more in the final project. Please come to the meeting. It is your chance to comment on the plans. I think you will be pleasantly surprised by the scope of changes and improvements the Navy has planned for the military housing area at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake.

Rescued Air Force pilot thanks Navy and Marines

WASHINGTON (NWSA) — In a news conference Friday at Aviano Air Base, Air Force Captain Scott O'Grady emotionally thanked the Navy and Marine Corps for the role they played in his rescue from his six-day ordeal in Bosnia.

"At the pointy end of the spear, [the] people I want to thank are the people that came in there and risked — they say they were just doing their job — but they came in there, they risked their lives to get me," said O'Grady. "Those are the people on the *USS Kearsarge*, the men and women of the Navy and Marine Corps who came in there and saved me, and if you want to find some heroes, that's where you should look."

O'Grady, an Air Force F-16 pilot, was shot down over Bosnia June 2 and was rescued June 8 by NATO, spearheaded by U.S. Marines from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable).

BMC and Wellness Program join to find marrow donors

On July 11 Branch Medical Clinic personnel will be working with the Wellness Program by holding a donor blood draw starting at 8 a.m. This blood draw is targeted at military donors because they are the nation's largest source of whole blood donations, and military personnel, more than any other large organization, meet the strict health and age requirements used by the donor center.

If you donated your blood during the last drive, you do not need to donate again. Your information is still in the data base.

To register a person needs to be on active duty status in the Navy, Marines, Air Force or Army, a dependent of any active duty person, or a DoD civilian employee. The volunteer must be between the ages of 18 and 55 and in good health.

To be tested, a person need only complete a DoD consent form and have four tubes of blood drawn from an arm for tissue typing. The blood is tested to determine your human leukocyte antigen type. That coded information (no names or social security numbers are used for identification purposes) is placed on the national registry where it will remain until your HLA type matches someone who is in need of a transplant.

For additional information, or to make an appointment, call 939-3892 or 939-0880.

While appointments are preferred, walk-ins donors will be accepted during this period of time.

Pages From The Past

June 14 & 21, 1985

L.T.E. Thompson Awards went to Sterling Haaland, Cdr. Bill Boatright and Dan Goss last week. . . . Ronald Vetter was the only China Laker earning the W.B. McLean Award. . . . Max Donald, a EEO pioneer at NWC, passed away over the weekend; a new scholarship has been established in his name. . . . Paul Cordle won the American Defense Preparedness Association Silver Medal for work on ordnance development.

June 13 & 20, 1975

Leroy Riggs won his second Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award as he ended his long China Lake career recently. . . . Capt. Conrad Olson will assume command of the Naval Air Facility from Capt. R.S. Moore next week. . . . Robert McCarten was named to fill a vacancy on the China Lake Community Council. . . . Capt. R.N. Livingston relieved Capt. E.M. Crow as CO of VX-9. . . . Clara Erickson and Bill Hattabaugh shared ASPA's Bjorklund Management Innovation Award.

June 12 & 18, 1965

Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr., son of Dr. Elmo Zumwalt, NOTS' industrial medical officer, became the Navy's youngest rear admiral at age 44. . . . Janice Hukel was named queen of the Navy Relief Ball. . . . Lt. Doug Mayfield died last week when his A-4C Skyhawk crashed while on a photo mission over B Range. . . . China Lake technical writer, D.T. McAllister, was named a national director of the Society of Technical Writers and Publishers. . . . Ed Fox, NEX civilian staff assistant, was promoted to the rank of captain in the Navy reserves.

June 10 & 17, 1955

Harold Barrett, of the Engineering Department, left NOTS for an assignment as a organizer for the International Association of Machinists. . . . Joy Nelson won the annual AAUW Scholarship. . . . Capt. R.E. Sellars will assume command of NOTS on July 1 when Capt. D.B. retires. . . . James Vanover was elected to the China Lake Community Council.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Big Band Express will present a benefit dance for the Skate Oasis Artistic Rollerskating Club of Ridgecrest. It will be held on Saturday, June 17, from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Kerr McGee Center. Admission is \$7. Proceeds will help defray the costs of out-of-town competitions. For more information please call Marina Burgstahler 375-9842.

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A low-cost immunization clinic is scheduled at the Health Department, 250

W. Ridgecrest Blvd. June 19 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. Children need immunizations at two, four, six, 12 and 15 months of age. A parent or legal guardian must accompany persons under 18 years of age to sign consent forms. Records of previous immunizations should be presented at the clinics. The charge for each immunization (polio, whooping cough, diphtheria, tetanus, measles, mumps and rubella and for Hib and Hepatitis B vaccine) is currently \$3, with a maximum charge of \$15 per family per visit. Call 375-5157 for an appointment.

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The following 3-5 minute Parenting Advice Tapes can be heard by calling Community Connection for Child Care

at 375-0446 from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m.; June 19 to 25, "AIDS: Fears and Reality;" June 26 to July 2, "My Children Are In School — Should I Work?"

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The 8th annual Whitewater Wednesday Rafting Jamboree will be held June 21 in Kernville. The Chamber of Commerce and commercial rafting companies will provide guides and equipment to run one-hour raft trips for \$17.50 per person and two-hour raft trips for \$39.50. Proceeds will go to the chamber to help fund needy community projects. Trips start at 9 a.m. Free hamburgers, drinks, chips and ice cream will be waiting at the end of the run. Minimum age is 8 years old. For reservations, call (619) 376-2629 or (619) 376-4371.

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Cerro Coso Community College's 1995 summer session began June 12. Registration continues through June 9 via telephone on the Coyote Connection telephone registration system on-line at 371-9601. Continuing students will be able to update their records using the newly installed update feature. New and returning students will need to complete an application or update form, and submit it to the Admission and Records Office at the college, prior to using the Coyote Connection. Consult the summer schedule for exact starting and ending class times. For more information the summer session courses, telephone registration, counseling or financial aid, contact the college at 375-5001.

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Navy chief of chaplains visits China Lake

By Barry McDonald
Editor

Serving as Navy chief of chaplains for less than a year now, RAdm. Donald K. Muchow has committed himself to visiting all 1,019 active duty chaplains in the Coast Guard, Marines Corps and Navy. To that end he travels three weeks of every quarter. Last week he stopped at China Lake for a day and a half to visit the chaplains and meet the religious program volunteers. Accompanying him on the tour were Capt. Victor H. Smith, staff chaplain for all Naval systems commands, and Capt. Donald E. den Dulk, regional chaplain from San Diego.

Chaplain Muchow is a man with an agenda—the first unnumbered item of which is to make sure all of his chaplains know the agenda. The basic intent of the agenda is to keep focused on ministry. First, he wants chaplains to be reflectors and echoes of God. Second, they should pursue the Vision of the Chaplains Corps and “be about the busi-

ness of morally enriching the lives” of the people they serve. Third, he wants to complete the integration of the Chaplain Corps—bringing together and keeping the knowledge and assistance of all chaplains, active, reserves and retired.

“We learned from Desert Storm that we weren’t as ready as we should have been,” Muchow said. He indicated that the integration he seeks will help the corps be more prepared for any future crisis.

Finally, he wants chaplains to find ways to describe their ministry behaviorally, in terms of quality and quantity.

“A good example of this,” he said, “is that the VA hospitals through their own observations have found that prayer accelerates healing.” These were non-clergy people, he explained, that kept track of healing rates over seven years to arrive at these results. “So the VA isn’t concerned about the cost of chaplains, because they’ve found their services to be cost-effective,” he said. “We’re looking for other similar ways to extend our ministries.”

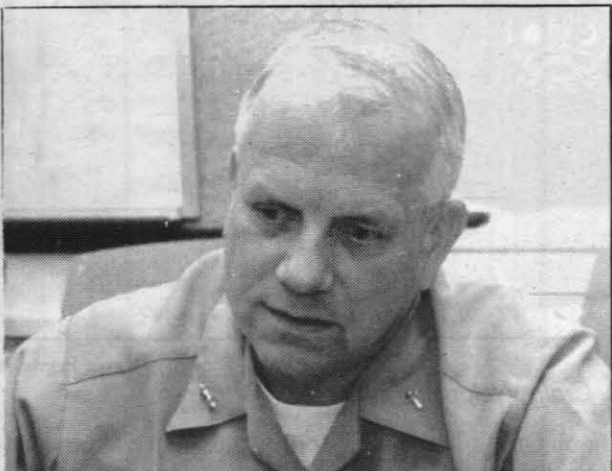
In terms of downsizing, he looks to keeping the corps resourced at a level so that any member of the naval ser-

vices is not more than 24 hours away from a chaplain.

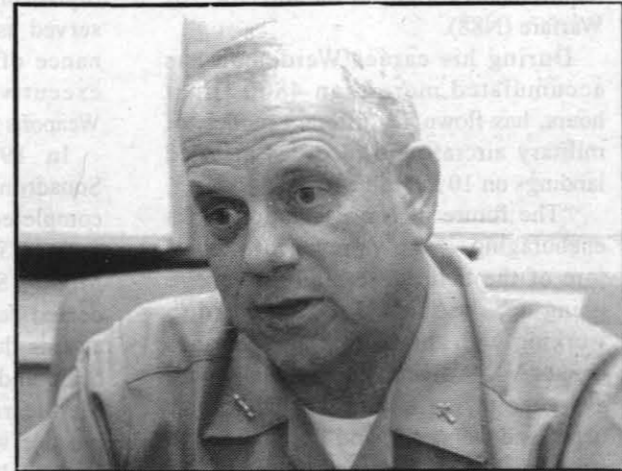
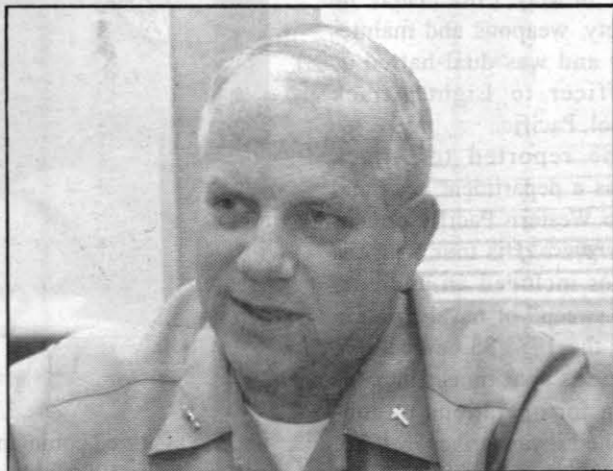
He has some job performance specs for his chaplains, too. “When COs give me a performance evaluation of the people I send to them,” he said, “I want them to appraise them from first, how well their words, actions and attitudes indicate spirituality. Second, how do they perform staff officer duties — how well do they lead and manage? Third, beyond being team players, I want them to be bridge builders of the community, inside and outside the fence. How well do they do that? And fourth, does this chaplain care for everybody — not just those of his faith group, but everybody?”

Muchow was impressed with the religious program at China Lake.

“You have a neat set of COs and XO’s,” the chief chaplain said. “I’m delighted to see their interest in taking care of the spiritual needs of the people in their commands. I really mean that, their interest is real. You can see it in the renovation work that’s been done and the fact that they are regularly attending services themselves.”



Navy Chief of Chaplains RAdm. Muchow talks about his commitment to visit all 1,019 active duty chaplains in the Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy.



New health care program has uniform benefit and cost structure

Over the next several years, the Defense Department’s new regional managed health care program for service families will be in operation throughout the U.S. with a uniform benefit and cost structure. There are three options from which to choose: TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Extra and TRICARE Standard (the same as standard CHAMPUS).

TRICARE Prime: This is a voluntary “HMO-type” option. If you decide to get your health care through TRICARE Prime, you’ll enroll for a year at a time and will normally receive your care from within the Prime network of civilian and military providers.

Covered services will be like standard CHAMPUS, plus additional preventive and primary care services. For exam-

ple, periodic physical exams are covered at no charge under TRICARE Prime, but are not covered under TRICARE Extra or TRICARE Standard. Prime also covers certain immunizations that aren’t a benefit under Extra or Standard.

You’ll have the option of choosing or being assigned a “primary care manager,” who will furnish most of your care and will manage all aspects of your case.

Active-duty families won’t have to pay an annual enrollment fee. Others will, but there will be no annual deductibles, and co-payments for services under Prime will be considerably reduced. Also, you won’t have to file any claim forms when using network providers.

TGRICARE Extra: In this option, you don’t have to

enroll or pay an annual fee. On a visit-by-visit basis, you can seek care from a provider who’s part of the TRICARE Extra network, and get a discount on services, and reduced cost-shares. Also, you won’t have to file any claim forms when using network providers. You can get a list of the TRICARE Extra providers by contacting the “health care finders” located in the various TRICARE service centers in your region, or by calling an established toll-free number.

TRICARE Standard: This option is the same as the regular CHAMPUS program. It pays a share of the cost of covered health care services that you obtain from a non-network civilian health care provider. There’s no enrollment in TRI-CARE Standard.

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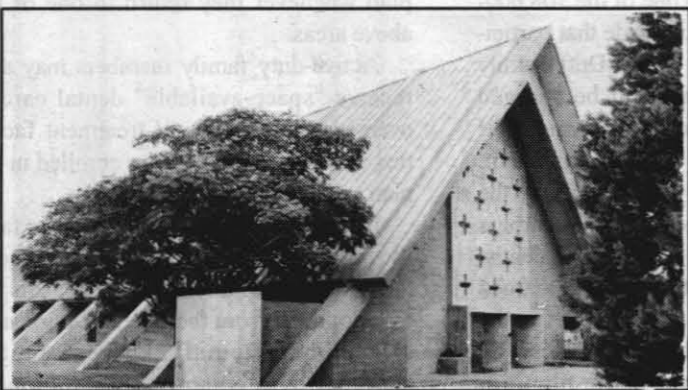
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Bible Study (East Wing), Wednesday (September thru June)	9:00 a.m.
Men's Prayer Breakfast, East Wing, Thursday	11:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study, East Wing, Thursday	6:00 a.m.
Jewish (446-3613 Messages)	7:00 p.m.
Weekly Services, Friday, East Wing	7:30 p.m.
October through June	
Hebrew Classes, Saturday, 1902 Dibb	2-5 p.m.
Adult Education, Saturday, 1902 Dibb	10 a.m. - noon
September through June	
Religious School, 1902 Dibb	
Tuesdays, Age 4 and up	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Friday, 2nd grade and up	6:30-7:30 p.m.

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass, Main Chapel	9:00 a.m.
Daily Mass, Blessed Sacrament Chapel	11:35 a.m.
Confessions, Sundays	8:15 - 8:45 a.m.
Confessions, Weekdays	By appointment
Religious Education Classes, Sunday (September thru May)	
1002 Blandy, 1008-10 Blandy & 1903-05 Mitscher	10:30 a.m.
RCIA, St. Ann's School Library	8:15 - 9:45 p.m.
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Jumaa Prayer, Friday (1002 Blandy)	noon

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4 ladies of comedy live tonight

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Ballet under the bay tonight

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American Heritage Day 5K run/walk

Run/walk is Monday, June 19 at 11:30 a.m. and starts at the Community Pool parking lot. Registration is \$8.00 and late or race day registration is \$10.00 which includes a free t-shirt. Water, refreshments and medical assistance are available. Top three male and female runners and walkers receive awards in the parking lot of the China Lake Community Pool area following the race. For more information, call Michelle Archuleta at 939-0754.

Bench press & power lift contest

Get buffed for June 24. Register now through June 11th. Event is open to Military, DoD and CR/other. USPF lifting rules apply. Weight classifications are 114, 123, 132, 148, 165, 181, 198, 220, 242, 275 and SHWGT. Awards presented to the top 3 places in each category and weight division. Free t-shirts for participants. For more information, call Loy Vincent at 939-2841.

Hot summer night teen parties

Summer teen parties are planned for Saturday, June 17 and Saturday, July 29 at the China Lake Community Pool from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. These parties are open to all teens in Jr. High and High School. DJ is Patrick Prince. Don't forget your swimming things. Admission is \$3.50 per person or \$6.00 per couple. Free munchies and drinks. Sodas are 25¢ each. For additional information, call 927-8336 or 927-1212. Be there or be square!

Teen center summer hours

Summer is here and the Teen Center hours of operation have been extended. Summer hours are Monday through Friday, 12 noon to 9:00 p.m., Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. For additional information, call 927-8336 or 927-1212.

Racquetball tournament

This event is scheduled for June 23, 24 & 25. Entry Deadline June 20. Sign-up at the NAWS Gym.

Military fee	1st event-\$12.00	2nd event-\$7.00
DoD fee	1st event-\$14.00	2nd event-\$9.00
All others	1st event-\$16.00	2nd event-\$11.00

Men's and Women's Divisions. T-shirts for all participants. For more information, call 939-2334.

Water sport tournaments

Come and be part of a team assembled to play various water sports, meet new people, and have some fun in the sun. We will create teams from those who arrive to participate per event. Water Volleyball held June 10 and 24, 12 noon to 3:00 p.m., Innertube Water Polo held on July 15 and 29, 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. and Water Basketball held August 5 and 19, 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. All events are open to all at the Solar Pool. For additional information, contact Jenny at 939-2334.

Swim challenge

The Sports Division has relay, individual and a few silly events for everyone to participate in. Get people together from work or even friends & family, Friday, June 16 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Community Pool. Try challenging another code or group for some friendly competition! Cost is \$1.00 per person. Bring food for a small picnic afterwards then enjoy the water slide and recreational swim time beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Summer Fitness Activities

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All others-\$50.00

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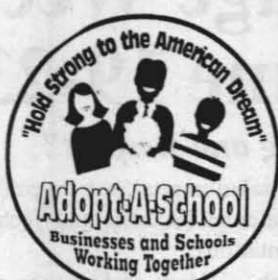
Dates: Continuous.
Time: Mileage can be recorded during normal Gym business hours.
Cost: Military-\$8.00, DoD-\$15.00
All others-\$25.00

Mini biathlon

This mini biathlon provides a chance to have small competition among the experienced and beginner athletes and also prepares you for the upcoming triathlon. This mini biathlon is scheduled for July 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the China Lake Community Pool. Event includes a short course with a 1/2 mile swim followed by a 3 mile run. The long course consists of a 1/2 mile swim then a 6 mile run. T-shirts included. Bring your favorite foods for a small picnic following this event. Everyone is encouraged to stay to enjoy the water slide and recreational swim beginning at 1:00 p.m. Fees are \$10.00 for Military, \$12.00 for DoD and \$14.00 for all others. For additional information contact the Gym at 939-2334.

Celebrate your independence

Attend the first annual 4th of July Family Frolic. Enjoy a fantastic day of swimming, music, dancing, BBQ and games at Solar Pool beginning at 2:00 p.m. MWR provides free transportation to military personnel to the fairgrounds to see fireworks. For additional information, call 939-8658 or 939-2909.



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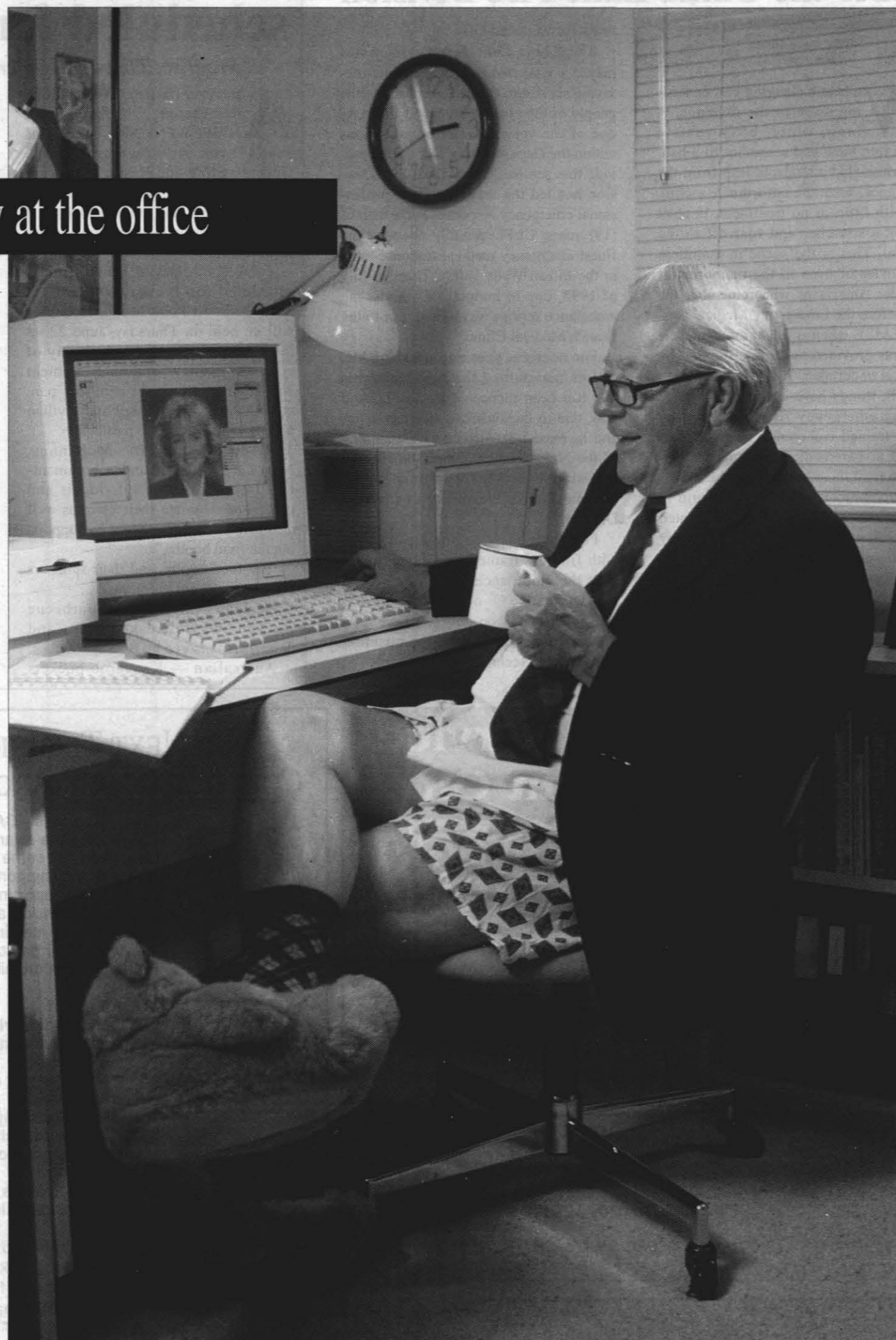
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SURPRISE AWARD—Lt. Dan Lee, JSOW IPT project pilot, received the Laboratory Director's Technical Officer's Award for 1994 at a surprise ceremony recently. Lee received the award for his outstanding effort and professional excellence in the technical aspects of the work of the Weapons Division. It represents creativity in overcoming technical difficulties, efficiency of operation through continued improvements in methods of operation, a willingness to meet the continuing challenges with a spirit of cooperation and teamwork, and a dedication to the mission of the division and the fleet. Lee will be attending the Navy's Test Pilot School starting in June. Shown with Lee is Capt. Doug Henry, deputy for the NAWCWPNS Research and Engineering Group; Lee's wife, Peggy; and Paul Homer, head of the Weapons and Targets Department.



COLORS ceremony is performed by members of the Marine Aviation Detachment at China Lake.

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Whose bodies now are mute,
Or have no hand that they might raise
And stand in proud salute.

So accept it not as duty
But a privilege even more
And receive it as an honor
Instead of just a chore.

Yesterday was Flag Day. Its observance and this poem, copied from the American Forces Information Service's bulletin board, give us pause to reflect.

Submitted by 1stSgt. Michael Jubrey, MAD

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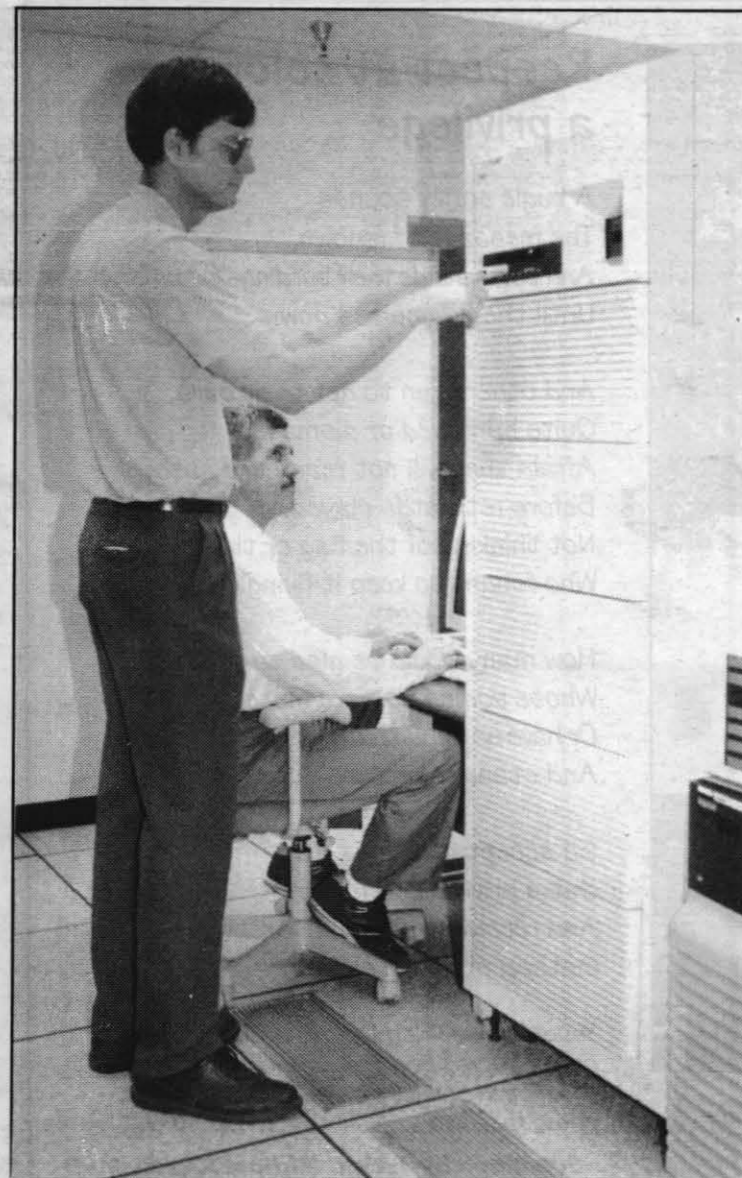
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to combine all the requests into a single system, to be managed by the Information Systems Department (now IMD), and the initiative then received funding."

Funds from Fiscal Year 1994 were approved for the pilot project, and Vic Jensen (IMD) was appointed project lead in May 1994. Besides Bloudek and Jensen, other working group members include Reg Read from the Technical Library and IMD's Sandy Beach, Mark Hibberts, Carol Schwartz and Deborah Schwartz.

"This is not a closed group," said Jensen. "We

will add other members as organizations express an interest."

The Comptroller's Department has already begun scanning time cards into the system, and they have purchased their own "CD jukebox" to assure privacy in accessing that data. There are several other potential system users as well. Plant Property has several packed file cabinets they plan to scan and the S&TD Technical Library has an estimated 25 million pages of information.

"Our goal within S&TD is two-fold," said Bloudek. "We want eventually to eliminate the



PROCESSING—Above, Linda Justis (foreground) and Lisa Brown scan timecards as David Olanyk, system administrator, looks on. At left, Vic Jensen and Olanyk configure the 114 Gb optical juke box.

Once again ambulance service is under the China Lake Fire Division

By Dave Jones
Firefighter/EMT

We hear a clanging bell or wailing siren in the distance. A long, white, boxy vehicle rushes into view and screeches to a halt. Two white-clad attendants leap from the ambulance, seize the unfortunate victim, and with little or no treatment, deposit him on a stretcher and roar off to the hospital. This is the scene in countless old movies or even in the memories of we older Americans who remember the days before the Emergency Medical System (EMS), when most ambulance service was provided as an afterthought by the local undertaker.

Well, things have certainly changed. Rolling emergency rooms, staffed by highly trained emergency medical technicians or paramedics, life support systems to rival most hospitals and state-of-the-art communications are the norm in most of our nation. Patients are treated and stabilized at the scene or on the way to the hospital, thus saving precious minutes. Most of the advances in EMS have come about as a result of the lessons learned in the war in Vietnam, where rapid battlefield treatment and transport made the difference between life and

death for wounded GIs.

The China Lake Fire Division has played a vital role in providing this life-saving service to China Lakers and to the people of the community since 1974. As one of the very few fire organizations within the Department of Defense to provide this service, China Lake Fire Division has led the way in caring, professional emergency response. For a span of (19) years, CLFD proudly operated the finest emergency medical response units in the Indian Wells Valley. Then, in July of 1993, due to budget constraints, the ambulance service was turned over to the Branch Medical Clinic.

For nearly a year and a half, BMC sailors maintained the high standards that had been pioneered by CLFD. And now, due to the shrinking defense dollar and increased demands on the manning of the Navy medical establishment, the ambulance service has once again become the responsibility of the Fire Division.

From a modest beginning in 1974, with first-aid trained firefighters manning the ambulances, to today, with a solid cadre of professional firefighter/EMTs on duty, we have continued to keep pace with the quantum leaps in EMS technology.

American Heritage Week scheduled for June 19-23

"Progress Through Understanding and Respect"

American Heritage Week will be celebrated throughout NAWCWPNS June 19-23. This year's theme is "Progress Through Understanding and Respect." During this week, NAWCWPNS honors the diverse cultures and ethnic groups that collectively make up our nation and our work force.

Food Booth Day at China Lake is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, at Solar Park. At Point Mugu, festivities will be held on Thursday, June 22, at the NAWS soccer field. A variety of cuisines, displays and entertainment will be offered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at both sites. All military and civilian personnel are invited to participate.

RAAdm. Dana B. McKinney, NAWCWPNS commander, commented, "I encourage all individuals and groups to celebrate their own, as well as others', unique heritages by supporting the food booths."

The food booths and their sponsors at China Lake are as follow:

African-American — Barbecue chicken and ribs, baked beans and desserts (sponsored by BOSS).

Australian — Kangaroo pockets

(chicken salad in pita), roo drops (kiwi) and koala colas (Science and Technical Documentation).

French — Ham and cheese croissants, turkey and cheese croissants, authentic French desserts, sparkling apple cider and bottled water (Contracts).

German — Kraut dogs, potato salad and ice tea (Threat/Target Systems).

Irish — Baked potato with toppings and drinks, including green soda (Comptroller).

Italian — Calamari, pasta salad and flavored water (CAEP).

Native American Indian — Tacos, booth will include an arts and crafts display (Four Winds Intertribal).

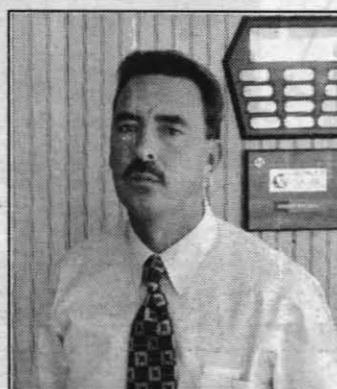
Filipino (2 booths) — Lumpia, pancit, BBQ pork, fried rice, chicken adobo, white rice, leche flan, sodas (Asian American Association of IWW) (Fil-Am Association of IWW).

United States (3 booths) — Beef sticks and sodas (Public Works), hot dogs with toppings, ice tea or lemonade (Weapons/Targets Integration) and strawberry shortcake (China Lake Fire Division).

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SPORTS

Best in Armed Forces

Navy petty officer captures title in bowling tournament

By Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Barrett, USA
American Forces Information Service

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Lana Mink and Army Staff Sgt. William Anthony captured overall titles at the Armed Forces Bowling championships, held recently at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Ill.

Army captured the overall title, followed by Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps. Bowlers competed in team bowling, doubles, mixed doubles and singles. Each competitor rolled six games per event, with individual scores from all combined to decide the overall winners.

Mink, stationed at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, averaged 201.5 in defending her 1994 combined championship. That pace was four pins better

than Army Maj. Debra Riefflin of Fort Meade, Md. Third place went to Air Force TSgt. Christina Coy of Brooks Air Force Base, Texas.

In other events, Navy Petty Officer 1st Class David Cooper of Corry Station, Fla., won the men's individual title. He averaged a 229 to beat Anthony's 226 average.

Navy won the men's team competition held the first day. Cooper, Palomares, Petty Officer 1st Class John Pangburn (San Diego Naval Base), Chief Petty Officer Kenneth Jaquett (Pearl Harbor, Hawaii), Petty Officer 2nd Class Roy Yamanuha (Pearl Harbor) and Petty Officer 2nd Class Randy Rose (Norfolk Naval Station, Va.) squeaked to a 15-pin victory over Air Force, Army finished third.

Fishing begins to pick up pace as Inyo County starts to thaw

According to the Bishop Chamber of Commerce, the south fork of Bishop Creek is the place to fish.

There are still many Alpers Rainbows in the creek from the "Adopt a Creek" program. In early June Christopher Lewis nailed a 9.5-pound Alpers out of the creek using a green jig.

There were also a lot of four- to six-pounders being taken. Best baits include worms, Power Bait, Pistol Pete lures or White Ronny jigs.

North Bishop Creek is not faring as well; you have to work for the fish.

Worms have been very hot at Lake Sabrina.

While the ice around South Lake is starting to break up, a lot of hungry fish around the backside near the limit mean good limits for those using worms and Power Bait.

The road to North Lake is still closed. Bubble-fly combination is working best at Intake II, but it's generally slow.

In the Wild Trout Section of the Owens River, weighted bead head nymphs are working well on the bottom. Dry fly action picks up in the afternoon. Sporting Goods stores have information

on latest hatches. On the Lower Owens good ol' red salmon eggs and Blue Fox lures and mepps are doing well.

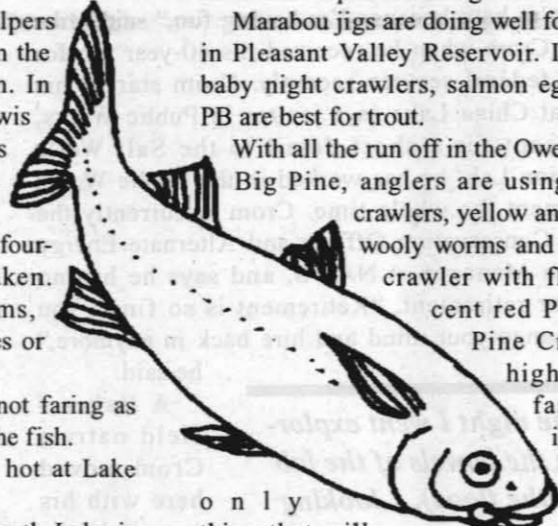
Marabou jigs are doing well for perch in Pleasant Valley Reservoir. Inflated baby night crawlers, salmon eggs and PB are best for trout.

With all the run off in the Owens near Big Pine, anglers are using night crawlers, yellow and green wooly worms and a night crawler with fluorescent red PB. Big Pine Creek is high and fast. PB is about the

only thing that will stay on the hook. Tinnemaha and Baker Creeks are slow.

Lower Rock Creek has been better with a few limits being taken on gold lures, crickets and yellow PB. Upper Rock Creek is high and fast, but some fish are being taken on Green Rooster Tails, trout teaser and night crawlers in the pools.

Rock Creek Lake is finally breaking up and fishing should be improving soon.



need for storage area for various reports and publications and to make the information more accessible to our customers." While the documents in the Technical Library are a natural candidate for electronic storage and retrieval, Bloudek added that the text portion of the NAWCWPNS Photo Archives has already been moved into the imaging system and that scanning of the photos themselves will begin soon.

"Then folks will be able to search on 'keywords' for a photo and see the archive information for the photo as well as an actual electronic print of the photo," he explained. "In the Technical Library we're looking into what material our customer base would like to have available first."

The initial core corporate system, installed in the computer wing of Michelson Laboratory, consists of a Digital Alpha 2100 OSF/1 server with 128 Mb of RAM and 8Gb of internal storage using Excalibur's Electronic Filing System software; a 114.4-Gb Hewlett Packard Optical Jukebox; a 30-Gb disk array; a scanstation; and a Talaris network image printer. The system also includes satellite scanstations at the Federal Information Processing Resource (FIPR) Branch, S&TD mainsite (73 Harpoon), the Technical Library and the PC lab at Armitage Field. The latter two sites also have a Talaris printer. Although this initial equipment is located at the China Lake site, future equipment deployment will be multisited as demand warrants.

"The system is networked on ethernet and uses the TCP/IP protocol, therefore making it accessible to anyone with Internet access and specific filerom privileges," explained Jensen. "Personnel who have subscribed to the service will be able, from their offices, to extract information from those areas for which they have access authority. However, this access will not be available without a charge. As much as we would like to be able to provide this service at no charge to the

NAWCWPNS community, budget realities prohibit us from doing so."

Consequently users will have to pay for the use of the system. To facilitate this there are two types of rate structures. One is for users that need to manage their own library of documents, and this structure is in place today. The other is for information services subscriptions and is still under consideration.

Currently users can buy services at \$61 per hour (approximately 10 to 20 cents a page) to have their doc-

uments scanned, \$200 per year for their account on the system and seven cents per year per page to store their images (roughly 55Kb of storage).

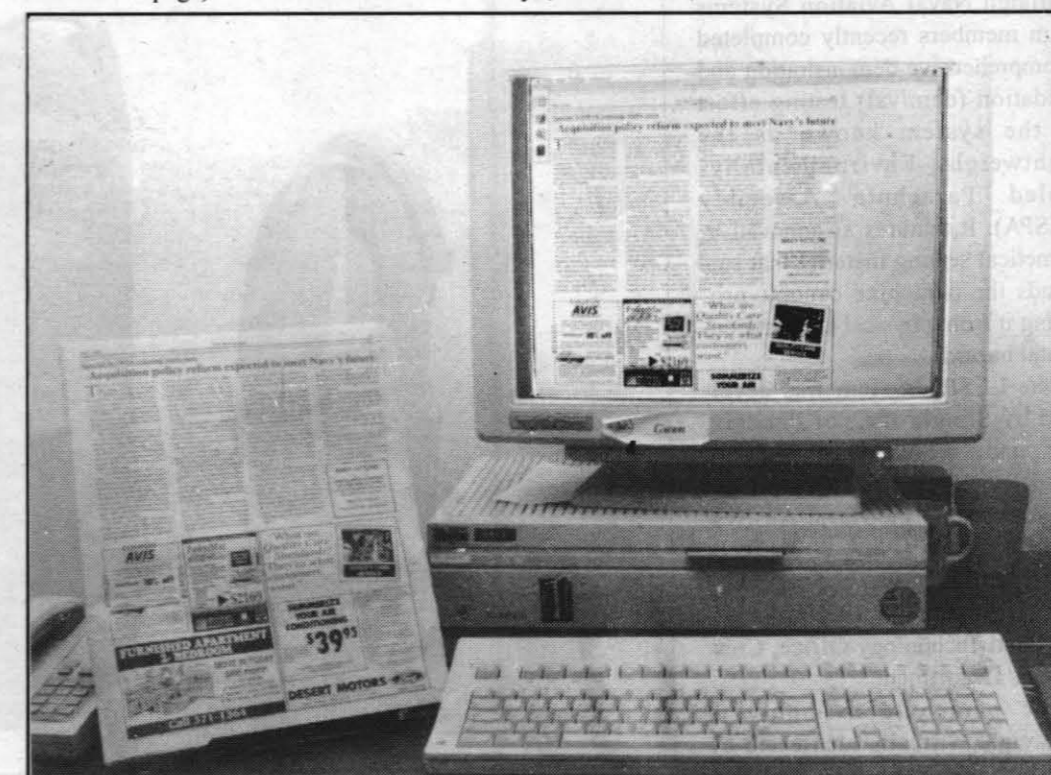
Jensen noted that these rates are worst case. As more users are added to the system all of the users should see a reduction in their costs.

"Also, considering that 65 percent of an employee's time is spent searching for documents," Jensen reminds, "these costs are nominal

when compared with the cost of the labor needed to find these materials."

As previously mentioned, in the future there may be a rate structure for users to "subscribe" to information services. The specific source, content and price of this subscription service is yet to be determined.

Information and services can be obtained by contacting Elsa Pendleton of the PC Lab at 499-5003; the SCF Help Desk at 939-3169; the system administrator, David Olanyk, at 939-3879; or Jensen at 939-1375.



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LESPA: Lightweight Environmentally-Sealed Parachute Assembly passes dem/val, piques interest of other services, countries

Military pilots worldwide may in the near future benefit from a new emergency bail-out parachute system currently being evaluated at the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division China Lake. NAWCWPNS personnel and affiliated Naval Aviation Systems Team members recently completed a comprehensive demonstration and validation (dem/val) testing effort on the system known as the Lightweight Environmentally-Sealed Parachute Assembly (LESPA). It features an innovative, hermetical sealing material that surrounds the parachute canopy, protecting it from physical and environmental hazards.

The LESPA system was developed by Simula Inc., of Phoenix, Ariz., under a Small Business Innovated Research (SBIR) contract administered by the Naval Air Systems Command (PMA-202). Technical cognizance was the responsibility of the NAWCWPNS Advanced Technology Office, Crew Systems Department.

The parachute assembly is lightweight, virtually unaffected by environmental conditions, and presents a clean, snag free, external profile. A newly designed personnel

harness assembly is also incorporated and provides a quick-to-don, "one size fits all" capability.

In addition to the benefits derived from the environmental sealing process, LESPA also aims to reduce the

in-flight safety limitations which arise from the air crew's inability to don and wear heavier and bulkier systems during high-threat missions.

At 17 pounds, the lower profiled LESPA system offers added maneuverability and a significant weight savings when compared to existing in-service assemblies, which are considerably larger and can weigh as much as 25 pounds.

From a user standpoint, the lower weight and less bulk will make LESPA much more comfortable for crew members to wear when they are subjected to long duration missions. Also, the advantages realized in increased crew member maneuverability improve the potential of survival during emergency situations.

The parachute canopy features an "extended skirt" which provides for opening loads, opening distance, oscillation and rate of descent values comparable with existing bail-out canopies. Dem/val testing demonstrated these exemplary characteristics and verified the system's environmental seal integrity and operational reliability.

Of equal significance is the development of the "one size fits



COMPARISON photo shows LESPA (left) as much smaller and cumbersome than the NB-8 it is being developed to replace. LESPA weighs just 17 pounds, compared to others at 25.

More than 40 years in federal service honored

Mike Crom says the most memorable part of his career was the August 15, 1984 major flood

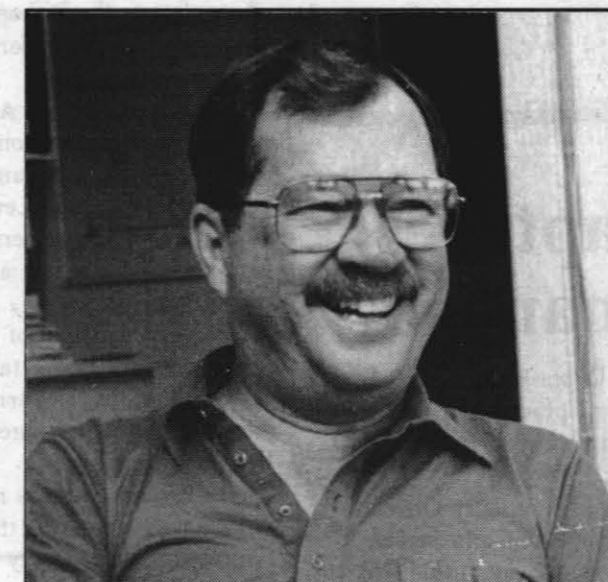
By Kathi Ramont
Staff Writer

"I'm here because I'm having fun," said Mike Crom when he received his 40-year pin for federal service recently. Crom started his career at China Lake as a janitor in Public Works, and except for a short detail to the Salt Wells Propulsion Lab, he has worked in the Public Works Department the whole time. Crom is currently the Energy Conservation Officer and Alternate Energy Program Manager at NAWS, and says he has no plans for retirement. "Retirement is so final. You can't change your mind and hire back in anymore," he said.

"One night I went exploring in the bowels of the lab (after the flood). ...looking for two missing people and watching out for snakes."

—Mike Crom

A Bakersfield native, Crom moved here with his parents in the early 1950s. His folks owned and operated a hamburger stand, "Babe and George's Hamburgers," that was located in the triangle area near the front gate of the base. He graduated from Burroughs High School in 1955 and then joined the Air Force, serving for three years in exotic locations in Europe and North Africa. "I have no regrets about coming back to the desert," he said.



Mike Crom

Crom hired on at Public Works after he got out of the Air Force and graduated from the apprentice program as an electrician in June 1965. He worked as an electrician for five years, when he was promoted to the job of planner/estimator. Working his way up the career ladder, Crom became supervisor of that branch in 1980.

Two years later he was promoted to head the Maintenance Utility Division. At that time it was a large division with more personnel than the entire present Public Works Department. He worked in that position

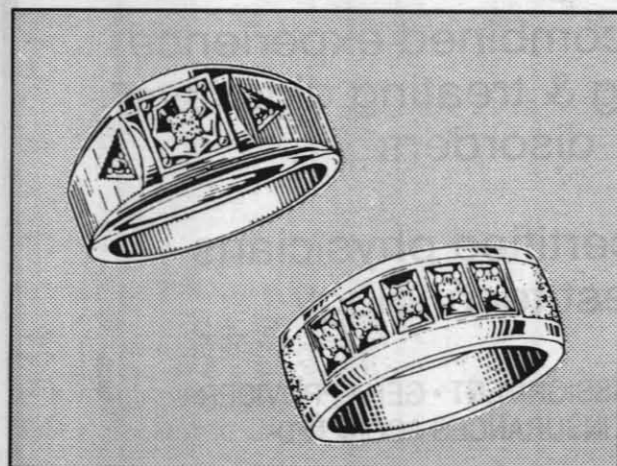
until 1991, when he moved to his current job in the Energy Program Office. Crom's current work includes working on the Superior Valley project.

When you ask Crom about the most exciting event to happen to him at China Lake, he says that without a doubt the most memorable part of his career happened on August 15, 1984. That was the day the Indian Wells Valley was hit with a major flood. Crom was put in charge of Michelson Laboratory during the flood and had the overall responsibility of getting the lab back on line. All of his division personnel worked around the clock — 10 to 14 hours a day. Pumps had to be brought in from Bakersfield, and the waters diverted so that damage could be kept to a minimum. They had the lab up and running in approximately six weeks. For that accomplishment he received a Commander's Award.

"One night I went exploring in the bowels of the lab with Capt. Dickerson, Gerry Schiefer, Dan Butler and Jim Bowen with flash lights — water almost thigh high — looking for two missing people and watching out for snakes. It was pretty spooky and we all took a deep breath when Capt. Dickerson finally said to give it up," he recalled. Fortunately, they didn't find any snakes or dead bodies.

"This is a super place to work, and Ridgecrest is a great place to raise a family," he said. Crom and his wife, Patty, who also works in Public Works as a contracts specialist, have five children and 11 grandchildren. Their daughter, Jo Smith, carries on the family tradition—she works in Public Works as a housing management assistant.

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MQM-8G Vandal team leader receives first Program Management Competency Award

A new organization, a new award.

Freeman Stone, integrated project team leader for the MQM-8G Vandal, was recently presented with the first NAWCWPNS Program Management Competency Award by Sandy Rogers, Program Management Group's level one competency leader.

Each competency will now be able to honor its highest achievers. Criteria for the award includes substantial achievement or contributions which are clearly outstanding and support Navy and NAWCWPNS initiatives, goals and objectives. This achievement can be in any area of program management. There must also be evidence of contribution through documentation prepared or customer/sponsor acknowledgement toward meeting program goals and milestones. And, the expectancy of a continued high level of contribution to the program management mission.

According to Stone, the success of the Vandal Program is attributed to intense team effort and dedication put forth by the Vandal team. "This team functioned as an integrated project team prior to the concept coming into vogue in the naval aviation community," he said.

Vandal is a

target conversion from surplus 1960's Talos surface-to-ship missiles that have been in service-performing supersonic target duties since 1979. The system has undergone several upgrades for reliability and performance; the latest variant designation is the 'EER' and provides significant improvement in maneuver and range capabilities. The EER Program was initiated in September 1992 with Milestone 0 approval. Milestone I/II was approved for development testing of the system in May 1993, and the first demonstration flight was conducted one year later. That test successfully demonstrated the EER's



CONGRATULATIONS are offered to Freeman Stone (left) by Sandy Rogers, Program Management Group's level one competency leader.

tive officer for cruise weapons, for the latest Vandal designated MQM-8G(EER). This model incorporates additional improvements in 8G terminal maneuver capability and range extension to 39 nautical miles, or 43 nautical miles without the maneuver. These enhancements will enable the Vandal to continue as a viable antiship missile threat simulator for a number of years.

"The MQM-8G(EER), with its many improvements, will be a workhorse for the Navy," said Stone. "It will better replicate some of the current missiles and will become a valuable asset in the development, testing and evaluation of defensive ship weapon systems designed to combat the anti-ship missile threat."

According to Randall Langham, head of the Planning and Management Department, who nominated Stone for the award, the EER Program has been a great success by staying on schedule and budget, while meeting technical requirements. He attributed the success of the program to the performance of Stone. "His leadership and unique management style has inspired his team, and his personal dedication has contributed to the overall success of his team," Langham wrote.

capability by meeting all the light and maneuver performance goals of the test and coming within 16 feet of the object point.

Point Mugu's target team successfully completed the test program, and Milestone III approval was granted in November 1994 for release to production by RAdm. George Wagner, program execu-

all" torso harness. This design allows large- and small-statured crew members, male and female, a proper harness fit. Another harness feature is that it can be easily adjusted, quick to don and remove. The complete parachute/harness assembly configuration is expected to meet or exceed existing bail-out requirements of in-service equipment, according to Program Manager Mike Robertson.

Robertson attributes a large portion of the program's success, thus far, to the hard work and extra effort put forth by members of the LESPA Integrated Product Team; Jim Buckley, Warren Ingram, Mary Jacobs, Lisa Kolb, Gary Lawler, Eric Smith, John Hopkins and Jim Wooley of NAWCWPNS, and Ken Sego and Lance Labun of Simula.

In addition to providing air crew members with a safe, reliable and comfortable emergency bail-out system, increased economic and logistical savings and benefits are also envisioned. Because of the environmental sealing capabilities for the parachute canopy, extended repack cycles will be possible. Present plans are to establish a 5 1/2 year repack cycle and combined 27-year shelf/service life.

Through formal tracking procedures and random testing and evaluation of aged assemblies, retrieved from areas worldwide, a determination will be made as to whether repack is necessary at all. If not, the assembly could be coded "remove and replace" after a specified extended period of time. Such a concept will significantly reduce operations and support costs associated with frequent handling and repack, reduce maintenance man-hours, lower overall acquisition costs and minimize the opportunities for mishaps by minimizing repacking efforts.

The LESPA system is currently being developed as a potential replacement for the Navy's NB-8 parachute. This assembly represents approximately 75 percent of the Navy's emergency bail-out parachute inventory. Other Navy assemblies could potentially be replaced, since the LESPA system concept is adaptable to multiple configurations.

The Navy currently spends in excess of \$6.5 million annually to inspect, maintain, repack and replace its ejection seat and bail-out emergency egress parachute assemblies. Preliminary cost saving estimates have indicated a net annual savings of \$2.5 million over existing in-service equipment and should provide a payback period of three years or less.

Similar environmental seal design efforts are being evaluated for possible implementation in other areas, such as ejection seat parachutes and emergency survival/rescue equipment. Both the Army and Air Force, as well as some foreign governments, have indicated a high interest in the outcome of this program.

The program is currently preparing for full scale qualification testing which is scheduled to commence during the third quarter of FY95. If successful, a qualified, environmentally sealed parachute and harness assembly will be available for fleet introduction. This will be accomplished through a low-rate initial production effort with full production and fleet deployment tentatively scheduled to follow in August 1996.

The LESPA Program greatly contributes to current DoD cost reduction efforts and demonstrates the value of government-industry cooperation. It highlights one of the ways new technology can enhance military products and systems.

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6:25 p.m.: Blueprint for Success: NAWCWPNS environmental programs
6:45 p.m.: China Lake is the Name on the Mail Box (segment of a historical video produced for China Lake's 50th Anniversary)

NOTE: To celebrate the upcoming Fourth of July holiday, KNID will air a special video rendition of The Star Spangled Banner at 5:30 p.m. June 26-29 followed by the Navy News. And, in honor of the official dedication of the Missile Engagement Simulation Arena (MESA) on June 29, KNID will air a special 6 minute MESA video at 5:55 p.m. following Navy News.

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Groves School closes its doors after serving students 47 years

By Barry McDonald
Editor

Even those who never attended Groves Elementary could imagine what it would be like to have their childhood schools shut down, as they watched the closing of the first

school built in the then China Lake School District last Friday morning. Financed by the Atomic Energy Commission, the school was named for Major General Leslie R. Groves, who had been the head of the Manhattan Project. It opened for the 1948-49 school year, then surrounded by a



FIRST & LAST—Above, the first Groves students gathered on one of the first days of school in 1948, their neighborhood visible through the windows. Below, the last Groves classes gathered for their school's farewell on the last day of school.



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R&D efforts pay off for three employees

In separate ceremonies in April three NAWCWPNS employees received Deputy Commander's Awards for Research and Development from Sterling Haaland, now head of the Research and Engineering group.



Dr. Harold Bennett

lites [the SELENE project]," according to the citation. In the letter of nomination, Dr. James L. Stafford, research deputy, noted that Bennett's first accomplishment was to advance "compelling arguments based on optical principles and existing geographical and meteorological data that convinced NASA that China Lake was the premier site for the development of a prototype laser power beaming system."

Beyond this, Bennett carried the message of the ground-to-space power beaming concept to admirals, members of Congress, White House representatives, the director of defense research and engineering, the assistant secretary of the Navy for research, development and acquisition and many heads of other government and industrial organizations.

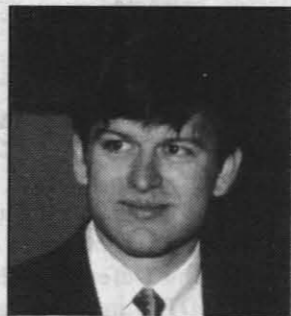
On May 2, the retired Bennett returned to China Lake

to receive a Meritorious Civilian Service Award from RAdm. Dana B. McKinney, NAWCWPNS commander.

"Your numerous contributions to the field of optical science have significantly increased the understanding of phenomena related to optical reflectivity, absorption, scattering, polarization and interference," wrote McKinney in the citation. "Your dedicated and creative pursuit of precision optical measurements has produced technical results critical to the successful development of optical components for weapons sensors and high-energy lasers."

Daniel J. Bukowski, a radar system engineer in Integration Branch 2 at NAWCWPNS Point Mugu, also received the Deputy Commander's Award on April 14. According to the nomination letter by Paul B. McQuaide, branch head, Bukowski's technical depth and knowledge of the F-14D radar weapon control system is "irreplaceable. He is constantly sought after for his technical capabilities and has the respect of contractor personnel."

During FY 94, Hughes Aircraft continued to consult Bukowski on his recommendations for design changes to the radar system, and he represented the government during discussions of system performance specification compliance issues. He prepared and made presentations to VX-9 and Top Gun on evolving improvement of the



Daniel J. Bukowski

electronic countermeasures performance of the radar.

"You reflect a high degree of professionalism in evaluating test results and writing problem reports and recommendations that resulted in new direction with the radar weapon system design," Haaland wrote in the citation.

Dr. May L. Chan, a research chemist in the Combustion/Detonation Section of the Engineering Sciences Branch, received the Deputy Commander's R&D Award on April 18. "Dr. Chan's research efforts into understanding the behavior of energetic materials and her development efforts to incorporate this understanding into useful, new propellants and explosives for the Navy have recently resulted in the first full-scale demonstrations of CL-20 in state-of-the-art, insensitive, high-performance rocket propellants," wrote Dr. James M. Hoover, section head, in nominating Chan.

Chan's efforts have contributed to increased interest by all three armed services in CL-20. "Full-scale or even sub-scale demonstrations that CL-20 could be useful in preparing propellants or explosives having both state-of-the-art performance and low shock sensitivity were nonexistent before the work of Dr. Chan," Hoover added. (The Jan. 26 issue of The Rocketeer carried a detailed article on Chan's successes with CL-20.)



Dr. May L. Chan

thriving neighborhood of new homes. That neighborhood was razed in 1975.

The ceremony was filled with songs and some poetry from the students in the various grade levels. Principal Donna Oshel gave a brief history of the school and told her former wards to cherish their memories.

District Superintendent Bruce Auld reminded the students of their school motto and urged them to look to the future. He said one day, depending on the growth in the Indian Wells Valley, Groves School might reopen. (Donna Oshel later said the district would continue to use the facilities for some aspects of instructional services.) He then introduced Capt. Charles A. Stevenson, NAWS CO.

The CO gave the students their final quiz: "1. How many days left this year? 2. Are you ready for summer?" The entire student body passed the final quiz. He also touched on some of the school's history.

"This school, its teachers and students,

over the past 47 years have had a dramatic impact on both the Ridgecrest and China Lake communities," he said. "Hundreds of teachers and thousands of students have walked the halls, played on the playgrounds and eaten in the cafeteria. For them, and for you, the last class, Groves School will always be a place of special memories. First girlfriends, first boyfriends, first day in school, last day in elementary school and many more...."

Stevenson talked specifically to the three upper classes about next year. "Fifth graders will be moving on to junior high as sixth graders," he said. "The fourth graders will be the bigwig fifth graders in their new elementary schools next year. And the sixth graders will be moving into the middle of junior high."

After some closing songs by the student council, the NAWS Color Guard lowered the flags in the flag retirement ceremony and handed the folded flags to Principal Oshel, symbolizing the official closing of the school.



Photo by Margie Hammett

MEMORIES—Capt. Stevenson told students no matter where they go, they'll always remember their years at Groves. Some of you will remember first girlfriends, first boyfriends... but all of you will treasure these memories forever, he said.

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Navy, Army join forces in common fight

Joint team manages daily use of hazardous materials at White Sands Missile Range

(The following is derived from articles written for the Missile Ranger by D.J. Montoya, Public Affairs Office, White Sands Missile Range, N.M.)

For years the Navy and the Army have enjoyed a friendly rivalry, especially on the football field. Now, the Navy and the Army are teaming up to effectively and efficiently manage the daily use of hazardous materials at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

April 6 marked the official opening of the new joint Hazardous Materials Minimization Center at White Sands. The center will be used to manage and control all hazardous material used within the boundaries of the Army base, which includes Navy and other tenant activities.

Hazardous material is anything that poses a threat to human health or the environment. Typical hazardous materials are toxic, corrosive, ignitable, explosive or chemically reactive, such as paper correction fluid, paint and chemicals.

According to officials, this is the first joint Army and Navy facility in the country. The Army will run the administrative side of things, while the Navy will operate the warehouse serving as a storage and distribution facility for all of the range's hazardous materials.

Eugene Forsythe, deputy director for environment and safety for White Sands, said the National Federation of Employees worked with both services to develop a "dual management" scheme wherein the two center supervisors and all the facility employees work as a single unit, regardless of service affiliation.

Funding the center almost put a halt to the project, since both services work out of different "pocketbooks" and have different funding requirements, noted Forsythe.

"This difference nearly proved to be a sticking point in development of the center until Tom Coleman, with the Navy, and Thurman Smith, from the Army side, put their heads together (with Capt. Stephen D. Beal, officer in charge of Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division White Sands) to develop an innovative funding scheme that combined the best of each service into a single operation, which will be completely funded by facility users beginning in fiscal year 1996," said Forsythe.

Smith, chief of the Storage Branch of the Directorate of Logistics and one of the two key people responsible for setting up the joint center, noted that every item deemed as hazardous material will be



Photo courtesy of White Sands Missile Range

CUTTING the ribbon of the new joint HAZMIN facility are (l to r) Eugene Forsythe, deputy director for environment and safety; Joe Talamantes, with the Engineering and Operations divisions and Mechanical Maintenance Branch, Public Works; Elena Smith, secretary for the HAZMIN facility; and BGen. Jerry L. Laws, range commander. Also participating in the ceremony are (l to r) Thurman Smith, chief of Storage Branch; Tom Coleman, environmental manager for the Navy at White Sands; and Capt. Stephen Beal, Navy officer in charge.

taken from the Self Supply Service Center or the Repair Utilities Store and placed in the center. Center employees will then go out and help each organiza-

tion turn in all hazardous material for storage at the facility.

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Safety Sense

By Dena Christison
Safety & Occupational Health Specialist

In the event of an emergency, quick and skillful delivery of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or first aid by you could mean the difference between life and death of a family member, friend or co-worker.

Do you know what to do in the event of an emergency? It's time again for annual Summer CPR/First Aid training opportunities for China Lakers and our community. Here's a chance to learn.

Safety Office and Cerro Coso offer summer CPR and first aid courses

The Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS) China Lake Safety Office (Code 824E00D), in conjunction with Cerro Coso Community College, is offering a series of American Red Cross CPR and First Aid classes from June 19 through August 17 at the NAWS Training Center.

Adult CPR classes, presented every Monday during this period, can serve as either initial or re-certification in Adult

CPR. Topics covered include adult rescue breathing, how to deal with a choking victim and adult CPR. Total class duration is four hours. Both morning and afternoon sessions are available on Mondays. Certification received from American Red Cross is current for one year.

The eight-hour First Aid/CPR combination course, includes the Adult CPR segment (described above) with the addition of First Aid topics such as dealing with bleeding emergencies, wounds and bandaging, splinting fractures, first aid for burns, poisoning, shock and so on. This class also serves as either initial certification or re-certification training. First aid certification remains current for 3 years. These classes will be presented on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

during the period.

There is no cost for these classes, and they are open to the entire community. To sign up for a class, call the Safety Office at 939-1929. Class size is limited and usually fills quickly, so sign up early.

You will become a very important part of the emergency care team as you learn the skills to render life-saving care in the event of an emergency. Even if you have been involved in our summer classes in the past, it's time again for that valuable refresher. There is no other training as basic and as valuable for the entire community. Through our annual summer CPR program we have the opportunity to train hundreds of people in these important skills. Don't let this opportunity go by without your participation.

Independent Research and Development Program is reactivated

Until three years ago, NAWCWPNS scientists and engineers were actively involved in the DoD's industrial Independent Research and Development (IRAD) program. The Navy IRAD program was administered by the Office of Naval Research (ONR). Annual summaries of each government contractor's IRAD projects were made available for review and evaluation by government technologists with on-site reviews occurring every three years at the contractor's plant. The IRAD program provided an excellent vehicle for liaison and collaboration between government scientists and their industrial colleagues. When Congress terminated the interactive part of the program three years ago, a valuable and major source for potential government-industrial liaison disappeared.

The program is now back in a much reduced, but usable, format. Government evaluation of project worth

and progress is no longer done. Contractor's are now required to biennially submit a brief summary of the work planned and accomplished on each of their IRAD projects to the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC). DTIC integrates all the IRAD reports into a database that is then distributed to all interested DoD commands on a CD ROM with an associated database search program.

This report database can easily be searched for key words or phrases to locate companies that have projects in specific areas of interest. The located reports can then be read from the database to determine how much common interest actually exists between the company's work and that of the government scientist.

The IRAD program no longer funds government scientists to participate in on-site reviews of the projects.

However, most contractors encourage interaction with government scientists. For example, this database is an excellent resource for locating potential contractors for participation in cooperative research and development agreements (CRADAs) in selected technical areas.

The NAWCWPNS China Lake Technology Transfer Office has a copy of the DTIC IRAD Database CD ROM. It is available for search and review on a computer in the Technology Transfer Office, Room 1008, Michelson Laboratory. Because the database contains company proprietary data, database searches are limited to NAWCWPNS civil service employees only. The database is available (at China Lake) to all China Lake, Point Mugu and White Sands employees. If you would like to avail yourself of this IRAD database, contact Bill Webster, head of the Technology Transfer Office, at 939-1074.

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Over the Horizon

By VAdm. John A. Lockard
NAVAIR Commander

Making empowerment work



Empowerment. It is a very popular word today — one that represents a wonderful concept, but is often misused and misunderstood. So what does empowerment really mean? One might say that to empower is to entrust an individual or team with increased power, responsibility and authority to do things . . . to make decisions. I maintain that this description is accurate, but incomplete. We must look deeper to understand the advantages and limitations of empowerment, what it takes to sustain its effectiveness and how to pass on the benefits to each other and to our customers in the fleet.

In my last column, I discussed the critical importance of our transition training in forming and sustaining high performance teams — teams that will be "empowered" to produce the best results for our fleet. These self-managed teams will become the backbone of our organization; because as we continue to streamline and reduce management layers, our teams will be taking on primary responsibility

for the quality of our products.

Defining the merits and intent of empowerment is fairly simple. The greater challenge is understanding what it takes to transform the theory into action. In my view, certain steps must be taken before true empowerment can occur within our teams. First, we must develop a common understanding of the capabilities and talents of our teammates.

Next, we must get a firm handle on what it is we are trying to accomplish as a team. What is our purpose, product or service? A common understanding of our individual capabilities and purpose will foster a strong commitment to a common approach. Lastly, we must define our individual and team operational boundaries — what, specifically, we will (and will not) be empowered to do.

Having met all of these prerequisites, we will be ready to begin executing empowerment. The true test, however,

will be our ability to sustain it. The key is recognizing that empowerment is a two-way street and that trust is absolutely essential. The only way to maintain that trust and confidence is by communicating openly and continuously, and on several levels. Once communication breaks down, uncertainty increases, trust is undermined, and the team quickly loses effectiveness.

Our work teams must develop mechanisms for constant feedback to remain on common ground as they take on new challenges. Just because you're empowered to do something doesn't mean you can operate in a vacuum. You have an obligation to report back to your teammates on a regular basis, to keep them apprised of important issues. If you feel limited by an established boundary, you must go back and renegotiate that boundary, or gain permission to step outside. Even while operating within the boundaries, you need to regularly communicate what is going on — not because you're seeking approval, but simply to exchange information to maintain that avenue of trust.

Sustaining communication within our teams is only half of the equation. We must remember that our individual teams operate within a larger system of shared accountabilities and organizational decisions. I encourage and expect you to

draw upon additional knowledge from outside your teams when needed, and to share your progress with members of your leadership team. They maintain an interest, a perspective and a role in decisions that may impact your individual team efforts, such as resource allocation, business processes, command policy and communications with key external stakeholders. Leadership must be kept informed to fit your activities into the broader framework. Inviting in and sharing knowledge should never be confused with surrendering empowerment. On the contrary, this two-way communication helps to sustain it.

I trust that through continuous, two-way communication and a common sense of purpose, we will take empowerment to the limits of its true definition. Our self-managed work teams will be given the latitude to invent new solutions for continuous improvement and make educated decisions — but not without accepting the responsibility to seek information from outside and share progress with those who need to know.

In the final analysis, it is not enough to simply define empowerment. We must discover what it takes to succeed by experiencing it. From start to finish — open communication, mutual understanding, commitment and trust will be absolutely essential to effect true empowerment, to sustain high performance teams and to achieve the level of success our Navy expects from us.

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Each container that leaves the center will have a special bar code. At any given time the center's staff will know how many containers are out and who has them. If a container is found somewhere it shouldn't be, it can be traced to the individual and organization that purchased it, even if the bar code is missing because of special tracking software available to the center.

"We are tracking each container in a cradle-to-grave fashion," Smith said.

"One key factor in reducing the cost of hazardous material and reducing the amount of hazardous waste will be the management of partially used containers," said Coleman, environmental manager for NAWCWPNS White Sands and the other key person responsible for setting up the center. Partially used containers, which are still in good condition, can be turned back in and offered free to other users of the facility—while a customer may have to pay for one item, another item may be free.

Post residents will also have the opportunity to play an important part in the management of hazardous household material.

Household hazardous material will be stored in a separate area of the warehouse. While these items won't be tracked, Coleman said he hopes residents will bring back the containers once they are finished with them, rather than having them lay around the house.

While the two services will continue to "knock heads" on the football field, at work they will continue to work together to help reduce hazardous waste and to protect the environment.

Trash and clutter can be fire hazards

Clean it up before it burns. The China Lake Fire Division says that trash and clutter are responsible for causing over 120 home fires a day in the United States of America. Take some precautions at your home.

Clean out storage areas like garages, sheds and closets. Get rid of old magazines, newspapers and items that you aren't using anymore. Store combustibles and flammables like gasoline, kerosene, paint and cleaners in approved containers outside the house. Get rid of leaves and debris around the yard. Remember, trash and clutter give fire a place to start. Clean up today so you will be safe tomorrow.

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Note 5 applies.

CHINA LAKE SITE ONLY

No. 4F-001-KN5, Software Data Management Specialist, DS-301-1/2, Code 4F0000D, Software Process Improvement (SPI) Office—Area of Consideration: China Lake. **Opening Date:** 6-15-95. **Closing Date:** 6-29-95. **Selecting Official:** Dean Elliott, 939-7085. **HRD contact:** Kym Noh, 939-3118. **Permanent Change of Duty Station Authorized:** No. **Summary of Duties:** The incumbent will have a basic understanding of the Software Engineering Institute's (SEI) Capability Maturity Model (CMM) and its application to SPI. The incumbent will prepare/present briefings regarding the SPI Initiative. Incumbent will be responsible for the logistics aspects of each SPIAI and for the preparation of the final "report" for the SPI Action Initiatives (AI). The incumbent will maintain a database of SPI metrics, relative to SPIAI, training, and action items. Incumbent will analyze training requirements and research the market for candidate trainers who may qualify to meet the need. Additionally, the incumbent will be "in training" with the goal of being able to facilitate organizational teams through the SPIAI process. This is a relatively new and evolving field and the incumbent will be expected to be an innovative thinker. **Quality-Ranking Factors:** Knowledge and understanding of the Capability Maturity Model, the SPI Initiative, and the Action Initiation Process; knowledge of and skill in Mac Power Point 3.0 is mandatory; ability to express oneself both orally and in writing and deal effectively with different personalities and styles of thinking. Ability to prioritize workload and meet deadlines. Promotion potential to DS-3.

POINT MUGU

No. 525-001-JM5, (8) Computer Specialist, GS-334-5/7/9/11, Test and Evaluation Competency, Pacific Ranges and Facilities Department, Data Processing and Displays Division, Sea Range Data Systems Branch, Code 525300E—Area of Consideration: Sea Range Data Systems Branch, Point Mugu. **Opening Date:** 6-15-95. **Closing Date:** 6-29-95. **Selecting Official:** Eugene Zaharov. **HRD Contact:** Jan Meadows, 989-3261. **Permanent Change of Duty Station Authorized:** No. **Summary of Duties:** The incumbents are responsible for the analysis

of computer-related systems for the purposes of identifying deficiencies, isolating troubles, recommending enhancements, and solving problems. They will coordinate the efforts of other personnel and serve as both team leader and team member on various assignments. Incumbents will participate and assist in advance planning for new computer system such as RDS and will serve as managers for Configuration Management and Control for multiple systems. Responsibilities also include providing consultation on the computer center capabilities, configuration of RDS computer systems, and writing and developing software. **Quality-Ranking Factors:** Knowledge of large-scale computers, computer centers, peripherals, printers, PCs, networks, and classified procedures. Ability to independently set up and operate computer systems and perform computer-related tasks.

Note: Advertised under approved waiver from Navy Regional Priority Placement Program Coordinator.

CURRENT PERMANENT DOD EMPLOYEES/OXNARD PLAIN

No. 8300031MZ5, (1) Employment Assistant Manager, GS-0101-09, Family Services Center, Code 83F000E—Area of Consideration: Current permanent DOD employees on the Oxnard Plain. **Opening Date:** 6-15-9. **Closing Date:** 6-29-95. **Selecting Official:** Jocelyn Harriott, 989-8911. **HRD Contact:** Marcela Zaragoza, 989-3235. **Permanent Change of Duty Station Authorized:** No. **Summary of Duties:** Incumbent assists in implementation of the NAWS/NAWC RAP and provides a full range of services, benefits information, and assistance to relocating military personnel and their family members. Performs data analysis, evaluates effectiveness of the services provided, and reports program progress to RAP/TAMP Manager or the PSC Director. Assists in marketing and public relations program to ensure target population is informed of all RAP policies, programs, services, and procedures. Incumbent interviews/counsels individuals and families to identify their goals, plans, and needs, and provides them with sufficient information from internal and external resources that will direct them to the appropriate service provider. Incumbent represents the interests of the population served by initiating contacts that establish conditions for cooperative relationships with other agencies, associations, businesses, and educational institutions within and outside the immediate geographic parameters of the installation. **Quality-Ranking Factors:** Knowledge of techniques in counseling and ability to plan, coordinate, and implement relocation programs.

CURRENT APPOINTABLE DOD EMPLOYEES CONUS

No. 200-004-AA, (4) Contract Specialist, GS-1102-5/7/9/11/12, Weapons Systems Contract Department, Contracts Division, Code 200000E—Area of Consideration: Current appointable DoD employees CONUS. **Opening Date:** 6-15-95. **Closing Date:** 7-17-95. **Selecting Official:** Jeff Meriam, (619) 939-3801. **HRD Contact:** Ana I. Anderson, (805) 989-3241. **Permanent Change of Duty Station Authorized:** No. **Summary of Duties:** The incumbent negotiates and administers contracts on behalf of NAWCWPNS customers, Government, and contractors from receipt of requirement through physical and financial completion. Reviews purchase requests for technical and administrative adequacy.

Prepares acquisition plans and solicits contractor offers in response to IFB, RFP, or RFQ. Obtains legal and technical advice when necessary. Analyzes contractor offers, performs cost and price analysis, conducts negotiations that include appropriate agreements, terms, and conditions, and recommends award. Oversees issuance of contract awards. Interprets and requires performance of terms and conditions of contracts. Maintains liaison with contractor and customer organizations throughout contract life. Coordinates with internal and external offices and agencies on matters relating to assigned contracts. Modifies or effects changes to contractual requirements as necessary to better support NAWCWPNS needs and satisfy the regulatory framework. **Quality-Ranking Factors:** (1) Ability to analyze, apply, and interpret procurement rules, regulations, regulations, policies and procedures; (2) written and verbal communication skills in a business context; (3) ability to negotiate contract costs, terms, and conditions; (4) knowledge of contract administration principles, policies, regulations, and procedures; (5) knowledge of contract termination concepts, procedures, and precedents; (6) knowledge of price/cost analysis techniques. **DAWIA Position:** Employee must meet mandatory experience, education, and training requirements for a Level I contracting position. Promotion potential to GS-12, but not guaranteed.

APPOINTABLE PERSONS NATIONWIDE

No. 83000305, (1) Social Worker, GS-185-09/11, Code 83F000E—Area of Consideration: Appointable persons nationwide. **Opening Date:** 5-18-95. **Closing Date:** 6-18-95. **Selecting Official:** Jocelyn Harriot, (805) 989-8351. **HRD Contact:** Marcela Zaragoza, (805) 989-3235. **Permanent Change of Duty Station Authorized:** No. **Summary of Duties:** The incumbent is the FCS Family Advocacy Specialist (FAS) and will evaluate existing programs, develop new initiatives based on needs assessment, and offer proactive/preventive educational programs. Establishes clear working relationship with Family Advocacy Representative (FAR) from NAVMEDCOM. Assists with the development, review, and evaluation of standard operating procedures with these and other agencies as appropriate. Ensures that referrals from the FSC are followed through and evaluates client satisfaction with service provided under the direction of the Chief, Clinical Services. Incumbent will ensure periodic interface with all the tenant commands to ensure proper implementation of the FAP. Will provide crisis intervention, counseling, consultation, and referral. Incumbent will provide consultative guidance and specialized training, and with the assistance of other counselors and the Chief, Clinical Services, will provide intake and support counseling for all family advocacy referrals. The incumbent counsels individuals, couples, or families in individual or group counseling sessions. Incumbent will coordinate activities with other prevention services such as the CAAN agency, parent support groups, state and local agencies, etc. Incumbent will be the primary POC for identification of child neglect/abuse; this necessitates being on call after normal hours. Incumbent will use needs assessment and other evaluation tools to continually update and plan future educational efforts, which will include consulting with FSC counselors and others to garner themes and issues arising out of counseling sessions. **Quality-Ranking Factors:** Knowledge of the methods and techniques in counseling, crisis intervention, consultation, and referral.



NAVAL AIR WARFARE CENTER WEAPONS DIVISION

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ALL NAWCWPNS SITES GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

MESA DEDICATION

The Missile Engagement Simulation Arena (MESA), will be dedicated on 29 June as the Dr. Jon A. Wunderlich Laboratory. The dedication ceremony will begin at 1330, and the public is invited. Because of the unique acoustics inside the facility, the program will be held on the ramp leading into the bay. Shaded seating is limited and standing room is available. Employees who wish to attend should check with their supervisors.

The initial MESA concept was envisioned over 12 years ago and construction of this \$28 million facility began in October 1992. It is designed specifically to simulate the terminal engagement of a guided missile fuze with a target. The high-bay simulation arena is 150-foot wide, 405-foot long, and 90-feet high. The facility accommodates actual airframes, allowing precise motion/position control of fuze and target. No other facility in the world has this unique combination of precision and ability to use full-size targets.

NCMA EDUCATION WORKSHOP: PROTESTS

The China Lake/Ridgecrest Chapter of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) is presenting a workshop on Protests. The presenter is Mr. Cyrus Phillips, Esq., who is a partner with Kilcullen, Wilson, and Kilcullen, Washington D.C. Mr. Phillips formerly served as legal counsel with DLA and GSA and has had extensive experience with the GSBGA. The workshop will be held at Farris' at the Heritage on 22 June from 1100 to 1400. The cost of registration is \$10 prior to COB 15 June and \$12 after 15 June. Registration includes a buffet luncheon, beverages, and dessert. Each government attendee will receive a certificate for 2 hours of training. Attendance is limited to 100 participants.

To register or obtain more information, contact Laura Exley at 939-8596.

LEAVE TRANSFER TO OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING VICTIMS

The Office of Personnel Management has received numerous inquiries about how federal employees can donate annual leave to employees affected by the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City. We believe this is indicative of the generous spirit shown by federal employees during this crisis.

Federal employees may transfer annual leave to federal employees affected by the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City. OPM has put into place a system for determining the extent to which affected employees will

CAD-2 CONTRACT DEMOS/PRESENTATION AT POINT MUGU

Intergraph Corporation was selected by the Navy to provide computer-aided systems and services for electronic design, manufacturing, and engineering (CAD/CAM/CAE) systems based on commercial, off-the-shelf technology. In addition to individual acquisitions, Intergraph will provide the Navy with a total design solution including hardware, software, maintenance, training, and technical support services.

For further information contact Vern Lemons, Point Mugu, at (805) 989-7816 (DSN 351-7816) or Jim Serpanos, China Lake, at (619) 939-2619 (DSN 437-2619), or you may contact Intergraph Corporation, Louis Doggett at (818) 784-3900

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ELECTRONIC DESIGN Bldg 373 - Conference Room	MECHANICAL/MANUFACTURING Bldg 311 - Conference Room	SOLUTION ENGINEERING Bldg 311 - Engineering Room
0800 EDA Overview Presentation	0800 MCAD Overview Presentation	0800-0900 Contract Overview
0830 Circuit Design/Analysis (Simulation) Demo	0830 Mechanical Design/Analysis Demo	0900-1130 BPE Demo, Engineering Demo, Document Management JEDMICS Demo, InterCAP (IEDMS) Review
1130-LUNCH	1130-LUNCH	1130-LUNCH
1300 EDA Overview Presentation	1300 MCAD Overview Presentation	1300-1400 Contract Overview
1330-1630 Layout Demos (PCB/MCM)	1330-1630 Manufacturing Demo	1400-1630 BPE Demo, Engineering Demo, Document Management JEDMICS Demo, InterCAP (IEDMS) Review

need donated annual leave (in addition to excused absence and workers' compensation benefits) and will coordinate the transfer of annual leave to approved leave recipients as the need for donated leave becomes known.

In his memorandum of April 20, the president requested that heads of executive departments and agencies excuse from duty, without charge to leave or loss of pay, any employee who is prevented from reporting to work or faced with a personal emergency because of the bombing and who can be spared from his or her usual responsibilities. Workers' compensation benefits are available through the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs in the Department of Labor in the case of federal employees injured or killed in the bombing. Beginning on the day following injury, covered employees are entitled to 45 days of continuation of pay. Additional workers' compensation benefits are available if an employee remains disabled. Workers' compensation specialists are adjudicating claims in Oklahoma City and do not anticipate delays in approving such claims.

OPM will inform agencies regarding opportunities for donating leave to federal employees in Oklahoma City. In the meantime, here are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about leave donation in this situation:

Q: May I donate annual leave under the voluntary leave transfer program to federal employees in other agencies who were affected by the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City?

A: OPM regulations (5 CFR 630-906(f)) provide that a leave recipient's employing agency must accept the transfer of annual leave from leave donors of other agencies when the donor is a family member of the recipient. In addition, the leave recipient's employing agency may accept the transfer of annual leave from leave donors of other agencies if, in the judgment of the leave recipient's employing agency, the amount of annual leave donated from employees within the recipient's agency is insufficient to meet the needs of the recipient or the transferred leave would further the purpose of the voluntary leave transfer program. Transfers of annual leave may be made only to approved leave recipients.

Q: Must I name a specific employee to be the recipient of my donated annual leave?

A: Not necessarily. Many agencies permit employees to entrust the selection of the recipient to the recipient agency's leave transfer program administrator. For example, an employee could donate annual leave through his or her agency's leave transfer program administrator to "a needy federal employee affected by the bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal Office Building" and allow the recipient agency's leave transfer program administrator to choose the leave recipient.

Q: May I donate annual leave to a federal employee in another agency through the leave bank program rather than through the leave transfer program?

A: No; 5 CFR 630.1003(e) prohibits the exchange of annual leave between leave banks. Also, there are no provisions for a leave bank to grant leave to anyone other than a member of the agency's leave bank.

However, every federal employee who is eligible to participate in a leave bank may donate leave through his or her agency's leave transfer procedures.

Questions may be referred to OPM's Compensation Administration Division at (202) 606-2858.

CHINA LAKE GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAMMOGRAPHY SCREENING

The Wellness Program (Code 733000D) will sponsor a mammography screening for NAWCWPNs/NAWS China Lake employees and their spouses. Valley Technological Services (VTS) will have its mobile mammography unit in front of the Administration Building on **18 and 27 July**. The cost of the x-ray exam is \$65. Participants must be at least 35 years old to participate unless referred by a physician. VTS is accredited by the American College of Radiology.

To schedule an appointment, call (800) 458-3385.

DOCUMENTATION FOR TRAINING

It is not necessary to submit a Documentation for Training Credit Only (12410/16) form when you have signed a roster in an on-center class or when you have had a DD-1556 processed through the Training Center for off-center training. If you have any questions, call Annette Hernandez at 939-0870 (DSN 437-0870).

TUITION SUPPORT POLICY FOR CERRO COSO

Civil service employees at China Lake intending to take courses at Cerro Coso and expecting to obtain tuition support must prior to registering submit via competency channels to Code 733000D a DD Form 1556 (Off-Center Training Request) with a job order number supplied by their competency and an "objective" statement explaining how the course is mission related. Employees **MUST SIGN** the appropriate statements on the back of copy 1 of the DD Form 1556, including the one whereby they promise to reimburse the

Government if a satisfactory grade (i.e., "C" or better) is not obtained.

Code 733000D will return the approved DD Form 1556 to you. You must turn it in to Cerro Coso when you register in order for NAWCWPNs to pay your tuition. If you register in person, turn in the approved form to the registrar. If you register by telephone, mail the approved form back with the bill you receive.

Requests for tuition support (DD Form 1556) must be received by Code 733000D at least 3 days prior to registering at Cerro Coso. This will allow your request to be processed and returned to you in time for registration. The approved DD Form 1556 must be turned in to Cerro Coso when registering in order for NAWCWPNs to pay the tuition. Employees who pay tuition will NOT be reimbursed.

If you have questions, call Cecil Webb at 939-0878 (Code 733000D).

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR FY 96 BIDS AND PROPOSALS, MANAGEMENT SUPPORT ITEMS, AND CORE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

The annual call for proposals for the bids and proposals (B&P), management support items (MSI), and science and technology (S&T) programs has been issued by the NAWCWPNs S&T Coordinator (Code 4B0000D). This call for proposals is **only** for departments and divisions within the 4.0 Research and Engineering Competency. Individuals wishing to participate in any of these three programs should submit their proposals to the appropriate coordinator within their department or division (levels 2 and 3

RETIREMENT

EILEEN JACKSON

Eileen Jackson, Data Processing and Displays Division, Pacific Ranges and Facilities Department, is retiring in July after more than 11 years of federal service. A retirement luncheon will be held in her honor at John's Pizza on **19 June** at 11:30. If you would like to attend or are interested in making a presentation or a donation toward a gift, call Michele at 939-6047 or Cathy at 939-6925, by **15 June**. You will need to specify if you would like the High Noon Special.

EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University offers a Master of Aeronautical Science (MAS) Program in the China Lake area. The program is specifically designed to meet the needs of aviation/aerospace professionals. Civilians, officers, and NCOS will find that the MAS will satisfy both their educational and professional objectives. The degree specializes in management. Electives provide the option of adding greater breadth and depth to our intellectual pursuits. Core topics include air transportation, aircraft/spacecraft development, and research methods.

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For more information, call Sue at 927-3649 or stop by the Administration Building, Room 214A.

competencies). Some core S&T proposals should be submitted via existing S&T networks rather than via departments or divisions. (Refer to the 18 May Rocketeer for a description of S&T networks). Individuals should **not** submit proposals directly to Code 4B0000D. A completed memorandum (memo 3910 474T50D of 16 May 1995) describing the B&P, MSI, and core S&T programs and giving detailed guidance for proposal preparation has

been issued to all departments and divisions within the 4.0 Research and Engineering Competency. Individuals should obtain a copy of this memorandum from their department or division offices before preparing proposals. Prioritized proposals from departments, divisions, and/or S&T networks are due no later than the **COB 29 June**. Comments or questions should be addressed to Dr. Bill Clark, Code 474T50D, 927-1809.

POINT MUGU GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CEAP)

Getting help when you have a problem can be a problem. Do you know that there is someone you can talk to if you or someone in your family is having difficulties? There is no charge for CEAP services, which may be used before, during (on administrative leave), or after working hours. Family members, self-referrals, and supervisory referrals are welcome. The program is located in Bldg. 2-825 (University of La Verne). All interviews are confidential. For further information, call Martha or Bob at 989-7708 or 989-8161.

LABOR REPRESENTATIVE FOR BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES

The exclusive labor representative for the bargaining unit employees of NAWCWPNs Point Mugu is the National Association of Government Employees (NAGE). The local R12-33 President is Louis W. Rogers, located in Trailer 10073; he can be reached at 989-1374.

EMPLOYEE COMMUTE OPTIONS PROGRAM

THE ADVANTAGES OF CAR POOLING

To participate in the Employee Commute Options Program use alternate means of transportation (any mode of transportation other than a single-occupancy vehicle) to commute. There are many reasons for car pooling, depending on your personal values and needs. They include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) To reduce air pollution and traffic congestion problems. Motor vehicles are the culprits that spew more than 60% of the toxic emissions into our region's air. (2) To save personal transportation costs (such as gasoline, vehicle maintenance, repair, and depreciation costs). (3) To help Command reduce overhead costs and meet the average vehicle ridership goal established by Ventura County. (4) To reduce dependence on foreign oil. (5) For car/van poolers—good company, less stress, extra help in case of emergency, etc. (6) To receive Command benefits under the Employee Commute Options Program, including preferential parking and the guaranteed ride home program for all registered NAWCWPNs employees and the Special Liberty Program for registered NAWCWPNs military personnel.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be registered in the NAWCWPNs Employee Commute Options Program an individual must be an active-duty military member or civilian employee of NAWCWPNs Point Mugu or Camarillo Airport worksites using an alternative means of transportation to arrive at the worksite. Alternative means of transportation include walking, running, bicycling, car/van pooling, public transportation (including base transit system), and using a clean-fuel vehicle, such as propane, methanol, compressed natural gas, or electricity. A car-pool includes passengers 16 years of age and older who are transported to a school or work, or persons who are registered and transported to a employer-sponsored day care or elder care facilities located within a 1/2-mile radius of the worksite.

RIDESHARE HOTLINE

For rideshare hotline information, contact the Employee Transportation Coordinator, Syed Hoda at 989-1360.

The NAWCWPNs Announcements and Human Resources Department Information are published by the PAO on the Thursday before payday. Copies of the insert are provided to the Albuquerque and White Sands sites. Personnel at China Lake, Albuquerque, and White Sands may send items for the Announcements section to Code 750000D, Attn: Barry McDonald, FAX 939-2796 (DSN 437-2796) or via QuickMail (CL NAWC WIDE NS name server in the CL MAINSITE zone). Personnel at Point Mugu may send items for the Announcements Section to Code 750000E, Attn: Pat Hollenbaugh, FAX 989-1785 (DSN 351-8094). Items included in the Human Resources Department Information Section are provided by the Civilian Personnel Division, Employee Development Division of the Human Resources Department. The deadline for all submissions is Wednesday at 1700, 8 working days prior to the alternate Thursday publication date. **Note:** All inputs MUST include the sponsor's code and phone number. Any questions or issues pertaining to this insert may be addressed to Ron Rogers at 989-3997 (DSN 351-3997), FAX 989-9846 (DSN 351-9846).

No. 53432-001-95, (2) Electronics Engineers, DP-0855-03, Threat/Target Systems Department, Airborne Threat Simulation Division, Developmental Technologies Branch, EMC Technologies Section, Code 534320E—Area of Consideration: NAWCWPNs. **Opening Date:** 6-15-95. **Closing Date:** 6-29-95. **Selecting Official:** Ben Rasnick. **HRD Contact:** Pam Stafford, 989-3308. **Permanent Change of Duty Station Authorized:** No. **Summary of Duties:** The incumbents will be responsible for the following: planning, coordination, test and evaluation support, and/or direction for a specific technical area for a program office, or for application of advanced concepts or theories. Specific project and/or program assignments require the services of professional engineers, nonprofessionals, and/or contractors. Responsible for theoretical or experimental studies, inventions, new or improved concepts, techniques, or implementation requiring an understanding of the specialty area and, in addition, the fundamentals of a broad technical field. Plans, arranges, schedules, conducts, collects data, and/or analyzes results of tests of major technical and organizational impact. Performs state-of-the-art designs to take advantage of new concepts, techniques, or principles in the research, development, or test and evaluation of new and advanced systems. **Quality-Ranking Factor:** The applicant must have experience in a combination of digital/microprocessor engineering and military electronic countermeasures (ECM) and RF technology. **Specific Requirements:** The applicant need not to be a specialist but must have had experience with the following: (1) Military Systems: Specifically electronic warfare and/or threat (radar) emitters. (2) Military (DoD): Contracts. The applicant should be familiar with, and able to generate technical specifications for electronic warfare systems and subsystems. (3) RF Design: The applicant must have had experience with the design and integration of RF hardware and systems as they apply to airborne, ground-based and shipboard installations. (4) Configuration Management: The applicant should have limited experience with the military system of configuration management for fielded systems. (5) Microprocessor/Software Design Experience: The applicant must have a limited knowledge and understanding of the microprocessors, bus structures, computers, and various software languages employed in the design and development of modern airborne systems (i.e., radar, missiles, etc.) that would be used in the development of threat simulators. (6) Flight Test Experience: The applicant must have experience relating to flight-line operations, missile test live firings, and data analysis and reduction. (7) Project/Systems Management: The applicant must be able to manage a team of junior engineers throughout the lifecycle of development project (i.e., from conception, to brassboard, to prototype, through initial delivery and configuration control and maintenance). **Note 5 applies.**

No. 53411-001-95, (1) Electronics Technician, GS-0856-09, Threat/Target Systems Department, Airborne Threat Simulation Division, Simulator System Support Branch, Emitter System Support Section, Code 534110E—Area of Consideration: NAWCWPNs. **Opening Date:** 6-15-95. **Closing Date:** 6-29-95. **Selecting Official:** Emery Kujiraoka. **HRD Contact:** Pam Stafford, (805) 989-3308. **Permanent Change of Duty Station Authorized:** No. **Summary of Duties:** The incumbent will provide technical support for the development, test, evaluation, and use of a variety of EW systems. Responsible for the maintenance and repair of pod-mounted high-power RF transmitters that are being utilized in EW airborne stores such as the AST-4, AST-6, and RAM-TSS. These transmitters include, but are not limited to, the DPT-1 (V), DPT-1A(V), DPT-2A(V), and the UPT-2(V). The

incumbent will utilize both common and specialized microwave RF test equipment in the performance of these duties. Assists technical personnel in the evaluation of EW equipment and systems to ensure that the equipment is operating as designed and to identify problem areas. This involves ensuring accurate equipment calibration and collection of test data. **Quality-Ranking Factors:** Applicant must have knowledge and skills necessary to maintain and repair high-power RF transmitters including, but not limited to, the DPT-1 (V), DPT-1A (V), DPT-2A (V), and the UPT-2 (V). Knowledge of both common and specialized microwave RF test equipment. Knowledge of Ready for Issue (RFI) certification procedures. Applicant must be able to obtain and maintain a Secret clearance. **Note 5 applies.**

No. 5391-001-95. (1) General Engineer, DP-0801-03, Threat/Target Systems Department, Aerial Targets Integrated Program Team, Code 539100E—Area of Consideration: NAWCWPNs. **Opening Date:** 6-15-95. **Closing Date:** 6-29-95. **Selecting Official:** Emil Eichblatt. **HRD Contact:** Pam Stafford, 989-3308. **Permanent Change of Duty Station Authorized:** No. **Summary of Duties:** The incumbent will be responsible for planning, schedules, coordinating, and/or conducting detailed phases of technical work in part of a major project or in a total project of moderate scope. Formulates, analyzes, models, evaluates, advises, or performs design studies on the feasibility, suitability, adaptability, and/or operational utility of systems and system concepts. Serves as a project coordinator/technical manager of a major program such as an aerial target project requiring substantial interfacing, controlling, directing, coordinating, planning, and scheduling across broad organizational lines, and interaction with top NAWCWPNs management, sponsors, other agencies, and/or private industry. **Quality-Ranking Factors:** Knowledge in project management, systems engineering, the acquisition process, and test and evaluation. Ability to lead a technical group, interface with team members and external project sponsors. Ability to prepare clear and concise written and oral communications.

No. 5394-003-95. (1) Material Resources Specialist, GS-0301-07, Threat/Target Systems Department, Airborne Threat Simulation Team, Code 539400E—Area of Consideration: NAWCWPNs. **Opening Date:** 6-15-95. **Closing Date:** 6-29-95. **Selecting Official:** James Hobson. **HRD Contact:** Pam Stafford, (805) 989-3308. **Permanent Change of Duty Station Authorized:** No. **Summary of Duties:** The incumbent will assist the Contracting Office Technical Representative (COTR) with contract administration and management actions. Duties include preparing administrative actions and associated paperwork with contract delivery orders, modifications, and funding increments. Assists in monitoring the invoicing of the major service contract administered by the Team. Prepares the paperwork and status of the existing delivery orders of the major service contract and works with the Contracting Office to assure the contract modifications are processed. Prepares requisitions and justifications, critical features, and detailed specifications for equipment purchase. Screens requisitions for accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness prior to submission to the Supply Department. **Quality-Ranking Factors:** Demonstrate management analysis skills. Demonstrate ability to establish and maintain an automated contract tracking system on a Macintosh-based system. Knowledge of contract package preparation and federal acquisition procedures. Ability to obtain and maintain a Secret clearance. **Note 5 applies.**

No. 5343-002-95, (1) Office Services Clerk, GS-0303-06, Threat/Target Systems Department, Airborne Threat Simulation Division, Developmental Technologies Branch, Code 534300E—Area of Consideration: NAWCWPNs. **Opening Date:** 6-15-95. **Closing Date:** 6-29-95. **Selecting Official:** Ben Rasnick. **HRD Contact:** Pam Stafford, (805) 989-3308. **Permanent Change of Duty Station Authorized:** No. **Summary of Duties:** The incumbent will assist program analysts and program managers concerning small purchases and both major and minor hardware acquisition packages. Completes data packages and ensures that acquisition packages are ready for submittal. Prepares reports, presentation graphs, and charts from various resource documents. Operates data processing equipment such as IBM compatible personal computer, Macintosh, and other terminals in the base-wide data processing network to provide specialized typing services and to establish or maintain technical or financial databases necessary for management decision making. Databases include job orders, direct/indirect expense ratios, stub processing and tracking, time card data, training, and other management aids as directed by the Branch Head. **Quality-Ranking Factors:** Applicant must have knowledge of correspondence, office, and management procedures. Knowledge of procedures required for time keeping and inputting data into the Time, Labor Collection System (TLCS). Knowledge of Navy travel regulations and how to generate and process travel orders. Knowledge of Message Text Format (MTF) software and how to generate Navy message traffic. Working knowledge of Macintosh and PC computer systems. **Note 5 applies**

No. 5394-002-95, (2) Program Support Assistants, GS-0303-07, Threat/Target Systems Department, Airborne Threat Simulation Team, Code 539400E—Area of Consideration: NAWCWPNs. **Opening Date:** 6-15-95. **Closing Date:** 6-29-95. **Selecting Official:** James Hobson. **HRD Contact:** Pam Stafford, (805) 989-3308. **Permanent Change of Duty Station Authorized:** No. **Summary of Duties:** The incumbents will assist in the preparation of project plans, outyear budgets, and tasking plans for programs in the Airborne Threat Simulation Team. Assists in monitoring the performance of projects within the Airborne Threat Simulation Team to ensure that performance is in accordance with established program plans, including costs schedule and objectives of the projects. Prepares quarterly briefs and status reports for the various programs within the Team. Assists in preparing the financial data and coordinating the technical information including cost tables, graphs, and text required for the submittal. Assists in the financial tracking of programs within the Team. Provides a liaison between the Team and the Comptroller coordinating acceptance and expenditures of program funds, prepares accrual and unbillable forms, processes direct cite funds, and ensures obligations are posted to STARS. **Quality-Ranking Factors:** Demonstrate project analysis skills. Ability to research, comprehend, and apply financial regulatory information. Ability to use Macintosh computer business applications (Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint, and Foxbase programs). Must be able to obtain and maintain a Secret clearance. **Note 5 applies.**

No. 5391-002-95, (1) Secretary (Typing), GS-0318-07, Threat/Target Systems Department, Aerial Targets Integrated Program Team, Code 539100E—Area of Consideration: NAWCWPNs. **Opening Date:** 6-15-95. **Closing Date:** 6-29-95. **Selecting Official:** Emil Eichblatt. **HRD Contact:** Pam Stafford, (805) 989-3308. **Permanent Change of Duty Station Authorized:** No. **Summary of Duties:** The incumbent will serve as the key person involving all

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL DIVISION NEWS

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applications must be received at the Human Resources Department (HRD) Reception Desk, at any site, no later than 5:00 p.m. on the closing date of the announcement. Applications must be submitted for each vacancy. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS ON APPROVED LEAVE, TDY, ETC. THE ENTIRE TIME THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS OPEN. Please make a copy of your application for your own retention before you submit it. (Only applications with original signature and date will be accepted.)

Submit a copy of your latest narrative performance assessment/appraisal of record with any application filed against a vacancy announcement. If the assessment/appraisal does not clearly state the tasks/duties performed, attach a copy of your performance plan.

A supplemental narrative addressing your qualifications to each quality-ranking factor (QRF) is highly recommended. This information will be used to identify highly qualified candidates to be referred for selection. Additional information will not be accepted after the closing date of the announcement.

When multiple-grade levels are advertised, applicants will only be rated for the lowest grade level indicated on their application that will be acceptable and higher grade levels for which they qualify.

Applicants may review the X-118 Qualification Standards at the China Lake Technical Library; at the Point Mugu Directorate/Department Resources Offices; or at any NAWCWPNS Human Resources Department Office.

AREA OF CONSIDERATION INFORMATION

Applications will be accepted from current appointable employees at NAWCWPNS and, unless otherwise noted in the specific announcement, the tenant commands with approved cross-service agreements. These include employees with career or career-conditional appointments; temporary employees with Veterans Readjustment Act (VRA) eligibility or reinstatement eligibility; handicapped employees serving on an excepted Schedule (A) appointment, VRA employees, and temporary employees within reach on an OPM certificate (or equivalent). If a tentative selection is made from tenant, VRA, or temporary applicants, the selection process cannot be completed until a waiver to the hiring freeze is approved by COMNAVAIR. Appointable persons include those with reinstatement eligibility, those within reach on an OPM certificate, and those eligible for noncompetitive permanent appointment (e.g., VRA, handicapped).

NOTES

1. If selection is made below the full-performance level, the selectee may be promoted to the next higher level(s) without further competition provided the following conditions are met: (1) OPM requirements are met, (2) management determines the incumbent is performing at the higher grade level, and (3) there is work at the higher grade level to justify the promotion. **PROMOTION IS NOT GUARANTEED.**

2. First-time supervisors and managers are required to serve a probationary period of 12 months. Those who do not satisfactorily complete the probationary period will be returned to positions of no lower grade and pay than their former position.

3. **Drug Testing Designated Position.** An applicant tentatively selected for this position will be required to submit to urinalysis for illegal use of drugs prior to a final selection. (Exception: If the position change is for 30 days or less or the applicant currently occupies a DOD testing designated position (TDP), no applicant test is authorized.) The selection is contingent upon a negative drug test result and, thereafter, the selectee will be subject to drug testing on a random basis as the incumbent of a TDP. Further, all DON employees may be subject to drug testing under certain circumstances such as reasonable suspicion and after an accident or unsafe practice. All individuals will have the opportunity to submit medical documentation that may support the legitimate use of a specific drug to a Medical Review Officer. An applicant's test result will be provided to the selecting official and servicing Human Resources Office before a final selection is made. A verified positive drug test result of a current DON employee will also be provided to the employing activity/command.

4. **This is a Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) Designated Position.** P. L. 101-510 requires that all applications for DAWIA designated positions that are advertised be evaluated utilizing a QRF to determine the best qualified candidates. A supplemental narrative addressing the DAWIA QRF is highly recommended. Applicants who would like to obtain more information on the DAWIA mandatory requirements and/or definitions of DAWIA career fields should contact their Department Office DAWIA representative or their Personnel Management Advisor. **Note:** Applicants selected for critical acquisition positions (GS-14/DP-4 and above) will be required to sign a service agreement to remain in that position for at least a 3-year period.

5. **Merit Promotion Positions for Point Mugu Site Vacancies.** Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements (including, when applicable, time-in-grade and qualification requirements) within 30 calendar days of the closing date of the announcement.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division is an equal opportunity employer. Selection will be made on a fully equal basis without discrimination. Selection will not be made on non-merit reasons such as race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, politics, marital status, physical handicap, or membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

All vacancies are subject to restrictions imposed by the DOD Priority Placement Program (PPP). Incumbent must hold or be able to obtain the appropriate security clearance.

As of 1 August 1992, mandatory direct deposit/electronic funds transfer (DD/EFT) became the standard payment within DOD for pay of certain civilian personnel. Newly hired civilian personnel and employees (not currently enrolled) who are selected for competitive promotion, reassignment, transfer, etc., will be required to enroll in DD/EFT within 60 days. An asterisk (*) preceding an announcement number indicates a modification has been made to the vacancy advertisement; please note indicated changes.

MERIT PROMOTIONS

ALL NAWCWPNS SITES

No. 4K-001-RF5, Supervisory Interdisciplinary (General/Mechanical/Electronics/Aerospace Engineer), DP-801/830/855/861-4, Research and Engineering Competency, T & E Engineering Department, Integrated Weapons Systems Division, Code 4KK000D—Area of Consideration: NAWCWPNS. **Opening Date:** 6-15-95. **Closing Date:** 6-22-95. **Selecting Official:** George Smith, (805) 989-7095. **HRD Contact:** Robert Fitzpatrick, (619) 939-8117. **Permanent Change of Duty Station Authorized:** Yes. **Summary of Duties:** The incumbent will perform as Head of the Integrated Weapons Systems Division. Duties will include supervision of personnel through subordinate supervisors for test and evaluation of weapon systems including F/A-18, AV-8B, and F-14 aircraft systems; review and approval of flight test plans for effectiveness and efficiency. **Quality-Ranking Factors:** Skill with flight testing of integrated weapon systems. Knowledge of test and evaluation of major systems. Ability to evaluate flight test and flight test equivalent test plans. Knowledge of affirmative action principles including a willingness to implement EEO practices. Ability to manage an organization. The full performance level of this position is DP-4. The incumbent must be able to obtain and maintain a Top Secret clearance.

Notes 2 and 3 apply.

No. 72-002-NR5, Program Analyst, DA-343-2, Code 72F000D, Corporate Operations, Information Management Department, Single Financial System Project Office—Area of Consideration: NAWCWPNS. **Opening Date:** 6-15-95. **Closing Date:** 6-29-95. **Selecting Official:** Jay Crawford, (619) 939-9738. **HRD Contact:** Nancy Robinson, (619) 939-8106. **Permanent Change of Duty Station Authorized:** No. **Summary of Duties:** Incumbent serves as the focal point of contact for the Single Financial System and the Interim NAWC Financial Operating System (INFOS) Project Offices for contract/acquisition-related items for both China Lake and Point Mugu requirements. Provides technical review and monitoring of contractors. Reviews, analyzes, and audits contract delivery orders for technical accuracy, clarity, and completeness. Acts as a liaison between NAWCWPNS technical and contract administration personnel. Provides technical analysis of contractor performance and utilization trends and review of problem areas. Ensures that project space and equipment requirements are met. **Quality-Ranking Factor:** Ability to develop contracts for support of financial management systems development; ability to interpret status information from written reports and NAWCWPNS Financial System; and ability to meet the mandatory DAWIA requirements for training, experience, and education for level II of the Business, Cost Estimating, and Financial Management Acquisition Career Field within 18 months of entering position. The full performance level of this position is DA-3. **Note 4 applies.**

No. 5394-001-95, (1) Equipment Assistant, GS-0303-07. Threat/Target Systems Department, Airborne Threat Simulation Team, Code 539400E—Area of Consideration: NAWCWPNS. **Opening Date:** 6-15-95. **Closing Date:** 6-29-95. **Selecting Official:** James Hobson. **HRD Contact:** Pam Stafford, 989-3308. **Permanent Change of Duty Station Authorized:** No. **Summary of Duties:** The incumbent will be responsible for handling all equipment repair for the Airborne Threat Simulation Team. This will include picking-up equipment from the customer, shipping it to various manufacturers, and administering all paperwork associated with the repair; coordinating all aspects of the repair and establishing a tracking system to ensure repaired equipment is returned to the customer. Incumbent will also track all laboratory equipment to ensure calibration is performed at proper intervals, prepare necessary forms for the calibration laboratory, and track the financial expenditures to provide information to the Airborne Threat Simulation Team on costs associated with calibration. Responsible for ordering and receiving all small purchase items for the Team. These duties include researching suppliers, preparing all requisitions, and submitting them to the Naval Supply System. **Quality-Ranking Factors:** Knowledge of methods and techniques and proven ability to procure complex electronic parts and new modules. Knowledge of procedures and ability to perform equipment calibration and repair. Ability to maintain a large inventory of parts and systems on a Macintosh system. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Secret clearance. **Note 5 applies.**



HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Human Resources Department (HRD) Information Section is intended to provide timely HRD information to NAWCWPNS personnel. Any questions or issues pertaining to this section may be addressed to Ron Rogers, Code 733000E (P622), (805) 989-3997 (DSN 351-3997), FAX 989-9846 (DSN 351-9846).

LABOR/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS TEAM NEWS

LEAVE DONORS NEEDED

The employees listed below have been approved as leave recipients under the Leave Transfer Program. These employees have exhausted annual and sick leave because of personal or medical emergencies and anticipate being in a leave-without-pay status for at least 44 hours. Employees who wish to help a leave recipient may donate annual leave to the employee by submitting a completed OP Form 630-A (Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient). This form is available at Administration Offices at Point Mugu and Shop Store (Telmart) at China Lake. Forms for Point Mugu may be mailed to Code 731000E (P621); forms for China Lake may be mailed to Code 731000D (C621). For additional information, call Estela Padilla at (805) 989-3222 or Pat Miller at (619) 939-2018.

CHINA LAKE

Sherri A. Flaharty, Code 561000D

Sherri is on 6 weeks leave following surgery on her left shoulder to correct a mechanical block.

Dorothy Wiederhold, Code 733000D

Dorothy has congestive heart failure and viral pneumonia.

Mona Bonbright, Code 260000D

Mona is recuperating from mononucleosis.

Gregory Berry, Code 822630D

Greg has been unable to work due to a pulmonary embolism.

Janice Leverett, Code 455140D

Janice is recuperating from open rotator cuff repair to her shoulder.

Jenny Hazelwood, Code 474620D

Jenny is confined to a bed due to complications of pregnancy.

Merritt Guggenbuehl, Code 455110D

Merritt is on maternity leave.

Jeanie Salyer, Code 734000D

Jeanie is undergoing peritoneal dialysis while awaiting a kidney transplant.

Howard Gerrish, Code 473210D

Howard obtained severe injuries in an accident.

Cathy Hannah, Code 763100D

Cathy has severe diabetes complications.

Anton Kiren, Code 826100D

Anton is under a doctor's care.

Barbara Anderson, Code 763200D

Barbara has a medical problem.

POINT MUGU

Sonia Coronado, Code 836560E

Sonia is on maternity leave.

Michael Abbott, Code 522710E

Michael is under a doctor's care for chronic liver disease.

Herman Qualls, Code 833430E

Herman is recovering from back surgery.

Mari Zaragoza, Code 731000E

Mari is on maternity leave.

Rickie E. Dees, Code 833800E

Rickie is recovering from a ruptured achilles tendon.

Myrian Connors, Code 230000E

Myrian is undergoing a radical hysterectomy to remove pelvic inflammatory disease and endometriosis.

Silas Carney, Code 562E20E

Silas underwent emergency abdominal surgery.

Kelly M. Kelly, Code 836500E

Kelly is recovering from knee surgery.

Garth Morrison, Code 834210E

Garth is experiencing diabetic complications.

Sierra Linda Burdette, Code 210000E

Sierra is caring for her son, who needs medical attention.

Chacita Kay Skinner, Code 836500E

Chacita is experiencing complications of pregnancy.

La Wanda Lint, Code 832620E

La Wanda is recovering from knee surgery.

Colleen Smith, Code 731000/E

Colleen is on maternity leave.

Darleen Kennedy, Code 836500E

Darleen is recovering from surgery.

David Butler, Code 323010E

David has a diabetes and neuropathy arthritis condition and is unable to work.

Carla Allen, Code 48D000E

Carla is recovering from surgery.

Brenda Davis, Code 731000E

Brenda has lupus erpematousus.

EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION NEWS

ON-BOARD TRAINING COURSE SCHEDULE

Enrollments are accepted via on-board training requests (NAWCWPNS 12410/2), call-ins, and quickmail; however, check individual announcements for enrollment procedures.

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT AND DOCUMENTATION MIL-STD-498 (24 hrs.)

19-21 June; Monday-Wednesday, 0800-1630; Bldg. 323, Room 201, Point Mugu. By: Technology Training Corp.

Note: Tuition for this course is approximately \$675 per person. You must provide a job order number to the Employee Development Division, Code 733000E when enrolling in this course.

The newly approved MIL-STD-498 replacing DOD-STD-2167A and DOD-STD-7935A, forms the basis for Software Acquisition Best Practices. All personnel involved with future software developments need to learn how to use MIL-STD-498 to form software contracts, and how MIL-STD-498 will impact the development of bids and software management practices. Topics will include DOD Software Requirements and Acquisition Policies; Applying the Newly Approved MIL-STD-498; the new MIL-STD-498: Software Development, Determining Software Documentation

Requirements Using MIL-STD-498; Dealing With the Absence of Supporting MIL-STDs-Help From MIL-STD-498, and Its Limitations; Support for Software Process Improvement and Source Selection in MIL-STD-498; and the future of software standards—MIL-STD-498 and Commercialization.

To enroll, submit an On-Board Training Request (NAWCWPNS 12410/2), to Mary Glasmann, Code 733000E (P622). For further information, call 989-3982 (DSN 351-3982).

UNIX (TCP/IP) NETWORKING (6-hr video per day)

22-23 June; Thursday-Friday, 0800-1500; Training Center, China Lake

28-29 June; Wednesday-Thursday, 0800-1500; Bldg 323, Room 160, Point Mugu

By: National Technological University. Sponsor: Boston University
Intended Audience: Systems and application programmers, systems

REIMBURSABLE TRAINING POLICY

Reimbursable courses are courses that are being brought on-site for which codes are paying for on a per-person basis. Reimbursable courses are offered when a particular course is requested by an organization, but is not part of our annual training plan budget. These courses are annotated with an "R" in the course schedule. Enrollment for these courses must be accompanied by a job order number at least 1 month prior to the start date of the class. Advance notice is required so we can finalize our commitment to the instructor. Under-enrolled classes will not be held. However, if a student cancels less than 30 days prior to class or is a "no-show," the organization will be charged. We strongly encourage a substitute in these cases.

administrators, and managers involved in the development of UNIX-based distributed applications.

Prerequisite: Familiarity with networking and operating systems concepts.

This course offers a comprehensive overview of UNIX networking. Topics include distributed systems, communication protocols, TCP/IP, interprocess communication, Berkeley sockets, UNIX network programming, design of client/server models, remote procedure call

(RPC) paradigm, and network file systems.

To enroll at China Lake, contact Annette Hernandez via QuickMail with name, code, social security number, and phone number. For further information, call 939-0870 (DSN 437-0870).

To enroll at Point Mugu, submit an On-Board Training Request (NAWCWPNS 12410/2), to Mary Glasmann, Code 733000E (P622). For further information, call 989-3982 (DSN 351-3982).

UNDERSTANDING AND APPLYING MIL-STD-461D (4 hrs.)

26 June; Monday, 0800-1200; Training Center Annex, China Lake. By: R&B Enterprises

This seminar provides a summary of Navy instructions and details the application of MIL-HDBK-235 and MIL-HDBK-237. It includes pertinent definitions to facilitate the understanding of EMC technology and specific definitions pertaining to MIL-STD-461D. This seminar also provides a practical discussion of the differences between MIL-STD-461C and MIL-STD-461D.

To enroll or obtain further information, contact Lily Horton at 989-3987 (DSN 351-3987).

FINANCIAL STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESSFUL RETIREMENT SEMINAR (16 hrs.)

26-27 June; Monday-Tuesday, 0800-1630; TBD, Point Mugu. By: Financial Focus

This seminar will cover the following topics: Foundation for a success retirement, your retirement income, putting your dollars to work; fixed income securities, putting your tax dollars to work; equity investments, risk management, estate planning, and counseling sessions.

To enroll, submit an On-Board Training Request (NAWCWPNS 12410/2) to Mary Glasmann, Code 733000E (P622). For further information, call 989-3982 (DSN 351-3982).

SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS (3 hrs.)

27-28 June, Tuesday, 0800-1100 or 1300-1600; Wednesday, 0800-1100; Michelson Lab, Management Center, China Lake

29 June; Thursday, 0800-1100 or 1300-1600; Management Information Center (MIC), Bldg. 36, Point Mugu

By: Paula Howard and Howard Miller, NAVAIR

In June of 1994, Secretary Perry issued a memorandum to the Military Services Secretaries, setting a new DOD philosophy concerning specifications and standards and their use in DOD acquisitions. This philosophy reversed the current practice of heavy reliance on invoking Military specifications and standards. The course objective is to: discuss the DOD policy; discuss the DON and NAVAIR implementation of the change; understand the impact on solicitations; and gain a common understanding of what is a performance specification.

To enroll or ask questions, call Pat Oliver at (619) 939-2468 (DSN 437-2468).

INVESTING IN THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN AND ON YOUR OWN (8 hrs.)

10 July; Monday, 0800-1600; Bldg. 323, Room 159, Point Mugu. By: Charla Green, Consultant

The instructor will explain the operations and advantages of the Thrift Savings Plan, concentrating on how the three plan funds can fit into a personal investment portfolio. Historical data on risks and rates of return will be presented to help federal employees choose an allocation strategy. Debt reduction, insurance, taxes, and several additional investment opportunities will be discussed. Participants will learn ways to reduce investment risk and how to choose and purchase a mutual fund.

Deadline: 29 June

To enroll, submit an On-Board Training Request (NAWCWPNS 12410/2), to Felicia Nickelberry, Code 733000E (P622). For further information call 989-3980 (DSN 351-3980).

BASIC NAVAL WRITING (8 hrs.)

11 July; Tuesday, 0800-1600; Training Center, Room 107, China Lake. By: LaNelle Thompson

SECNAVINST 5216.5C sets new writing standards, and encourages the adoption of the standards by all people employed by the Department of the Navy. The class instructor will review those standards; i.e., the use of active versus passive verbs, personal pronouns, short sentences, etc.

Deadline: 3 July

To enroll, call Sue Murray at 939-2349 (DSN 437-2349).

OFFICIAL NAVAL CORRESPONDENCE (8 hrs.)

12 July; Wednesday, 0800-1600; Training Center, Room 107, China Lake. By: LaNelle Thompson

This course is for all Center personnel who type, write, or approve naval correspondence. It is a detailed overview of SECNAVINST 5216.5C and NAVWPNCENINST 5216.8, which review standards for correspondence preparation, formatting, and paperwork management.

Note: Bring your copy of SECNAVINST 5216.5C (Correspondence Manual) to this class. If you don't have one available, you will be provided one in class.

Deadline: 5 July

To enroll, call Sue Murray at 939-2349 (DSN 437-2349).

WRITING AND TAILORING YOUR SF-171 AND RESUME (2 hrs.)

12 July; Wednesday, 0930-1130; TBD, Point Mugu

13 July; Thursday, 0830-1130; Training Center, China Lake

By: Julie Streets, Employee Development Specialist

How to prepare an exceptional SF-171 and new OP-612 with resume will be discussed. Both documents will be viewed as part of a personal marketing strategy. The focus will be on organizing your career in writing, selecting, and presenting career events clearly and concisely and cataloging your skills and accomplishments.

To enroll at Point Mugu, submit an On-Board Training Request (NAWCWPNS 12410/2) to Mary Glasmann, Code 733000E (P622). For further information, call 989-3982 (DSN 351-3982).

To enroll at China Lake, call Sue Murray at 939-2349 (DSN 437-2349).

FILES IMPROVEMENT AND RECORDS DISPOSITION (8 hrs.)

12-13 July; Tuesday-Wednesday, 0800-1130; Training Center, Room 203, China Lake. By: Pam Williams

This class is designed to help record keepers understand and apply basic rules related to filing. Topics covered are standard filing procedures; eliminating needless filing; cross-referencing; indexing; and using filing aids such as color codes, labels, file guides, and recommended file folders. Use of the Navy Standard Subject Identification Code and the use of microfilming, identification of record material, disposal of records, and use of the federal records centers for storage will be discussed.

Deadline: 6 July

To enroll, call Sue Murray at 939-2349 (DSN 437-2349).

DEMO REFRESHER WORKSHOP (3 hrs.)

11 July; Tuesday, 0830-1130; Point Mugu

13 July; Tuesday, 0830-1130; China Lake

By: Don Shibley, Code 730000E

This workshop will provide an overview of the Demo performance and pay system addressing some of the myths and misconceptions regarding the system and addressing some of the frequently asked questions regarding "what's in it for me?" and "how does the system affect me?" The workshop will address concepts and features of the pay system including increments and bonuses, performance evaluations, and ratings.

To enroll or ask questions at China Lake, call Lori Ryser at 939-2686 (DSN 437-2686).

To enroll at Point Mugu, submit an On-Board Training Request (NAWCWPNS 12410/2), to Marcy Acosta, Code 733000E (P622). For further information, call 989-3992 (DSN 351-3992).

CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE COURSES

The following schedule lists Naval Regional Contracting Center-sponsored training courses for FY 95. To apply for the courses, complete a DD 1556 for the Naval Regional Contracting Center, 937 North Harbor, San Diego, CA 92132-5106 and send it to your Employee Development Division, Code 733000E or Code 733000D, for processing. The cost is \$300. For more information, contact Felicia Nickelberry at 989-3980/DSN 351-3980.

Date	Location
12-14 July	NSWC Port Hueneme
25-27 July	San Diego
22-24 August	San Diego

OFFICE OF CIVILIAN PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, WESTERN REGION

The following courses are available to all NAWCWPNS employees at no cost. For more information, call Lori Ryser at 939-2686 (DSN 437-2686).

Bangor, WA	
18-21 July	Civilian Personnel Management Field Institute (CPMFI)
20 July	Preventing and Resolving Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Complaints

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (DLA) (16 hrs.)

26-27 June; Monday-Tuesday, 0800-1600; Training Center, Room 107, China Lake. By: Supply Department, Code 822000D

Intended Audience: This course is designed for military service, federal civil agency employees, and contractor employees who interact with and require and understanding of how DLA logistically supports our customers.

This course will provide the enrollee with a broad overview of DLA logistics concepts and principles from the customer's perspective. Accordingly, the course will provide a thorough understanding of the logistical relationship between the civil agency/military customer and the agency.

Class size is limited to 30 people.

To enroll, contact Barbara Tunget at 939-8825. If you receive the voice mail recorder leave your name, code, social security number, and phone number.

HAZARDOUS WASTE WORKERS TRAINING (4 hrs.)

26 July; Wednesday, 0730-1130; China Lake Training Center, Room 107

27 September; Wednesday, 0730-1130; China Lake Training Center, Room 107

By: Environmental Program Office, Code 823E00D

Note: This is not OSHA 1910.120 certified training.

Intended Audience: Those who generate, handle, and manage hazardous waste. This course is required training for anyone who generates or handles hazardous waste. It is also required training for anyone who manages a hazardous waste accumulation area.

Because the activities of the NAWCWPNS and NAWS, China Lake generate more than 1000 kg of hazardous waste per month, we are designated a Class I generator and are subject to full regulation under Federal environmental laws. One aspect of this regulation is proper training of personnel who generate, handle, or manage hazardous waste.

The course will help attendees to identify hazardous waste, set up and operate accumulation areas, identify time limitations, property label and store containers, initiate emergency response procedures, initiate requests for disposal, and conduct accumulation area inspections.

Class size is limited to 25 people.

To enroll, contact Mona Alkhafi at 939-4477.

INTRODUCTION TO PROGRAMMING WITH THE TOOLKIT INTRINSIC (6-hr. video)

17 July; Monday, 0800-1500; Training Center, China Lake

26 July; Wednesday, 0800-1500; Bldg. 323, Room 160, Point Mugu

By: National Technological University. Sponsor: University of Southern California

Intended Audience: Engineers, computer scientists, and other technical personnel who want to learn how to program the X Window system using the X Toolkit Intrinsic.

Prerequisites: Programming experience with the C language and familiarity with pointer variables is assumed. No X programming experience is needed.

This is an introduction to programming the X Window system using the X Toolkit Intrinsic. Students are shown how to use the X Toolkit to manipulate widgets during runtime, write callbacks and event handlers, program menus and dialog boxes, query the X resource database for values, manipulate the cursor, and write graphical output. The students will know how to write an X Window program using the X Toolkit, understand widget hierarchies and classes, know the components that make up an X Toolkit program, know the X and XT libraries and include files, know how to initialize widgets and the Toolkit, understand how to modify widgets at runtime, and be able to write programs with menus, dialog boxes, and graphical output.

To enroll at China Lake, contact Annette Hernandez via QuickMail with name, code, social security number, and phone number. For further information, call 939-0870 (DSN 437-0870).

To enroll at Point Mugu, submit an On-Board Training Request (NAWCWPNS 12410/2), to Mary Glasmann, Code 733000E (P622). For further information, call 989-3982 (DSN 351-3982).

BASIC SUPERVISION (40 hrs.)

17-21 July; Monday-Friday, 0800-1600; Training Center, China Lake. By: Donna Mackay

Intended Audience: Probationary supervisory personnel only.

This 5-day course, which meets the Office of Personnel Management's new supervisors training requirement, provides an overview of the fundamentals of supervising effectively. Specific content includes roles and responsibilities of supervisors, team leadership, planning and organizing, delegation, interpersonal communication effectiveness, coaching and counseling skills, conflict resolution, motivation, and organizational effectiveness. This course provides supervisors with the opportunity to "talk shop" with other supervisors with similar interests and concerns.

To enroll or ask questions, call Lori Ryser at 939-2686 (DSN 437-2686).

INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS (8 hrs.)

20 July; Thursday, 0800-1600; Point Mugu. By: Bob Huey

This course will provide communication skills for supervisors, team leaders, and non-supervisors. This course helps with team building, expressing your own needs and wants, and dealing with difficult people. There will be practice and experience using models for giving and receiving feedback, giving direction, win-win

negotiation, expressing feelings, and understanding personality styles and their role in communication. There will also be practice in observation, listening, commiseration, and empathy skills.

To enroll, submit an On-Board Training Request (NAWCWPNS 12410/2), to Marcy Acosta, Code 733000E (P622). For further information call 989-3992 (DSN 351-3992).

TURNING STRESS INTO HIGH PERFORMANCE (8 hrs.)

21 July; Friday, 0800-1600; Bldg 323, Room 159, Point Mugu. By: Bob Huey

This course will provide all participants with three keys to mastering stress: (1) tolerance (quick relief), (2) solutions (workable plans), and (3) stamina (extra energy). The class will be a workshop setting where students work on their real-life issues. Stressful events and stressful people will be identified and solutions defined.

To enroll, submit an On-Board Training Request (NAWCWPNS 12410/2), to Felicia Nickelberry, Code 733000E (P622). For further information call 989-3980 (DSN 351-3980).

BASIC TQL TOOLS (8 hrs.)

8 August; Tuesday, 0800-1600; Training Center, Room 107, China Lake. By: Bob Huey

Participants in this course will receive an overview of concepts and practices using the following basic TQL tools: defining customers and their TQL needs, flowcharts, brainstorming, cause and effect diagrams, force field analysis, Pareto charts, and prioritization.

DEVELOPMENT IN MICROSOFT ACCESS, ADVANCED (24 hrs.)

Note: Date, time and place TBD.

Prerequisites: A working familiarity with the topics in Access Basic, DAO, object variables, and error handling.

This course will provide advanced issues and capabilities of Microsoft Access. Topics will include, but are not limited to, using windows API function calls, SQL, connection strategies, advanced multi-user topics, client/server applications, OLE automation, and DDE.

Deadline: 22 June

To enroll or obtain further information, contact Lily Horton at 989-3987 (DSN 351-3987).

GOVERNMENT NETWORKING SECURITY AND LICENSING (2 hrs.)

11 July; Tuesday, 0900-1100; Bldg 323, Mini Theater, Point Mugu. By: Novell Representatives—Lee Tarbet, Peter Woodward, and Yvonne Schwemmer.

This presentation will cover Novell NetWare Security—how and what does NetWare offer for C2/E2 Security Certification; Novell's commitment to defense messaging system (DMS) through groupware products, existing contracts, and options for obtaining Novell products; NetWare encryption; NetWare CS and E2 status; expanded government licensing policies; new products offered on GSA; and GroupWare and the DMS.

To enroll, submit an On-Board Training Request (NAWCWPNS 12410/2), to Mary Glasmann, Code 733000E (P622). For further information, call 989-3982 (DSN 351-3982).

X408.5: NEGOTIATION PRINCIPLES AND TECHNIQUES (36 hrs.)

28 June-13 September; Wednesdays, 1700-2000; Training Center, China Lake. By: Marcia Crabtree, 446-9073, UCSB

Prerequisite: X408.1: Elements of Government Contract Administration or consent of instructor.

Intended Audience: Participants in the certificate program in Government Contract Management.

Course Description: Provides a framework for analyzing how to approach the negotiation of a contract and how one's counterpart reacts to his/her goals. Mock negotiation. Negotiation principles and skills to achieve planned objectives. Human behavior theories and their application in negotiation. Traits of the negotiator. Planning the negotiation. Techniques, tactics, strategy and countermeasures.

Text: Instructor will provide class materials.

Deadline: 21 June

To enroll or ask questions, call Denise Gossage at 939-2648 (DSN 437-2648). Employees taking this course must sign a statement at the time of registration, promising to reimburse the Government if a satisfactory grade (i.e., "C" or better) is not obtained.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) FALL SERIES**BEGINNING SIGN LANGUAGE**

11 September-10 January; Monday and Wednesday, 1030-1130; China Lake

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED (At instructor's discretion)

11 September-10 January; Monday and Wednesday, 1230-1330; China Lake

Note: There will be a two week winter vacation break.

To enroll or to obtain further information, call Pat Nogle at 939-3159.

WAYS TO PRACTICE SIGNING DURING YOUR "OFF TIME"

- Attend weekly lunches to be held every Wednesday beginning 24 May.
- Attend ASL club meetings on the first non-flex Friday evening of each month (location TBA).
- Interact with deaf people whenever you can.
- Consider purchasing/borrowing ASL instructional videotapes.
- Consider purchasing the DOS/Windows or Macintosh version of Martin Sternberg's American Sign Language Dictionary on CD-ROM. Includes signed versions of over 2,000 words.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY INSTRUCTOR COURSE (72 hrs.)

17-26 July; Monday-Wednesday, 0800-1800; Naval Safety Center, Point Mugu.

Intended Audience: Military and DOD civilian personnel.

The Naval Safety Center Instructor Preparation Course (9 days) certifies selected individuals to teach Navy-approved Motorcycle Safety Courses. The instructor candidates learn to teach the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Motorcycle Rider Course: Riding and Street Skills (MRC:RSS). Instructor candidates must have a minimum of 2 years to serve at their present duty station.

Enrollment Procedures: To determine if you meet the prerequisites and to receive the application form, contact Jim Diderich at (805) 989-3994 (DSN 351-3994).

Note: Completed forms must be received by 28 June.

NAVAL AVIATION EXECUTIVE INSTITUTE (NAEI) FY95 SEMINARS

NAEI courses are designed for GM-13/Lieutenant Commanders (or equivalent) and above assigned to the Naval Air Systems Command. All Senior Executive Management Development Program (SEMDP) participants are required to attend certain classes. These participants have priority for available billets. Program costs are funded by NAEI. Travel and per-diem expenses of nominees are funded by their respective organizations. If the course is residential, lodging and meal costs are provided by NAEI. Nominations must be submitted on an NAEI form, which may be obtained from Lori Ryser, Program Coordinator, Code 733000D, China Lake, (619) 939-2686 (DSN 437-2686).

Note: A DD-1556 is NOT required. Nominations from all sites must be submitted to the Employee Development Division, China Lake, by the deadline dates listed below.

COURSE TITLE	COURSE DATES	DEADLINE DATE TO CODE 733000D
Washington Arena	18-22 Sep	10 Jul
Congressional Hearing Process	5, 6, and 9 Dec	1 Nov
Executive Leadership (4 Sessions)	New SEMDP only - TBD	
NEW - Managing Critical Resources	TBD - 5 days	
NEW - Creating the High-Performance Workplace	TBD - 5 days	

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Spaghetti Marinara or Spaghetti and Meatballs ... traditional spaghetti pasta topped with marinara sauce and meatballs. 3.95

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Peter Pan (1953) 3 stars
77 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Cast Includes Voices of, Bobby Driscoll, Kathryn Beaumont
REVIEW: Delightful Walt Disney cartoon feature of the classic James M. Barrie story, with Peter leading Wendy, Michael, and John Darling to Neverland, where they do battle with Captain Hook and his band of pirates.

Pirates of Dark Water, The (1991) 3.5 stars
90 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: Sail alien seas on a voyage into unearthly adventure in this feature length, swashbuckling sci-fi odyssey from the creator of the animated hit, An American Tail.

Pistol-The Birth of A Legend, The (1991) 3 stars
104 min, G, Color
Cast: Millie Perkins, Nick Benedict, Adam Guier
REVIEW: Pete Maravich played with the determination of a champion. The Pistol is a true story of a legacy handed down from one generation to the next. A story of hope and inspiration.

Prancer (1989) 3 stars
102 min, G, Color
Cast: Sam Elliott, Rebecca Harrell, Cloris Leachman, Rutanya Alda
REVIEW: Eight-year-old farm girl Harrell, who marches to her own beat, and whose widowed father (Elliott) is knuckling under to financial pressure, nurses a wounded reindeer she believes is one of Santa's own.

Prize Fighter, The (1979) 2 stars
99 min, PG, Color
Cast: Tim Conway, Don Knotts, David Wayne, Robin Clarke
REVIEW: If you like Knotts and Conway, you'll probably get through this lame, kiddie-oriented comedy about a dumb boxer and his smart-aleck manager, set in the 1930s.

Robin Hood (1973) 2.5 stars
83 min, G, Color
Cast: Voices of, Brian Bedford, Phil Harris, Monica Evans
REVIEW: Disney cartoon feature where animals fill traditional Robin Hood roles.

Russkies (1987) 1.5 stars
99 min, PG, Color
Cast: Whip Hubley, Leaf Phoenix, Peter Billingsley, Stefan DeSalle
REVIEW: Story about Soviet sailor Hubley, washed ashore in Florida, and the trio of youngsters who befriend him.

Sarah, Plain and Tall (1991) 100 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Glenn Close, Christopher Walken, Lexi Randall, Margaret Sophie Stein
REVIEW: Sentimental telling of Patricia MacLachlan's gentle children's book (which she and Carol Sobieski adapted) about a Maine schoolteacher who travels to Kansas in 1910 to take charge of a widowed farmer's family.

Scooby and Scrappy-Doo (1979) 3 stars
40 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Voices of, Frank Welker, Heather North, Casey Kasem
REVIEW: Features two entertaining episodes: The Demon of the Dugout and The Hairy Scare of The Devil Bear.

Secret Garden, The (1987) 100 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Gennie James, Barret Oliver, Jadrien Steele, Michael Hordern
REVIEW: Sumptuous but lifeless version of Frances Hodgson Burnett's children's favorite (adapted by Blanche Hanalis), with Jacobi's performance as lord of the manor more than compensating for the less than appealing youngsters who star.

Skylark (1993) 100 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Glenn Close, Christopher Walken, Lexi Randall, Christopher Bell
REVIEW: Life on the prairie, pre-WWI, is relived by the same sturdy cast of its very popular Emmy-winning predecessor, SARAH, PLAIN AND TALL although this sequel isn't quite in the same league.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (1941) 4 stars
84 min, G, Color
REVIEW: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs is the definitive Disney masterpiece. The first full length animated feature ever made, it is timeless in its perfection and remains the most revered of all Disney films.

Sound of Music, The (1965) 3.5 stars
174 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer, Eleanor Parker, Peggy Wood
REVIEW: Call it corn if you like, but blockbuster Rodgers & Hammerstein musical based on Austria's real-life Von Trapp family, who fled their homeland in 1938 to escape from Nazi rule, pleased more people than practically any other film in history.

Sword in the Stone, The (1963) 2.5 stars
75 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Voices of, Ricky Sorenson, Sebastian Cabot, Karl Swenson
REVIEW: Disney animated feature follows a young boy named Wart, who is destined to become King Arthur, with the considerable help of Merlin the Magician.

Sylvester (1985) 2 stars
102 min, PG, Color
Cast: Richard Farnsworth, Melissa Gilbert, Michael Schoeffling, Constance Towers
REVIEW: Seemingly surefire story of a girl and her horse can't clear the hurdles because lead character isn't terribly likable.

Tender Mercies (1983) 3 stars
89 min, PG, Color
Cast: Robert Duvall, Tess Harper, Allan Hubbard, Betty Buckley
REVIEW: Winning but extremely low-key film about a country singer who finds the inspiration to put his life back together when he meets an attractive young widow and her little boy.

Time for Miracles, A (1980) 100 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Kate Mulgrew, Jean-Pierre Aumont, Rossano Brazzi
REVIEW: Reverent dramatization of the story of Elizabeth Bayley Seton, 18th-century widow who became America's first native-born saint.

To Dance With the White Dog (1993) 100 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Hume Cronyn, Jessica Tandy, Christine Baranski, Terry Beaver
REVIEW: Poetic tale of two oldsters.

When he suddenly becomes a widower, her spirit inhabits a stray white dog who comes to look after him.

Troll in Central Park, A (1994) 3 stars
G, Color
REVIEW: The spectacular adventure of a magical troll who teaches two children that when you believe in yourself you can do anything!

WarGames (1983) 2.5 stars
110 min, PG, Color
Cast: Matthew Broderick, Dabney Coleman, John Wood, Ally Sheedy
REVIEW: FAIL SAFE for the Pac-Man generation: a pop movie about a computer whiz-kid who taps into government early-warning system and nearly starts World War III.

White Water Summer (1987) 1.5 stars
90 min, PG, Color
Cast: Kevin Bacon, Sean Astin, Jonathan Ward, K.C. Martel
REVIEW: Feeble account of Bacon teaching city lad Astin and his pals the ways of the wilderness.

Who Framed Roger Rabbit (1988) 3.5 stars
103 min, PG, Color
Cast: Bob Hoskins, Christopher Lloyd, Joanna Cassidy, Stubby Kaye
REVIEW: Staggering special-effects comedy places down-and-out detective Hoskins on the trail of a murderer, with cartoon star Roger Rabbit (the chief suspect) at his side.

Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory (1971) 2.5 stars
98 min, G, Color
Cast: Gene Wilder, Jack Albertson, Peter Ostrum, Roy Kinnear
REVIEW: Adaptation of Roald Dahl's book, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, has all the ingredients of classic fantasy.

Wizard of Oz, The (1939) 4 stars
101 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Judy Garland, Ray Bolger, Bert Lahr, Jack Haley
REVIEW: A genuine American classic, based on L. Frank Baum's story of a Kansas girl who goes "Over the Rainbow" to a land of colorful characters and spirited adventure. A perfect cast in the perfect fantasy.

Special Interest

3 Tenors in Concert 1994, The (1994) 4.5 stars
112 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Jose Carreras, Placido Domingo, Luciano Pavarotti
REVIEW: 20 Selections of fabulous songs from everyone favorite tenors. Magnificently orchestrated and beautifully done.

Ali MacGraw Yoga Mind & Body (1994) 3 stars
NONE, Color
Cast: Ali MacGraw, Erich Schiffmann
REVIEW: Amid breathtaking White Sands desert landscapes, accompanied by a hypnotic musical score, Ali and others demonstrate a dynamic, low-impact workout led by master teacher Erich Schiffmann.

Arnold Palmer, Practice Like a Pro (1989) 3 stars
60 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Arnold Palmer

REVIEW: Take control of your specific trouble spots with entertaining instruction that shows you how to practice the right way.

Arnold Palmer, The Scoring Zone (1989) 3 stars
60 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Arnold Palmer
REVIEW: An entertaining instructional home video that will sharpen your game from 100 yards and in - an area where more than half of your shots are made.

Barbra Streisand in concert (1994) 4 stars
103 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Barbra Streisand
REVIEW: Live concert at the Arrowhead Pond, Anaheim, July 1994.

Beyond The Minds Eye (1992) 4 stars
45 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Music by Jan Hammer
REVIEW: Beyond explores worlds that may exist in alternate dimension - or in the minds of the world's leading computers.

Earth Day Special, The (1990) 4 stars
99 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Bette Midler, Robin Williams, Dustin Hoffman, Dr. Carl Sagan
REVIEW: A fun packed salute that makes a world of difference. the biggest stars of the 90's take on the biggest story of the 90's in this informative blend of entertainment and cause.

Elvis, That's The Way It Is (1970) 3 stars
109 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Elvis Presley
REVIEW: This is Elvis unchained, the old bumping, grinding, dynamic, punching and superbly rhythmic Pelvis that once had to be photographed from the ribs up.

Gate to the Minds Eye, The (1994) 4 stars
50 min, NONE, Color
Music By Thomas Dolby
REVIEW: The Gate is a full length Video Album synergizing the latest in computer animation artistry and technology with an original musical score by renowned composer Thomas Dolby. Prepare yourself for an unparalleled cybertech fantasy.

Inside the Third Reich (1982) 250 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Rutger Hauer, John Gielgud, Maria Schell, Blythe Danner
REVIEW: Jarring adaptation of Albert Speer's autobiography with a stellar cast headed by Dutch actor Hauer in his American TV debut.

Jane Fonda's Favorite Fat Burners (1993) 4 stars
70 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: A 50 minute low impact aerobic program that includes Jane's most popular and easiest to follow routines.

Jane Fonda's Step and Stretch Workout (1994) 4 stars
70 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: Two videos in one 60 minute program; a 45 minute step workout and a 15 minute full body stretch.

Kathy Smith - New Yoga (1994) 4 stars
60 min, NONE, Color

REVIEW: New Yoga features 30 minutes of standing postures, and 30 minutes of floor and finishing postures.

Legacy of The Links (1987) 3 stars
90 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Lee Trevino, Arnold Palmer, Tom Watson, Doug Sanders
REVIEW: Lee Trevino takes you on a guided tour along the hallowed greens and mystic moors of the 'Olde Course links at St. Andrews, Scotland, the world-renowned Shrine of Golfdom.

Lucky Vanous Exercise (1995) 4 stars
50 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: Aerobic conditioning for your cardiovascular system and endurance training for body sculpting and strength.

Mind's Eye, The (1990) 4 stars
40 min, PG, Color
REVIEW: The Mind's Eye joins the imaginations of over 300 of the worlds most talented computer animation artists with a powerful, original music soundtrack.

National Geographic-"VOLCANO!" (1994) 3 stars
60 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: Imagine yourself walking amidst molten lava, deadly gases, and 2,000-degree heat on an active volcano.

National Geographic-Giant Bears of Kodiak Island (1994) 3 stars
60 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: Follow the largest carnivore that walks the earth, the great Kodiak bear, down ancient feeding trails, up salmon-rich rivers-even into a den where a mother nurses her newborn cubs.

National Geographic-Seasons of the Cheetah (1994) 3 stars
60 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: In Africa's Seregeti, the beginning of the rainy season marks the return of the fastest animal on land-the cheetah.

National Geographic-Survivors-Skeleton Coast (1994) 3 stars
60 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: In Southwestern Africa, a vast ocean of sand solidifies with the Atlantic along the legendary Skeleton Coast.

Peter, Paul and Mary (1990) 3 stars
88 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: Recorded live in Nashville for PBS, this landmark performance includes classic hits and new favorites spanning the group's history.

Susan Powter - Burn Fat & Get Fit (1994) 2 stars
60 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: It's all about getting your body strong and healthy, regardless of your fitness level.

Susan Powter - Lean Strong and Healthy (1993) 4 stars
45 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: All fitness levels will enjoy this 45 minute fat burning video.

This Is Elvis (1981) 2.5 stars
101 min, PG, Color
Cast: David Scott, Paul Boensch III, Johnny Harra, Lawrence Koller
REVIEW: Unusual examination of Elvis's life combines documentary footage with sequences of actors playing Presley at various stages of his life.

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

1968) 1.5 stars
142 min, G, Color
Cast: Dick Van Dyke, Sally Ann
Howes, Lionel Jeffries, Gert Fröbe
REVIEW: Children's musical about
flying car loosely based on book by
Ian Fleming.

Color Purple, The (1985) 3.5 stars
152 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Danny Glover, Whoopi
Goldberg, Margaret Avery
REVIEW: A black girl's life and hard
times in the South, spanning some
forty years: a sprawling saga of
characters both frustrated and fulfilled,
and at the center a Survivor.

Country (1984) 3 stars
109 min, PG, Color
Cast: Jessica Lange, Sam Shepard,
Wilford Brimley, Matt Clark
REVIEW: Penetrating, believable look
at modern farming family torn apart
when government threatens to
foreclose on loan and take their land
away.

Decoration Day (1990)
100 min, NONE, Color
Cast: James Garner, Judith Ivey, Ruby
Dee, Bill Cobbs
REVIEW: Top-notch drama about a
retired Georgia judge (Garner) who
finds some meaning in life when asked
to get his estranged childhood friend
(Cobbs), a black WW2 vet, to
belatedly accept the Congressional
Medal of Honor he's been refusing.

Doctor Dolittle (1967) 1.5 stars
144 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Rex Harrison, Samantha Eggar,
Anthony Newley
REVIEW: Robert Surtees'
photography is great, and that's it for
this colossal musical dud that almost
ruined its studio.

Dr. Seuss, Green Eggs and Ham
(1960) 4 stars
30 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: With the Cat in the Hat as
your host, this music filled triple treat
from Dr. Seuss is sure to bring triple
smiles!

**Dr. Seuss, The Hoobier Blood
Highway** (1965) 3.5 stars
30 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: This charming story from
Pulitzer prize winning author Dr.
Seuss teaches children to love life and
make the best of what they've got.

Dr. Seuss, The Lorax (1971) 4 stars
30 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: This original conservation
classic has a timeless message for
young and old alike.

**DuckTales: The Movie Treasure of
the Lost Lamp** (1990) 2.5 stars
73 min, G, Color
Voices of: Alan Young, Christopher
Lloyd, Rip Taylor
REVIEW: Story centers on an
archeological trek for a genie's lamp
that can, among other things, make ice
cream fall from the sky, pitting Uncle
Scrooge McDuck against the evil
Merlock.

Dumbo (1941) 4 stars
64 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Voices of:, Sterling Holloway,
Edward Brophy, Verna Felton
REVIEW: One of Walt Disney's most
charming animated films, about pint-
sized elephant with giant-sized ears,
and how his friend Timothy the Mouse
helps build his confidence.

E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial
(1982) 4 stars
115 min, PG, Color
Cast: Dee Wallace, Henry Thomas,
Peter Coyote, Robert MacNaughton
REVIEW: A 10-year-old boy (Thomas)
befriends a creature from another
planet that's been stranded on Earth.

Ernest Goes to Camp
(1987) 1.5 stars
93 min, PG, Color
Cast: Jim Varney, Victoria Racimo,
John Vernon, Iron Eyes Cody
REVIEW: Ernest, an obnoxious dimwit
popularized in a spate of TV
commercials, is the star of this clumsy
and unfunny comedy about a dumb
cluck who wants to be a summer
camp counselor in the worst way, and
gets his wish.

Ernest Goes to Jail (1990) 2 stars
82 min, PG, Color
Cast: Jim Varney, Gailard Sartain, Bill
Byrge, Barbara Bush
REVIEW: Third in the surprisingly
successful series about Ernest P.
Worrell finds our hero in prison as the
result of a switch set up by an evil
inmate lookalike.

Ernest Saves Christmas
(1988) 1.5 stars
89 min, PG, Color
Cast: Jim Varney, Douglas Seale,
Oliver Clark, Noelle Parker
REVIEW: The title character, who
makes Gomer Pyle seem like Albert
Einstein, attempts to help Santa Claus
on Christmas Eve.

Ernest Scared Stupid
(1991) 1.5 stars
91 min, PG, Color
Cast: Jim Varney, Eartha Kitt, Austin
Nagler, Jonas Moscarolo
REVIEW: Originally released at
Halloween time, the story has
dimwitted Ernest inadvertently
releasing a villainous troll from its
tomb.

Explorers (1985) 2 stars
109 min, PG, Color
Cast: Ethan Hawke, River Phoenix,
Jason Presson, Amanda Peterson
REVIEW: Youngster hooked on
science-fiction yearns to travel into
space and gets his wish, with the help
of a whiz-kid friend.

Fiddler on the Roof (1971) 3 stars
181 min, G, Color
Cast: (Chaim) Topol, Norma Crane,
Leonard Frey, Molly Picon
REVIEW: Rousing adaptation of
Joseph Stein's hit play based on
Sholem Aleichem stories of the
humble village of Anatevka. Topol is
hearty as Tevye, trying to preserve
Jewish heritage against growing odds.

Forrest Gump (1994) 4 stars
142 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Tom Hanks, Robin Wright, Sally
Field, Gary Sinise
REVIEW: "Life is like a box of
chocolates...You never know what
you're gonna get." Like the movie
itself, this line from Forrest Gump
became an instant classic and an
inspiration to millions of people
worldwide.

Gargoyles The Movie 3 stars
80 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: Watch the movie! Play the
game! Interact with the on-screen
characters! 20 minutes of game
footage follows the movie!

Halloween Haunts (1952) 4 stars
22 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: Scare yourself silly with
these hilarious Halloween treats:
Pluto's Judgement Day (1935);
Lonesome Ghosts (1937); Trick or
Treat (1952).

Hobbit, The (1977) 4 stars
76 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: Embark on an epic journey
with Bilbo Baggins into the enchanting
world called middle Earth. An
experience for any family whose hearts
and minds are young.

Hook (1991) 2 stars
144 min, PG, Color
Cast: Julia Roberts, Bob Hoskins,
Maggie Smith, Caroline Goodall
REVIEW: Stars Williams as a
heartless corporate takeover honcho
who must rediscover his true identity,
as Pan, in order to save his children,
who've been kidnapped by Captain
Hook.

Island of Nevawuz, The
(1984) 3 stars
50 min, NONE, Color
Voices of: Carole Ann Aylett, Brian
Hannan, Hardy Stowe
REVIEW: The beautiful island of
Nevawuz is in trouble! A man named
J.B. Triumphon wants to make lots of
money by building factories and
refineries all over it, but if it happens,
the island will end up a polluted mess.

Journey of Hope (1990) 3.5 stars
110 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Necmettin Cobanoglu, Nur
Surer, Emin Sivas, Erdinc Akbas
REVIEW: Heartbreaking, based-on-
fact account of what happens when a
poor Turkish couple and their young
son set off to Switzerland, in the hope
of finding a better life.

Journey of Natty Gann, The
(1985) 3 stars
101 min, PG, Color
Cast: Meredith Salenger, John
Cusack, Ray Wise, Lainie Kazan
REVIEW: Girl travels cross-country
during the hardest days of the
Depression, in order to be with her
father; along the way she acquires an
unlikely companion and protector, a
wolf.

Last Starfighter, The
(1984) 2.5 stars
100 min, PG, Color
Cast: Lance Guest, Robert Preston,
Dan O'Herihiy, Catherine Mary Stewart
REVIEW: Sci-fi fantasy for kids, about
a youngster whose video-game
prowess makes him a prime recruit to
help save real-life planet under attack.

Legend of Sleepy Hollow 4 stars
35 min, G, Color
REVIEW: Disney's thrilling rendition of
Washington Irving's haunting tale will
have you on the edge of your seat!

Life Is a Circus, Charlie Brown
(1980) 3 stars
26 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: The Circus is in town!
Charlie Brown, Linus, Lucy and the
rest of the Peanuts gang are in for a
surprise when they discover the
biggest star beneath the Big Top is
Snoopy!

Lion King, The (1994) 4 stars
88 min, G, Color
REVIEW: Set amid the majestic
beauty of the Serengeti, Disney's epic
coming-of-age saga tells of the love
between a proud lion ruler, mufasa,

and his son Simba--a native and
curious cub who "just can't wait to be
king."

Little Lord Fauntleroy (1980)
100 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Ricky Schroder, Alec Guinness,
Eric Porter, Colin Blakely
REVIEW: Lavish TV adaptation of the
classic Frances Hodgson Burnett
novel about an impoverished New York
youngster who becomes heir to his
titled grandfather's British estate.

Little Mermaid, The (1989) 2.5 stars
71 min, G, Color
REVIEW: Animated version of Hans
Christian Anderson's The Little
Mermaid created by Starmaker
Entertainment Inc.

Little Women (1949) 3 stars
2 hours, NONE, Color
Cast: June Allyson, Peter Lawford,
Margaret O'Brian, Elizabeth Taylor
REVIEW: The Little Women are the
March sisters-JO, Beth, Amy, and
Meg-living with their mother in New
England while their father is off to the
Civil War.

Littlest Viking, The (1995) 2 stars
85 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Kristian Tonby, Per Jansen,
Terje Stromdahl, Rulle Smi
REVIEW: Young Sigard, the Viking
Prince, comes face-to-face with
fearsome warriors, comical characters
and legendary beasts.

Lord of the Rings, The
(1978) 2.5 stars
133 min, PG, Color
Cast: Voices of Christopher Guard,
William Squire, John Hurt
REVIEW: Story of different races in
Middle Earth competing for ownership
of all-powerful Rings is inspired and
exciting.

Mandela (1987)
135 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Danny Glover, Alfre Woodard,
John Matshikiza, Warren Clarke
REVIEW: Danny Glover and Woodard
are perfectly cast in this literate,
poignant (and partisan) social history
as Nelson and Winnie Mandela, who
lead a lifelong struggle against South
African apartheid.

Mary Poppins (1964) 4 stars
140 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Julie Andrews, Dick Van Dyke,
David Tomlinson, Glynis Johns
REVIEW: There's charm, wit, and
movie magic to spare in Walt Disney's
adaptation of P.L. Travers's book
about a "practically perfect" nanny who
brings profound change to the Banks
family of London, circa 1910.

**Mister Rogers' Neighborhood -
Circus** (1994) 3.5 stars
28 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: This episode of Mister
Rogers' neighborhood features a visit
with some baby chicks.

**Mister Rogers' Neighborhood -
Kindness** (1994) 3.5 stars
28 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: This episode of Mister
Rogers' neighborhood features an
accordion player showing how music
can express feelings.

**Mister Rogers' Neighborhood -
Making Music** (1994) 3.5 stars
28 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: This episode of Mister
Rogers' neighborhood features a
behind the scenes visit to a bass violin
factory.

Mr. Magoo, Volume I (1980) 4 stars
42 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: Contains 5 Magoo classics:
Barefaced Flatfoot (1950), Bungled
Bungalow (1950), Bwana Magoo
(1968) and Destination Magoo (1954).

Mr. Magoo, What's New
(1978) 4 stars
42 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: Contains 4 Magoo classics:
Caveman Magoo; Motorcycle Magoo;
Lion Around Magoo; Unglued Magoo.

**NeverEnding Story II: The Next
Chapter, The** (1990) 1.5 stars
89 min, PG, Color
Cast: Jonathan Brandis, Kenny
Morrison, Clarissa Burt
REVIEW: It's back to Fantasia (a
magic land) for the young boy who
loses himself in a storybook, where a
child empress is in danger.

NeverEnding Story, The
(1984) 3 stars
92 min, PG, Color
Cast: Noah Hathaway, Barret Oliver,
Tami Stronach, Moses Gunn
REVIEW: A magical, timeless fantasy
built around young Oliver visualizing
what he's reading from a mystical
book.

Nicholas Nickleby (1947) 3 stars
108 min, NONE, B & W
Cast: Derek Bond, Cedric Hardwicke,
Alfred Drayton, Bernard Miles
REVIEW: Dickens's classic tale of
young man's struggle to protect his
family from scheming uncle and a
cruel world is vividly brought to life.

Nightmare Before Christmas, The
(1993) 3 stars
75 min, PG, Color
Cast: Voices of Danny Elfman, Chris
Sarandon, Catherine O'Hara
REVIEW: Highly imaginative, stop
motion animation feature about Jack
Skellington, the Pumpkin King, who
tires of the old routine in Halloween
Town and becomes enamored of
Christmas instead.

O Pioneers! (1992)
100 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Jessica Lange, David Strathairn,
Tom Aldredge, Reed Diamond
REVIEW: Lange, is the centerpiece as
a hearty prairie woman in this
admirable adaptation of Willa Cather's
1913 classic about the hardships and
rewards of Nebraska farm life.

Oliver Twist (1948) 4 stars
105 min, NONE, B & W
Cast: Alec Guinness, Robert Newton,
John Howard Davies, Kay Walsh
REVIEW: Superlative realization of
Dickens tale of ill-treated London waif
involved with arch-fiend Fagin
(Guinness) and his youthful gang,
headed by the Artful Dodger (Newley).

Pee-wee Herman Show, The
(1981) 3 stars
58 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Pee-wee Herman
REVIEW: The Pee-wee Herman Show
takes place in Pee-wee's amazing
playhouse and features original music,
a short film and cartoon, puppets,
Pee-wee's daffy pals, and much more.

Pete's Dragon (1977) 2 stars
134 min, G, Color
Cast: Helen Reddy, Jim Dale, Mickey
Rooney, Red Buttons
REVIEW: Disney musical about
orphaned boy and his only friend, a
protective dragon.

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14. Caruzo Sausage, cheese, red peppers, roasted garlic, and sun-dried-tomatoes.	7.95	8.95	10.25
15. Wild, Wild West Ground beef, jack cheese, cilantro, jalapenos, and sun-dried tomatoes.	8.75	9.75	11.25
16. Meat 'n Potatoes Ground beef, cheese, onions and potatoes.	8.25	9.25	10.75
17. Bronx Meatballs, salami and jack cheese.	8.50	9.50	11.25
18. Rising Sun Chicken, cheese, bean sprouts, green onions and red peppers.	8.25	9.25	10.75
19. Chicago Double pepperoni, double cheese, mushrooms and green peppers.	9.75	11.00	12.75
20. Alcatraz Prosciutto, cheese, spinach and roasted peppers.	8.25	9.25	10.75
21. Capitol Cheese, capers, mushrooms and roasted peppers.	8.25	9.25	10.75
22. Santa Fe Grilled chicken, jack cheese, black olives and jalapenos.	8.45	9.45	10.95
23. Bourbon Street Andouille sausage, cheese, peppers and hot sauce.	8.95	9.95	11.25
24. Philly Steak, cheese, mushrooms and onions.	8.75	9.75	11.25
25. Canadian Canadian bacon cheese, onions and tomatoes.	7.75	8.75	10.25

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Is it a pizza?, A sandwich?, A pocket? We call them incredible! Our special herb pizza dough stuffed with savory fillings and uniquely pressed like a turnover. That's our famous calzone!

Two 6" calzones	
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Cheese and 1 Topping Item	5.95
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Our New Fiesta Platter
Two original blue corn taquitos, a tasty cheese quesadilla, zesty buffalo wings, robust potato skins, and our famous beans and cheese nachos. Order them for your next party! 10.20

Blue Corn Taquitos
Beef or chicken taquitos served with chile con queso sauce. 5.45

Quesadilla
A large hand tossed flour tortilla stuffed with your choice of tender grilled chicken or our juicy steak. 5.45

Nachos
Our famous south of the border black beans and cheese. 5.45
Our moist grilled chicken. 6.20
Our choice beef. 6.20

Sopa (Soup!)

Tortilla Soup a hearty selection of vegetables in a rich chicken broth flavored with zesty tomatoes and jalapenos. Served over our unique tortilla chips. 3.45

Ensaladas (Salads!)

Santa Fe Salad 3.25
A delightful selection of greens with tender corn and sweet peppers, anejo cheese, crushed tortilla chips, salsa, and our tasty cilantro ranch dressing.

Grilled Chicken Salad 6.95
A tender diced chicken breast, fresh avocado, pico de gallo, jack cheese, corn, and pepper with a vinaigrette dressing. A delicious favorite.

Santa Fe Special Entrees

Arros Con Pollo A succulent breast of chicken served on a bed of rice and smothered with jack cheese and chile con queso. Served with a tender mix green salad. 9.00

Grilled Chicken Breast A savory grilled chicken breast served with our famous south of the border black beans, rice and delicious sweet corn cake. 9.20

Santa Fe Taco Platter A dining Extravaganza! This feast includes dice grilled chicken and steak, carnitas (pork), hand tossed fresh flour tortillas, crisp lettuce, cheese, pico de gallo sauce, rice, and your choice of black or refried pinto beans. Great for four people. 24.95

Santa Fe Family Platter Everyone's Favorite Platter! This feast fit for a king includes a plump breast of chicken, delicious steak or chicken fajitas, a tasty quesadilla, stuffed potato skins, zesty buffalo wings, flour tortillas, and our flavorful Santa Fe style rice and beans. All served on a bed of lettuce and garnished with sour cream, avocado and salsa. For two 20.20 For four 36.20

Fajitas Your choice of lean meats, broiled and cut into thin strips, then presented on a mound of sauteed onions and peppers. Served with our famous south-of-the-border rice and black beans, pico de gallo, sweet corn cake and our fresh hand tossed warm tortillas. Chicken 11.75 Steak 11.50
Combination 11.75 Shrimp 13.25

Poncho's Burritos Choose from our moist grilled chicken, flavorful choice beef or special blend of cheeses, served with avocado relish, sour cream and sweet corn cake. 7.75

Combinaciones

All Santa Fe combination plates are served with our famous south-of-the-border black beans rice and delicious sweet corn cake.

1. Chile relleno and cheese enchilada 7.50
2. Beef or chicken flour soft taco and cheese enchilada. 7.50
3. Chile enchilada and tamale. 7.50
4. Beef or chicken flour soft taco and tamale. 7.50
5. Chile relleno and tamale. 7.50
6. Chile relleno and chicken blue corn taquitos. 7.50
7. Two blue corn cheese enchiladas. 8.20
8. Chile relleno, chicken enchilada and flour soft taco. 8.75

Refried pinto beans upon request.

A La Carte

Black Beans	1.85	Guacamole	2.20	Relleno	2.95	Salsa	2.20
Chips	2.00	Jack Cheese	1.20	Rice	1.75	Sour Cream	1.20
Cheddar Cheese	1.20	Jalapenos	1.00	Soft Tacos	2.50	Sweet Corn Cake	1.00
Cheese Enchilada	2.50	Pico de Gallo Sauce	1.20	(Chicken or Beef)		Tortillas (4)	1.20

Ninos (Children's Menu)

Your choice of: Cheese Burrito, Bean & Cheese Burrito, Cheese Quesadilla, Chicken Quesadilla or Chicken Fingers served with rice and beans. 3.95

Postres (Desserts!)

Flan with Caramel Topping 2.75
A delicious baked custard with caramel topping.

A Luscious Slice of Cheesecake 2.95
Your Favorite Flavor of Sorbet 2.50

This Boy's Life (1993) 3.5 stars
115 min, R, Color
Cast: Robert De Niro, Ellen Barkin, Leonardo DiCaprio, Jonah Blechman
REVIEW: Harrowing but utterly absorbing story, set in the 1950s, of a young boy and his footloose mother who wind up living in a remote part of Washington state with a lout who both browbeats the youngster and beats him physically.

Three of Hearts (1993) 2.5 stars
102 min, R, Color
Cast: William Baldwin, Kelly Lynch, Sherilyn Fenn, Joe Pantoliano
REVIEW: Original little film that begins with the end of a relationship between gay couple Lynch and Fenn and goes on to have the former hire a male escort (Baldwin) to try to get her lover back.

Time of Destiny, A (1988) 2 stars
118 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: William Hurt, Timothy Hutton, Melissa Leo, Stockard Channing
REVIEW: Set in the WW2 era, with tragedy and revenge coming between close friends and fellow GIs Hurt and Hutton.

Triumph of the Spirit (1989) 3 stars
121 min, R, Color
Cast: Willem Dafoe, Edward James Olmos, Robert Loggia, Wendy Gazelle
REVIEW: Hard-hitting, heartbreaking, based-on-fact account of Salamo Arouch (Dafoe), Greek-Jewish boxer who is deported with his family to Auschwitz during WW2.

Twice in a Lifetime (1985) 3 stars
111 min, R, Color
Cast: Gene Hackman, Ann Margret, Ellen Burstyn, Amy Madigan
REVIEW: Middle-aged man, with a marriage that's become routine, falls in love with younger woman and must endure the pain he causes not only his wife but also his children, especially his oldest daughter.

Two Faced Woman (1941) 4 stars
91 min, NONE, B & W
Cast: Greta Garbo, Melvyn Douglas, Constance Bennett, Roland Young
REVIEW: Still at the peak of her beauty and popularity at age 36, the elusive star delights in the role of a ski instructor who masquerades as her own vampy twin sister.

Two Jakes, The (1990) 2 stars
137 min, R, Color
Cast: Jack Nicholson, Harvey Keitel, Meg Tilly, Madeline Stowe
REVIEW: Belated sequel to Nicholson's CHINATOWN set in 1948 Los Angeles, with oil having replaced water as the natural resource of choice.

Untamed Heart (1993) 2 stars
102 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Christian Slater, Marisa Tomei, Rosie Perez, Kyle Secor
REVIEW: Multiple-hankie romantic tale about two troubled young adults.

Valdez Horses, The (1988) 4 stars
97 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Charles Bronson, Jill Ireland, Vincent Van Patten
REVIEW: Chino Valdez (Bronson) reluctantly grants shelter to Jamie Wagner (Vincent Van Patten), a teenage runaway. Chino then comes into conflict with a wealthy ranch owner whose sister tries to effect a truce by purchasing one of Chino's horses.

Valentino Returns (1987) 2.5 stars
102 min, R, Color
Cast: Frederic Forrest, Veronica Cartwright, Barry Tubb, Jenny Wright
REVIEW: Meandering drama of young Tubb and his no-account father, frustrated mother, and his desperation to experience sex.

Vanishing, The (1993) 2 stars
110 min, R, Color
Cast: Jeff Bridges, Kiefer Sutherland, Nancy Travis, Sandra Bullock
REVIEW: Sutherland's girlfriend disappears at a gas station, and after three years of searching for her he's become a man obsessed.

Vigil (1984) 2.5 stars
90 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Bill Kerr, Fiona Kay, Gordon Shields, Penelope Stewart
REVIEW: Visually arresting account of how a young farm girl reacts to the arrival of a stranger upon the death of her father.

Wall Street (1987) 3 stars
124 min, R, Color
Cast: Michael Douglas, Charlie Sheen, Daryl Hannah, Hal Holbrook
REVIEW: Young hotshot who's going nowhere in a N.Y. brokerage firm manages to buttonhole the highest roller on Wall Street and win his confidence, but he sells his soul, in return for admittance to that high-powered world of wheeling and dealing.

We Are the Children (1987)
100 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Ted Danson, Ally Sheedy, Judith Ivey, Zia Mohyeddin
REVIEW: Ethiopian famine serves as the backdrop for this mediocre drama intertwining the lives of an American TV journalist, an idealistic doctor who runs a local clinic, and a nun/nurse who's been living in Africa for many years.

Weeds (1987) 2.5 stars
115 min, R, Color
Cast: Nick Nolte, Rita Taggart, Lane Smith, William Forsythe
REVIEW: A near-miraculously sprung playwright is near-miraculously sprung from prison when a newspaper critic lobbies for his release, and goes on to form a "Barbed Wire Theatre" acting troupe of ex-cons.

Whales of August, The (1987) 3.5 stars
90 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Bette Davis, Lillian Gish, Vincent Price, Ann Sothern
REVIEW: Two elderly sisters live together in a cottage in Maine, with ever-patient Gish forced to care for blind and irascible Davis, who may be turning senile.

What's Love Got to Do With It (1993) 3 stars
119 min, R, Color
Cast: Angela Bassett, Laurence Fishburne, Vanessa Bell Calloway
REVIEW: Highly charged musical bio of singer Tina Turner, who joined r&b musician Ike Turner as a naive teenager and went on to become a dynamic performer.

When a Man Loves a Woman (1994) 2 stars
125 min, R, Color
Cast: Andy Garcia, Meg Ryan, Ellen Burstyn, Tina Majorino
REVIEW: Wife and mother of two is forced to deal with the fact that she's an alcoholic, but her husband soon learns that he has as much to deal with as she does.

Where the Day Takes You (1992) 2.5 stars
105 min, R, Color
Cast: Dermot Mulroney, Robert Knepper, Sean Astin, Balthazar Getty
REVIEW: Alternately slick and scuzzy look at homeless L.A. street kids, as related by Mulroney (very good here) to prison psychologist Laura San Giacomo (voice only).

White Mischief (1988) 3 stars
106 min, R, Color
Cast: Sarah Miles, Joss Ackland, John Hurt, Greta Scacchi
REVIEW: Elegantly kinky tale based on James Fox's book about the British colony living in Kenya's Happy Valley during early days of WW2, and true story of a husband's response to the local stud stealing his beautiful wife.

Who'll Stop the Rain (1978) 3 stars
126 min, R, Color
Cast: Nick Nolte, Tuesday Weld, Michael Moriarty, Anthony Zerbe
REVIEW: Robert Stone's National Book Award-winning Dog Soldiers suffers from excessively genteel treatment in telling its truly mean story about the smuggling of heroin from Vietnam to California.

Wild Flower (1991) 4 stars
94 min, PG, Color
Cast: Beau Bridges, Patricia Arquette, Susan Blakely, William McNamara
REVIEW: Diane Keaton sensitive direction illuminates this heartwarming drama of an abused, backwoods girls coming of age in the Depression era South.

Windrider (1986) 2.5 stars
92 min, R, Color
Cast: Tom Burlinson, Nicole Kidman, Charles Tingwell, Jill Perryman
REVIEW: Windsurfer Burlinson and rock star Kidman become romantically involved.

Wish You Were Here (1987) 3 stars
92 min, R, Color
Cast: Emily Lloyd, Tom Bell, Clare Clifford, Barbara Durkin
REVIEW: A troubled teenage girl expresses herself by being sexually outrageous, without understanding what the consequences might be.

Wizard of Loneliness, The (1988) 2 stars
111 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Lukas Haas, Lea Thompson, John Randolph, Anne Pitoniak
REVIEW: Topnotch acting (especially by precocious young star Haas) fails to save a haphazardly constructed adaptation of John Nichols' novel about a youngster growing up with his grandparents in New England during WW2.

World Apart, A (1988) 2.5 stars
112 min, PG, Color
Cast: Barbara Hershey, David Suchet, Jeroen Krabbe, Jodhi May
REVIEW: Personal story of South African apartheid as seen through the eyes of a teenage girl whose mother, a Communist activist, is jailed under the notorious 90-day detention act in 1963.

Wuthering Heights (1939) 4 stars
103 min, NONE, B & W
Cast: Merle Oberon, Laurence Olivier, David Niven, Flora Robson
REVIEW: Stirring adaptation of Emily Bronte's novel stops at chapter 17, but viewers won't argue: sensitive direction and sweeping performances propel this magnificent story of doomed love in pre-Victorian England.

Young Sherlock Holmes (1985) 2 stars
109 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Nicholas Rowe, Alan Cox, Sophie Ward, Anthony Higgins
REVIEW: Promising film speculates about Conan Doyle's detective when he was a boy, introduces him to Watson, and involves him in his first great case.

Zorba the Greek (1964) 3.5 stars
146 min, NONE, B & W
Cast: Anthony Quinn, Alan Bates, Irene Papas, Lila Kedrova
REVIEW: Quinn is zesty in title role of earthy peasant, Bates his intellectual British cohort.

- Family -

Alice in Wonderland (1951) 3 stars
75 min, NONE, Color
Voices of: Kathryn Beaumont, Ed Wynn, Richard Haydn
REVIEW: Entertaining, if somewhat aloof, rendering of Lewis Carroll's classic, with the Walt Disney animation team at its best bringing the Cheshire Cat, the Queen of Hearts, and the Mad Hatter to life.

All Dogs Go to Heaven (1989) 1.5 stars
85 min, G, Color
Voices of: Burt Reynolds, Lori Anderson, Judith Barsi
REVIEW: Musical cartoon about an orphan "adopted" by an unlovable mutt (voice of Reynolds) who has returned from heaven to do a good deed.

An American Tail: Fievel Goes West (1991) 2.5 stars
74 min, G, Color
Voices of: Philip Glasser, James Stewart, Erica Yohn
REVIEW: Pleasant-enough animated feature for small fry follows immigrant Fievel the mouse and his family on a trek to the American West.

Around The World in 80 Days (1956) 4 stars
179 min, G, Color
Cast: David Niven, Robert Newton, Shirley MacLaine
REVIEW: Circumnavigate the globe in 80 days? Ridiculous. But precise, punctual Phileas Fogg claims he can.

As Summers Die (1986)
87 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Scott Glenn, Jamie Lee Curtis, Bette Davis, John Randolph
REVIEW: Louisiana, 1959. Smalltown lawyer Glenn clashes with powerful local family when he tries to help a destitute black woman save her property.

Batteries Not Included (1987) 2 stars
106 min, PG, Color
Cast: Hume Cronyn, Jessica Tandy, Frank McRae, Elizabeth Pena
REVIEW: This sci-fi fantasy has a "family" of small alien spacecrafts arrive from outer space to assist New Yorkers whose tenement is about to be demolished.

Beethoven (1992) 2.5 stars
87 min, PG, Color
Cast: Charles Grodin, Bonnie Hunt, Dean Jones, Oliver Platt
REVIEW: Innocuous family comedy about an uptight Dad (Grodin) whose family talks him into keeping a runaway puppy that grows into a big, slobbering St. Bernard.

Beetlejuice (1988) 3 stars
92 min, PG, Color
Cast: Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin, Geena Davis, Jeffrey Jones
REVIEW: Newly deceased couple in need of help coping with the afterlife, and obnoxious family who's moved into their home, get it in the form of renegade spirit Beetlejuice.

Big Top Pee-wee (1988) 2.5 stars
90 min, PG, Color
Cast: Pee-wee Herman, Penelope Ann Miller, Kris Kristofferson
REVIEW: Farmer Pee-wee allows a traveling circus to stay on his property, and quickly develops circus fever, as well as a romance with the pretty trapeze artist (Golino).

Bishop's Wife, The (1947) 3 stars
108 min, NONE, B & W
Cast: Cary Grant, Loretta Young, David Niven, Monty Woolley
REVIEW: Christmas fantasy of suave angel (Grant) coming to earth to help Bishop Niven and wife Young raise money for new church.

Black Beauty (1994) 4 stars
88 min, G, Color
Cast: Sean Bean, David Thewlis
Based on the Novel by Ann, REVIEW: This most faithful movie version of Anna Sewells novel will delight the entire family.

Black Beauty (1946) 2.5 stars
74 min, NONE, B & W
Cast: Sean Bean, David Thewlis
REVIEW: Musical cartoon about an orphan "adopted" by an unlovable mutt (voice of Reynolds) who has returned from heaven to do a good deed.

Black Hole, The (1979) 2.5 stars
97 min, PG, Color
Cast: Maximilian Schell, Anthony Perkins, Robert Forster
REVIEW: U.S. expedition finds long-lost madman in space about to explore a "black hole."

Black Stallion, The (1979) 3 stars
118 min, G, Color
Cast: Kelly Reno, Mickey Rooney, Teri Garr, Clarence Muse
REVIEW: Exquisitely filmed story of a young boy's adventures with a magnificent black stallion, from a dramatic shipwreck to a racing championship.

Born Free (1966) 3.5 stars
96 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Virginia McKenna, Bill Travers, Geoffrey Keen, Peter Lukoy
REVIEW: Exceptional adaptation of the late Joy Adamson's book about Elsa the lioness, who was raised as a pet by two Kenya game wardens.

Brave Frog, The (1989) 1 star
90 min, G, Color
REVIEW: A little frog with big dreams turns a woodland community head over lily pad in The Brave Frog, an all animated adventure glowing with music, fun and laughter.

Call of the Wild (1972) 2.5 stars
100 min, PG, Color
Cast: Charlton Heston, Michele Mercier, Maria Rohm, Rik Battagli
REVIEW: Lackluster version of the Jack London adventure classic.

Charlotte's Web (1973) 3 stars
85 min, G, Color
Cast: Voices of, Debbie Reynolds, Henry Gibson, Paul Lynde
REVIEW: Charming animated feature based on E.B. White classic of barnyard spider who befriends shy piglet.

Reckless (1984) 2.5 stars
90 min, R, Color
Cast: Aidan Quinn, Daryl Hannah, Kenneth McMillan, Cliff De Young
REVIEW: Rebellious teenager from wrong side of tracks takes up with straight-arrow coed, who finds in him a sense of danger and excitement missing from her comfortable existence.

Remains of the Day, The (1993) 3.5 stars
135 min, PG, Color
Cast: Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson, James Fox
REVIEW: Hopkins is a self-sacrificing butler who serves with the utmost discretion, and Thompson an efficient and bright head housekeeper. The two collide over work, and especially over overtures of romance.

Reversal of Fortune (1990) 3.5 stars
120 min, R, Color
Cast: Glenn Close, Jeremy Irons, Ron Silver, Annabella Sciorra
REVIEW: Tantalizing and complex film, embracing drama and comedy, sparked by Irons' devastating Oscar-winning performance as the aristocratic, enigmatic Claus von Bulow, who was accused of attempting to murder his socialite wife Sunny.

Rich and Famous (1981) 2 stars
117 min, R, Color
Cast: Jacqueline Bisset, Candice Bergen, David Selby, Hart Bochner
REVIEW: Features Bisset and Bergen as women who maintain a stormy friendship for more than 20 years, despite rivalries in love and career.

River Runs Through It, A (1992) 2.5 stars
123 min, PG, Color
Cast: Craig Sheffer, Brad Pitt, Tom Skerritt, Emily Lloyd
REVIEW: A preacher teaches his sons about life, grace, and love through the art of fly-fishing.

River's Edge (1986) 3 stars
99 min, R, Color
Cast: Crispin Glover, Keanu Reeves, Ione Skye Leitch, Roxana Zal
REVIEW: Gripping story of teenagers who don't know how to react when one of their friends murders a girl from their clique and leaves her body along the riverbank.

Roe vs. Wade (1989)
100 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Holly Hunter, Amy Madigan, Terry O'Quinn, Kathy Bates
REVIEW: Provocative attempt to take the middle road in the abortion issue, dramatizing the landmark '70s case in which the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the right of a woman to have an abortion.

Round Midnight (1986) 3.5 stars
131 min, R, Color
Cast: Dexter Gordon, François Cluzet, Gabrielle Haker
REVIEW: A boozy American jazzman working in 1950s Paris is virtually adopted by a fan, and their unusual relationship causes them both to thrive and prosper.

Rudy (1993) 3 stars
112 min, PG, Color
Cast: Sean Astin, Ned Beatty, Robert Prosky, Charles S. Dutton
REVIEW: Based-on-fact account of Rudy Ruettiger, a working-class boy intent on realizing his dream of playing football at Notre Dame, despite his uninspiring academic record, and unimposing athletic ability.

Running on Empty (1988) 3.5 stars
116 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Christine Lahti, River Phoenix, Judd Hirsch, Martha Plimpton
REVIEW: Intense, moving story of onetime student radicals who are still on the run from the FBI after seventeen years, now with two kids in tow, whose lives are stifled for the sake of sheer survival.

Rush (1991) 2 stars
120 min, R, Color
Cast: Jason Patric, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Sam Elliott, Max Perlich
REVIEW: Gritty adaptation of Kim Wozencraft's novel about a young woman recruited to be an undercover narc in 1970s Texas, joining a man who's already a bit too strung out to be completely effective.

Russia House, The (1990) 2 stars
123 min, R, Color
Cast: Sean Connery, Michelle Pfeiffer, Roy Scheider, James Fox
REVIEW: John le Carre yarn (adapted by Tom Stoppard) contends that the business of spying is alive and well, in spite of glasnost.

Scarecrow (1973) 3 stars
115 min, R, Color
Cast: Gene Hackman, Al Pacino, Dorothy Tristan, Eileen Brennan
REVIEW: Drifter Hackman, who wants to start car-wash business, meets drifter Pacino, who has abandoned his wife.

Schindler's List (1993) 4 stars
195 min, R, Color
Cast: Liam Neeson, Ben Kingsley, Ralph Fiennes, Caroline Goodall
REVIEW: Staggering adaptation of Thomas Keneally's best-seller about the real-life Catholic war profiteer who initially flourished by sucking up to the Nazis, but eventually went broke saving the lives of more than 1,000 Polish Jews by employing them in his factory, manufacturing crockery for the German army.

School Ties (1992) 2.5 stars
107 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Brendan Fraser, Matt Damon, Chris O'Donnell, Randall Batinkoff
REVIEW: In the 1950s, a Jewish student (well played by Fraser) with working-class roots wins a football scholarship to a snooty prep school, where he's victimized by anti-Semitism.

See You in the Morning (1989) 2 stars
119 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Jeff Bridges, Alice Krige, Farrah Fawcett, Linda Lavin
REVIEW: Bridges and Krige follow a bumpy road to a second marriage (for both of them), trying to erase bad memories and lingering problems, and having to win over each other's children.

Seize the Day (1986) 3.5 stars
93 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Robin Williams, Joseph Wiseman, Jerry Stiller, Glenna Headl
REVIEW: Williams is outstanding as Tommy Wilhelm, pushing 40 and a failure by society's standards, who's broke, much abused, and desperate for love.

Seventh Sign, The (1988) 1.5 stars
98 min, R, Color
Cast: Demi Moore, Michael Biehn, Jurgen Prochnow, Peter Friedman
REVIEW: Pregnant Moore is convinced it's apocalypse now and that

boarder Prochnow wants her baby for his end-of-the-world machinations.

Shadow Box, The (1980)
100 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Joanne Woodward, Christopher Plummer, Valerie Harper
REVIEW: Playwright Michael Cristofer adapted his Pulitzer Prize-and Tony Award-winning play about three terminally ill patients and their families during one day at an experimental rustic retreat in California.

Shadowlands (1993) 3 stars
130 min, PG, Color
Cast: Anthony Hopkins, Debra Winger, Edward Hardwicke
REVIEW: Absorbing tale of British writer C.S. Lewis (The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe) whose comfortable if rigid life as an Oxford don in the 1950s is shaken by his meeting with a forthright American poet, Joy Gresham.

Shadows of Chikara, The (1977) 4 stars
96 min, PG, Color
Cast: Joe Don Baker, Sondra Locke, Ted Neeley, Joy Houck Jr.
REVIEW: The Civil War had ended and with it all the hopes and dreams of Captain Wishbone Cutter of the Confederate Army.

Sheltering Sky, The (1990) 2 stars
137 min, R, Color
Cast: Debra Winger, John Maltovich, Campbell Scott, Jim Bennett
REVIEW: Infuriatingly long, dense story of a married American couple who travel to North Africa in the late 1940s, with a friend in tow, hoping for some sort of adventure to spark their odd, repressed relationship.

Shining Through (1992) 2.5 stars
127 min, R, Color
Cast: Michael Douglas, Melanie Griffith, Liam Neeson
REVIEW: Spy drama/romance set in WW2, with a very appealing Griffith as an outspoken young woman who falls in love with her boss, and convinces him to let her take a dangerous assignment in Berlin.

Shining, The (1980) 2 stars
142 min, R, Color
Cast: Jack Nicholson, Shelley Duvall, Danny Lloyd, Scatman Crothers
REVIEW: Intriguing but ineffectual adaptation of Stephen King's thriller about a man who becomes off-season caretaker at isolated resort hotel, and almost immediately begins to lose his mind.

Silence of the Lambs, The (1991) 3.5 stars
118 min, R, Color
Cast: Jodie Foster, Sir Anthony Hopkins, Scott Glenn, Ted Levine
REVIEW: FBI trainee Foster is recruited to attempt to get through to a brilliant psychotic criminal, "Hannibal the Cannibal" Lecter (Hopkins), in the hope that he may help catch a serial killer.

Silkwood (1983) 3 stars
128 min, R, Color
Cast: Meryl Streep, Kurt Russell, Cher, Craig T. Nelson
REVIEW: Superb performances, and vivid dramatization of workaday life in an Oklahoma nuclear-parts factory, give strength to a flawed film.

Silver (1993) 2.5 stars
106 min, R, Color
Cast: Sharon Stone, William Baldwin,

Tom Berenger.
REVIEW: Recent divorcee Carly Norris just got a new lease on life: an apartment in one of the Big Apple's chic and sleek "silver" buildings.

Soldier's Story, A (1984) 3.5 stars
101 min, PG, Color
Cast: Howard Rollins Jr., Adolph Caesar, Dennis Lipscomb, Art Evans
REVIEW: Electrifying drama by Charles Fuller from his Pulitzer Prize-winning play about murder of a black officer at Southern military post in the 1940s.

Somewhere in Time (1980) 1.5 stars
103 min, PG, Color
Cast: Christopher Reeve, Jane Seymour, Christopher Plummer
REVIEW: Superficial tearjerker about unhappy playwright Reeve who falls in love with a 70-year-old painting of an actress (Seymour), then wills himself back in time to meet her.

Sommersby (1993) 2.5 stars
117 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Richard Gere, Jodie Foster, Bill Pullman, James Earl Jones
REVIEW: Gere returns to his home in the post-war South, after six years' imprisonment during the Civil War, but his wife can't quite believe he's the same man she married.

St. Elmo's Fire (1985) 2.5 stars
108 min, R, Color
Cast: Rob Lowe, Demi Moore, Andrew McCarthy, Judd Nelson
REVIEW: Slick vehicle for some charismatic young actors, as recent college grads having a hard time coping with Real Life.

Stalin (1992)
170 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Robert Duvall, Maximilian Schell, Julia Ormond, Jeroen Krabbe
REVIEW: Duvall's stunning portrait of Josef Stalin, along with (nearly unrecognizable) Schell's Lenin, power this strong but episodic drama.

Stand and Deliver (1987) 3.5 stars
105 min, PG, Color
Cast: Edward James Olmos, Lou Diamond Phillips, Rosana De Soto
REVIEW: Olmos gives a tour-de-force performance in this outstanding drama as a tough, demanding teacher who inspires his East L.A. barrio students to pass an Advanced Placement Calculus Test, and that's only the beginning of the story.

Starman (1984) 2.5 stars
115 min, PG, Color
Cast: Jeff Bridges, Karen Allen, Charles Martin Smith, Richard Jaeckle
REVIEW: Extremely pleasant, genteel sci-fi about alien who lands on earth, abducts young widow to help him travel cross-country so he can rendezvous with spaceship.

Stealing Home (1988) 2.5 stars
98 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Mark Harmon, Jodie Foster, William McNamara, Blair Brown
REVIEW: Has-been baseball player is summoned home to take care of the ashes of an old friend, who killed herself.

Stormy Monday (1988) 3 stars
93 min, R, Color
Cast: Melanie Griffith, Tommy Lee Jones, Sting, Sean Bean
REVIEW: Extremely stylish film noir about the convergence of four characters in the economically depressed city of Newcastle, where

Sting runs a jazz club, and a ruthless American businessman (Jones) hopes to make a killing in redevelopment.

Strictly Ballroom (1992) 3 stars
94 min, PG, Color
Cast: Paul Mercurio, Tara Morice, Bill Hunter, Barry Otto
REVIEW: Spirited, allegorical musical about a young, competitive ballroom dancer (Mercurio) who outrages his mother, and their "establishment," by insisting on dancing his own provocative steps.

Sugar Hill (1994) 2 stars
123 min, R, Color
Cast: Wesley Snipes, Michael Wright, Theresa Randle, Clarence Williams III
REVIEW: So-what crime melodrama featuring Snipes and Wright as Roemello and Raynathan Skuggs, drug-dealing siblings in Harlem.

Suspect (1987) 3 stars
121 min, R, Color
Cast: Cher, Dennis Quaid, Liam Neeson, John Mahoney
REVIEW: Dedicated public defender (Cher) battles a nearly hopeless case, representing a deaf derelict accused of murder, with the unexpected help of one of her jurors (Quaid).

Tango Bar (1988) 3 stars
90 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Raul Julia, Valeria Lynch
REVIEW: Perceptive, entertaining "political musical" about a tango dancer who left Argentina when the military coup occurred, and is now reunited with her longtime partner Julia after ten years in exile.

Tap (1989) 3 stars
110 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Gregory Hines, Suzanne Douglas, Sammy Davis Jr.
REVIEW: Slight, old-fashioned but engaging story of a man who shuns his tap-dancing heritage for the good life and easy money he can make pulling jewel robberies, until the call of the tap is just too strong.

Tell Me a Riddle (1980) 2.5 stars
90 min, PG, Color
Cast: Melynn Douglas, Lila Kedrova, Brooke Adams, Dolores Dorn
REVIEW: Thoughtful but static filmization of Tillie Olsen's novella chronicling the relationship between a dying woman and her husband of 40 years.

Ten Little Indians (1989) 1.5 stars
98 min, PG, Color
Cast: Donald Pleasence, Frank Stallone, Sarah Maur Thorp
REVIEW: Producer Harry Alan Towers' third redo of the Christie classic is his worst yet.

That Championship Season (1982) 2 stars
110 min, R, Color
Cast: Bruce Dern, Stacy Keach, Robert Mitchum, Martin Sheen
REVIEW: Disappointing adaptation of Miller's Pulitzer Prize-winning play (which took 10 years to reach the screen), about the 24th annual reunion of a high school basketball squad and their paternalistic coach.

Third Man, The (1949) 4 stars
104 min, NONE, B & W
Cast: Orson Welles, Joseph Cotton, Trevor Howard, Bernard Lee
REVIEW: Graham Greene's account of mysterious Harry Lime (Welles) in post-WW2 Vienna is a bona fide classic, with pulp-writer Cotton on a manhunt for Harry.

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Mission, The (1986) 2.5 stars
125 min, PG, Color
Cast: Robert De Niro, Jeremy Irons, Ray McAnally, Aidan Quinn
REVIEW: Productive (and profitable) Jesuit mission in the jungles of Brazil is threatened by greedy merchants and by political factions within the church itself, in the late 18th century.

Mo' Better Blues (1990) 2 stars
127 min, R, Color
Cast: Gene Hackman, Willem Dafoe, Frances McDormand, Brad Dourif
REVIEW: Two FBI agents head the government investigation into the disappearance of three civil rights workers in Mississippi during the summer of 1964.

Mississippi Burning (1988) 3 stars
125 min, R, Color
Cast: Gene Hackman, Willem Dafoe, Frances McDormand, Brad Dourif
REVIEW: Two FBI agents head the government investigation into the disappearance of three civil rights workers in Mississippi during the summer of 1964.

Moderns, The (1988) 2.5 stars
128 min, R, Color
Cast: Keith Carradine, Linda Fiorentino, John Lone
REVIEW: Beautifully mounted but dramatically flawed period piece about a community of "artists" in 1926 Paris.

Morning After, The (1986) 2 stars
103 min, R, Color
Cast: Jane Fonda, Jeff Bridges, Raul Julia, Diane Salinger
REVIEW: So-called thriller about an alcoholic actress who wakes up in bed with a dead man and doesn't know how it happened.

Mr. & Mrs. Bridge (1990) 2 stars
124 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward, Blythe Danner
REVIEW: Portrait of strait-laced, well-to-do Kansas City couple, and how they are affected by the demands of their growing children, and the changes that overtake them in the 1930s and 40s.

Mr. Frost (1990) 3 stars
92 min, R, Color
Cast: Jeff Goldblum, Alan Bates, Kathy Baker
REVIEW: Jeff Goldblum is Mr. Frost. He hasn't spoken a word in two years. No one knows his identity. Officially he doesn't exist... but 24 corpses do.

Music Box (1989) 3 stars
123 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Jessica Lange, Armin Mueller-Stahl, Frederic Forrest, Donald Moffat
REVIEW: Chicago criminal attorney Lange is thrown for a loop when her Hungarian-immigrant dad is accused of heinous war crimes and threatened with deportation.

Music Man, The (1962) 3.5 stars
151 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Robert Preston, Shirley Jones, Buddy Hackett, Hermione Gingold
REVIEW: Peerless Preston reprises his Broadway performance as super salesman/con man Prof. Harold Hill, who mesmerizes Iowa town with visions of uniformed marching band.

My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys (1991) 2.5 stars
106 min, PG, Color
Cast: Scott Glenn, Kate Capshaw,

Ben Johnson, Balthazar Getty
REVIEW: Aging collection of confusions (Glenn) comes home from the rodeo circuit to care for his father, only to battle sis and her husband, who'd just as soon the old man be put away.

My Left Foot (1989) 3.5 stars
103 min, R, Color
Cast: Daniel Day-Lewis, Brenda Fricker, Ray McAnally, Hugh O'Connor
REVIEW: Exhilarating film with Day-Lewis in a tour de force as Christy Brown, feisty Irish artist-writer who was born with cerebral palsy.

Native Son (1986) 2.5 stars
112 min, PG, Color
Cast: Victor Love, Matt Dillon, Elizabeth McGovern, Geraldine Page
REVIEW: Nineteen-year-old Bigger Thomas is a poor black in 1930s Chicago whose life takes a tragic turn.

Natural, The (1984) 2.5 stars
134 min, PG, Color
Cast: Robert Redford, Robert Duvall, Glenn Close, Kim Basinger
REVIEW: Serpentine saga of a young man with a gift for baseball, whose life takes more than a few surprising turns.

Necessary Roughness (1991) 1.5 stars
108 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Scott Bakula, Robert Loggia, Hector Elizondo, Harley Jane Kozak
REVIEW: A 34-year-old quarterback at a Texas college that's reeling from NCAA penalties discovers that his cute no-nonsense prof is a closet football junkie.

Network (1975) 4 stars
121 min, R, Color
Cast: William Holden, Faye Dunaway, Peter Finch, Robert Duvall
REVIEW: Outrageous satire on television that looks less and less like fantasy as the years pass.

Nevada Smith (1966) 3 stars
135 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Steve McQueen, Karl Malden, Brian Keith, Arthur Kennedy
REVIEW: Smith swears revenge for senseless murder of his parents at the hands of outlaw gang.

New York Stories (1989) 2.5 stars
123 min, PG, Color
Cast: Nick Nolte, Rosanna Arquette, Steve Buscemi, Peter Gabriel
REVIEW: Three-part anthology film: Scorsese's is a tale of a macho artist and his assistant/lover; Coppola's is about a little rich girl who lives in a N.Y.C. hotel while her parents globetrot; finally, Allen's segment, in which a man is literally haunted by his nagging mother.

No Mercy (1986) 1.5 stars
105 min, R, Color
Cast: Richard Gere, Kim Basinger, Jeroen Krabbe, George Dzundza
REVIEW: Chicago cop Gere storms into Louisiana Bayou country seeking the killer of his partner, falls for Cajun beauty Basinger, who's been "sold" to the kingpin perpetrator of the murder.

Norma Rae (1979) 3 stars
113 min, PG, Color
Cast: Sally Field, Ron Leibman, Beau Bridges, Pat Hingle
REVIEW: Field is excellent in Oscar-winning performance as real-life poor Southern textile worker gradually won over toward unionization by N.Y.C. labor organizer.

Ode to Billy Joe (1976) 2 stars
108 min, PG, Color
Cast: Robby Benson, Glynnis O'Connor, Joan Hotchkis
REVIEW: Bobbie Gentry's 1967 song hit provides basis for standard rural romance that grows progressively ridiculous.

On Valentines Day (1986) 4 stars
106 min, PG, Color
Cast: William Converse-Roberts, Hallie Foote, Michael Higgins
REVIEW: It is 1917 in the town of wharton, Texas. On Valentines day young Elizabeth Vaughn (Hallie Foote) defies her wealthy parents by running off and marrying a young man of humble prospects.

Once Upon a Time in America (1984) 3 stars
139 min, R, Color
Cast: Robert De Niro, James Woods, Elizabeth McGovern, Tuesday Weld
REVIEW: Follows the rise and fall of Jewish childhood pals on N.Y.C.'s Lower East Side.

One Against the Wind (1991) 100 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Judy Davis, Sam Neill, Denholm Elliott, Anthony Higgins
REVIEW: Davis is the whole show as real-life Mary Lindell, well-to-do Britisher living with her teenage children in Paris during WW2 and smuggling Allied soldiers out from under the noses of the Nazis.

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1975) 4 stars
133 min, R, Color
Cast: Jack Nicholson, Louise Fletcher, Brad Dourif, William Redfield
REVIEW: Ken Kesey's story is a triumph of the human spirit; a feisty misfit (Nicholson) enters an insane asylum and inspires his fellow patients to assert themselves, to the chagrin of strong-willed head nurse (Fletcher).

One Man's War (1991) 100 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Sir Anthony Hopkins, Norma Aleandro, Ruben Blades
REVIEW: Downbeat drama about Joel Filartiga, the noted Paraguayan activist doctor who tried to bring human rights abuses in his homeland to the attention of the world.

Ordinary People (1980) 4 stars
123 min, R, Color
Cast: Donald Sutherland, Mary Tyler Moore, Judd Hirsch, Timothy Hutton
REVIEW: Superb adaptation of Judith Guest's novel about a well-to-do family's deterioration after the death of the eldest son, told mostly from the point of view of his guilt-ridden younger brother.

Out of Africa (1985) 3.5 stars
161 min, PG, Color
Cast: Meryl Streep, Robert Redford, Klaus Maria Brandauer
REVIEW: Exquisite, intelligent romantic drama based on life of Karen Blixen, who married for convenience, moved from Denmark to Nairobi, and fell in love with a British adventurer and idealist.

Paradise (1991) 3 stars
110 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Melanie Griffith, Don Johnson, Elijah Wood, Thora Birch
REVIEW: Poignant story of a boy (Wood) who's sent to friends of his mother's in a quiet country town for the summer.

Passenger, The (1975) 2.5 stars
119 min, PG, Color
Cast: Jack Nicholson, Maria Schneider, Jenny Runacre
REVIEW: Enigmatic narrative about dissatisfied TV reporter on assignment in Africa who exchanges identities with an Englishman who has died suddenly in a hotel room.

Pelle the Conqueror (1988) 3.5 stars
150 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Max von Sydow, Pelle Hvenegaard, Erik Paaske
REVIEW: Wonderful 19th-century drama about a humble old widower (von Sydow) and his young son Pelle (Hvenegaard), Swedish immigrants in Denmark.

People vs. Jean Harris, The (1981) 150 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Ellen Burstyn, Martin Balsam, Richard Dysart, Peter Coyote
REVIEW: The murder trial of private-school headmistress Jean Harris, convicted of the slaying of her lover, Scarsdale Diet author Dr. Herman Tarnower, was recreated in record time for a movie, premiering five weeks after the fact.

Perfect (1985) 1.5 stars
120 min, R, Color
Cast: John Travolta, Jamie Lee Curtis, Jann Wenner, Anne De Salvo
REVIEW: Rolling Stone reporter Travolta is writing an expose of LA health clubs but finds himself attracted to aerobics instructor Curtis, whom he's about to trash in print.

Peter the Great 3.5 stars
380 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Maximilian Schell, Vanessa Redgrave, Omar Sharif
REVIEW: Russia at the dawn of the 18th century—a vast, chilling mysterious land almost medieval led by a monarch who brings his feudal country into the modern world.

Philadelphia (1994) 3 stars
125 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Tom Hanks, Denzel Washington
REVIEW: Hailed as a landmark film with deep emotion and exceptional acting, PHILADELPHIA stars Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington as two competing lawyers who join forces to sue a prestigious law firm for AIDS discrimination.

Postman Always Rings Twice, The (1981) 1.5 stars
123 min, R, Color
Cast: Jack Nicholson, Jessica Lange, John Colicos, Michael Lerner
REVIEW: Exceedingly unpleasant adaptation of James M. Cain's Depression-era novel about a drifter and a sensual young woman who conspire to free her from her loveless marriage.

Power (1986) 1.5 stars
111 min, R, Color
Cast: Richard Gere, Julie Christie, Gene Hackman, Kate Capshaw
REVIEW: Slick, sanctimonious story of ruthless political media manipulator (Gere) who, it turns out, isn't as smart as he thinks he is.

Prince of Tides, The (1991) 3 stars
132 min, R, Color
Cast: Nick Nolte, Barbra Streisand, Blythe Danner, Kate Nelligan
REVIEW: Nolte is both compelling and believable as a man who keeps a

lifetime of harrowing memories bottled up inside, until he's forced to spill them to a psychiatrist in order to help save his suicidal sister.

Principal, The (1987) 2 stars
109 min, R, Color
Cast: James Belushi, Louis Gossett Jr., Rae Dawn Chong, Michael Wright
REVIEW: Following some drunken vandalism on his estranged spouse's car, schoolteacher Belushi is "promoted" to top job at the district's most crime-ridden school.

Prisoner of Honor (1991) 115 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Richard Dreyfuss, Oliver Reed, Peter Firth, Jeremy Kemp
REVIEW: Murky look, at turn-of-the-century France.

Private Matter, A (1992) 89 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Sissy Spacek, Aidan Quinn, Estelle Parsons, Sheila McCarthy
REVIEW: Spacek sparks as the real-life Sherri Finkbine, who in the early sixties came up against right-to-lifers when trying to abort her unborn baby after discovering doctors had prescribed thalidomide for her.

Promised Land (1988) 2.5 stars
101 min, R, Color
Cast: Jason Gedrick, Kiefer Sutherland, Meg Ryan, Tracy Pollan
REVIEW: Set in the rural Northwest, about two casual high school acquaintances whose lives intersect tragically a couple of years after graduation.

Public Eye, The (1992) 2.5 stars
99 min, R, Color
Cast: Joe Pesci, Barbara Hershey, Stanley Tucci, Jerry Adler
REVIEW: Intriguing mood-piece with a perfect Pesci role: a 1940s photographer who roams the streets of N.Y.C. at night in search of dramatic photo opportunities.

Q & A (1990) 2 stars
132 min, R, Color
Cast: Nick Nolte, Timothy Hutton, Armand Assante, Patrick O'Neal
REVIEW: Wet-behind-the-ears Assistant D.A. (Hutton) is assigned to investigate an incident in which veteran street cop Nolte killed a Puerto Rican druggie, and soon finds himself waist-deep in departmental corruption and collusion.

Rachel, Rachel (1988) 3.5 stars
101 min, R, Color
Cast: Joanne Woodward, James Olson, Kate Harrington
REVIEW: Beautifully sensitive, mature film about spinster schoolteacher trying to come out of her shell.

Raising Cain (1992) 2 stars
95 min, R, Color
Cast: John Lithgow, Lolita Davidovich, Steven Bauer, Frances Sternhagen
REVIEW: Lithgow portrays more roles than you can count in this over-the-top thriller about a pair of twin brothers who'll stop at nothing to procure children for their father's scientific experiments.

Rambling Rose (1991) 3 stars
112 min, R, Color
Cast: Laura Dern, Robert Duvall, Diane Ladd, Lukas Haas
REVIEW: Evocative tale set in 1930s Georgia, with Dern as an oversexed, lost-soul of a girl who comes to work for a genteel family headed by Duvall and Ladd.

Grifters, The (1990) 3 stars
114 min, R, Color
Cast: Anjelica Huston, John Cusack, Annette Bening, Pat Hingle
REVIEW: Icy cold adaptation of Jim Thompson's novel about con artists, with steely "working-woman" Huston coming back into the life of her grown son after many years of estrangement and finding that he's taken up with a woman much like herself.

Guilty by Suspicion (1991) 2 stars
105 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Robert De Niro, Annette Bening, George Wendt, Patricia Wettig
REVIEW: Hollywood Blacklist drama, set in 1951.

Hamlet (1990) 3 stars
135 min, PG, Color
Cast: Mel Gibson, Glenn Close, Alan Bates, Paul Scofield
REVIEW: Agreeable re-do of the Shakespeare staple with Gibson giving an energetic interpretation of the Melancholy Dane.

Hanoi Hilton, The (1987) 1.5 stars
130 min, R, Color
Cast: Michael Moriarty, Paul Le Mat, Jeffrey Jones, Lawrence Pressman
REVIEW: Dramatization of the plight of American POWs in Vietnam.

Havana (1990) 2.5 stars
140 min, R, Color
Cast: Robert Redford, Lena Olin, Alan Arkin, Tomas Milian
REVIEW: Redford plays a professional gambler hoping to score in the waning hours of Batista's Cuba.

Heartbreak Hotel (1988) 2.5 stars
93 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: David Keith, Tuesday Weld, Charlie Schlatter, Jacque Lynn Colton
REVIEW: A reliable test of your whimsy quotient, as an Ohio teen (Schlatter) kidnaps Elvis in 1972, then transports him home to the divorced mom (Weld) who's carried a torch for the King since the mid-1950s.

Heathers (1989) 2.5 stars
102 min, R, Color
Cast: Winona Ryder, Christian Slater, Shannen Doherty, Lisanne Falk
REVIEW: Satire of high school social strata, with Ryder as a girl who hangs out with the school's bitch-queens but doesn't feel quite comfortable about their reign of terror.

Heaven & Earth (1993) 2 stars
140 min, R, Color
Cast: Tommy Lee Jones, Hiep Thi Le, Joan Chen, Haing S. Ngor
REVIEW: Vietnamese woman's painful odyssey from a peaceful childhood in a peasant village to a lifetime of upheaval both in Vietnam and the U.S.

Hideaways, The (1983) 2.5 stars
NONE, Color
Cast: Ingrid Bergman, Sally Prager, Johnny Doran, Madeline Kahn
REVIEW: A fascinating story of a very precocious 12 year old, Claudia Kincaid, and her brother Jamie.

Hoffa (1992) 2.5 stars
140 min, R, Color
Cast: Jack Nicholson, Danny De Vito, Armand Assante, J.T. Walsh
REVIEW: Scattershot (and sanitized) biography of legendary Teamster boss Jimmy Hoffa, transformed into a must-see by the galvanizing performance of Nicholson.

Hope and Glory (1987) 3.5 stars
113 min, PG-13, Color

Cast: Sarah Miles, David Hayman, Derrick O'Connor, Susan Woodbridge
REVIEW: A loving look back at British family life during the first years of WW2, as seen through the eyes of a young boy to whom the whole thing is a great adventure.

Howards End (1991) 3 stars
143 min, PG, Color
Cast: Anthony Hopkins, Vanessa Redgrave, Helen Bonham Carter
REVIEW: The film tells the story of the Schlegel sisters and of a rich businessman, his frail wife and their children.

Impulse (1990) 3 stars
108 min, R, Color
Cast: Theresa Russell, Jeff Fahey, George Dzundza, Alan Rosenberg
REVIEW: Honest narc Russell, moonlighting as an L.A. streetwalker for the vice squad, briefly but fatefully yields to corruption after lousy hours and failed relationships combine to wear her down.

In Country (1989) 1.5 stars
120 min, R, Color
Cast: Bruce Willis, Emily Lloyd, Joan Allen, Kevin Anderson
REVIEW: Film about Vietnam vets Willis and niece Lloyd, two Kentuckians trying to come to terms with the war.

Indian Runner, The (1991) 3 stars
125 min, R, Color
Cast: Kenny Stabler, David Morse, Viggo Mortensen, Valeria Golino
REVIEW: Mood piece about a young man's desperate attempts to understand, and get closer to, his troubled kid brother, who's just returned from Vietnam.

Intersection (1994) 1 star
98 min, R, Color
Cast: Richard Gere, Sharon Stone, Lolita Davidovich, Martin Landau
REVIEW: Romantic triangle of wealthy architect Gere, who has drifted apart from his aloof wife (Stone), and takes up with spunky Davidovich.

Ironweed (1987) 2.5 stars
144 min, R, Color
Cast: Jack Nicholson, Meryl Streep, Carroll Baker, Michael O'Keefe
REVIEW: Set in Albany, New York, in 1938, Nicholson plays a man haunted by his past, trying to come to terms with the life he turned his back on years ago.

JFK (1991) 3.5 stars
188 min, R, Color
Cast: Kevin Costner, Sissy Spacek, Kevin Bacon, Tommy Lee Jones
REVIEW: Absolutely riveting film about New Orleans D.A. Jim Garrison and his gradual involvement (and eventual obsession) with finding the truth about President Kennedy's assassination.

Jaws (1975) 4 stars
124 min, PG, Color
Cast: Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw, Richard Dreyfuss, Lorraine Gary
REVIEW: The story: New England shore community is terrorized by shark attacks; local cop (Scheider), ichthyologist (Dreyfuss) and salty shark expert (Shaw) determine to kill the attacker.

Jazz Singer, The (1980) 3 stars
111 min, PG, Color
Cast: Neil Diamond, Laurence Olivier
REVIEW: It's a story of a man who forsakes the synagogue choir for a chance at rock superstardom.

Killing Fields, The (1984) 3.5 stars
141 min, R, Color
Cast: Sam Waterston, Haing S. Ngor, John Malkovich, Julian Sands
REVIEW: Highly charged drama based on the memoirs of N.Y. Times reporter Sidney Schanberg, who remained in Cambodia after the American evacuation, putting his native translator and assistant Dith Pran in great jeopardy.

King of the Hill (1993) 3 stars
109 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Jesse Bradford, Jeroen Krabbe, Lisa Eichhorn, Karen Allen
REVIEW: A 12-year-old St. Louis boy, whose mother is ill and whose flaky father is often away, is forced to fend for himself in the depths of the Great Depression, using his wits to survive against extraordinary odds.

Last Emperor, The (1987) 3.5 stars
160 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: John Lone, Joan Chen, Peter O'Toole, Ying Ruocheng
REVIEW: Remarkable film inspired by true story of Pu Yi, the last emperor of China, who is crowned at age three and lives a cloistered life in the Forbidden City.

Light of Day (1987) 2 stars
107 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Michael J. Fox, Gena Rowlands, Joan Jet, Michael McKean
REVIEW: Jett and Fox are sister and brother who perform together in a local Cleveland band that starts to gain some recognition, just as personal problems threaten to tear the family apart.

Like Water for Chocolate (1992) 3 stars
113 min, Color
Cast: Lumi Cavazos, Marco Leonardi, Regina Torne, Mario Ivan Martinez
REVIEW: Striking and sensuous film set in the early part of the 20th century: a young woman's life is shaped first by her stern and unyielding mother, and more important, by the overwhelming power of cooking.

Little Man Tate (1991) 3 stars
99 min, PG, Color
Cast: Jodie Foster, Dianne Wiest, Adam Hann-Byrd, Harry Connick Jr.
REVIEW: Moving, extraordinarily empathic look at a life of a child genius.

Little Nikita (1988) 2 stars
98 min, PG, Color
Cast: Sidney Poitier, River Phoenix, Richard Jenkins, Caroline Kava
REVIEW: All-American boy learns that his parents are Soviet agents.

Little Romance, A (1979) 3 stars
108 min, PG, Color
Cast: Laurence Olivier, Diane Lane, Thelionius Bernard, Arthur Hill
REVIEW: Engaging film about relationship of young American girl living in Paris and running off with a charming French boy, chaperoned by wily old con man.

Lord of the Flies (1990) 2.5 stars
90 min, R, Color
Cast: Balthazar Getty, Chris Furrh, Danuel Pipoly, Badgett Dale
REVIEW: Color update of the novel-to-film turns William Golding's savage schoolboys into TV-savvy American kids.

Lorenzo's Oil (1992) 3 stars
135 min, PG-13, Color

Cast: Nick Nolte, Susan Sarandon, Peter Ustinov, Kathleen Wilhoite
REVIEW: True-life story of Michaela and Augusto Odono, who learned their son had adrenoleukodystrophy, an incurable degenerative disease, and proceeded to turn the medical community upside down to keep him alive.

Love Letters (1983) 3 stars
98 min, R, Color
Cast: Jamie Lee Curtis, James Keach, Amy Madigan, Bud Cort
REVIEW: Moving drama about a young single woman (nicely played by Curtis) who discovers deceased mother's correspondence with lover, then takes up with a married man of her own.

MacArthur (1977) 3 stars
130 min, PG, Color
Cast: Gregory Peck, Dan O'Herlihy, Ed Flanders, Sandy Kenyon
REVIEW: Solid, absorbing saga of flamboyant military chief during WW2 and Korean War.

Mad Dog and Glory (1993) 3 stars
96 min, R, Color
Cast: Robert De Niro, Uma Thurman, Bill Murray, Kathy Baker
REVIEW: Offbeat concoction from street-smart writer Richard Price, about a nerdy cop (De Niro) who does a favor for a Chicago hood (Murray), and is repaid by having Thurman delivered to him as a "present" for one week.

Made in Heaven (1987) 2 stars
103 min, PG, Color
Cast: Timothy Hutton, Kelly McGillis, Maureen Stapleton, Don Murray
REVIEW: Young man dies and goes to heaven, where he meets a yet-unborn beauty and falls in love. The Big Question: how long will it take for them to meet, in their new identities on earth, and realize that they were "made for each other"?

Malcolm X (1992) 3.5 stars
201 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Denzel Washington, Angela Bassett, Albert Hall, Al Freeman Jr.
REVIEW: Sweeping biography of the black leader, tracing his transformation from street hustler to prison inmate to religious convert, and his ascension to national leadership while preaching the words of Elijah Muhammad.

Man From Snowy River, The (1982) 3.5 stars
115 min, PG, Color
Cast: Kirk Douglas, Tom Burlinson, Sigrid Thornton, Jack Thompson
REVIEW: Grand, old-fashioned Western saga, based on epic Australian poem, about strong-willed young man who goes to work for an empire-building cattleman, and falls in love with his daughter.

Man Who Loved Cat Dancing, The (1973) 3 stars
122 min, PG, Color
Cast: Burt Reynolds, Sarah Miles, George Hamilton, Lee J. Cobb
REVIEW: Western tale of defiant woman who leaves her husband and takes up riding along with a band of outlaws.

Man Without a Face, The (1993) 3 stars
114 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Mel Gibson, Nick Stahl, Margaret Whitton, Fay Masterson
REVIEW: Literate, absorbing drama exploring the evolving relationship between lonely 12-year-old Stahl,

who's intent on gaining entrance to a military academy, and reclusive, facially scarred, ex-teacher Gibson, who becomes his mentor.

Map of the Human Heart (1993) 3 stars
126 min, R, Color
Cast: Jason Scott, Lee Anne Parillaud, Patrick Bergin, John Cusack
REVIEW: Fascinating, if not altogether successful, fable about an Inuit Eskimo boy plucked from his Canadian homeland and taken to "civilization" by a mapmaker in the 1930s.

Masquerade (1988) 2.5 stars
91 min, R, Color
Cast: Rob Lowe, Meg Tilly, Kim Cattrall, Doug Savant
REVIEW: Lowe essentially has the ambiguous Cary Grant SUSPICION role: Does he really love delicate (and in this case, filthy rich) spouse Tilly or is he planning to murder her at the first opportunity?

Matewan (1987) 3.5 stars
130 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Chris Cooper, Will Oldham, Mary McDonnell, Bob Gunton
REVIEW: Compelling and compassionate drama about labor troubles in the heart of coal-mining country, Matewan, West Virginia, in the 1920s.

Memories of Me (1988) 2 stars
105 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Billy Crystal, Alan King, JoBeth Williams, Janet Carroll
REVIEW: A heart surgeon, who recently suffered a heart attack himself, seeks out his father, from whom he's been estranged, hoping to put his life in order.

Men's Club, The (1986) 1 star
115 min, R, Color
Cast: David Dukes, Richard Jordan, Harvey Keitel, Frank Langella
REVIEW: Story about seven males who try starting an encounter group in Jordan's home.

Midnight Crossing (1988) 1.5 stars
104 min, R, Color
Cast: Faye Dunaway, Daniel J. Travanti, Kim Cattrall, Ned Beatty
REVIEW: Features insurance agent Travanti intent on recovering some booty he and his late pal buried years before.

Miles From Home (1988) 1.5 stars
114 min, R, Color
Cast: Richard Gere, Kevin Anderson, Penelope Ann Miller, Laurie Metcalf
REVIEW: The "Farm of the Year" from 1959 goes bankrupt in 1988; heir Gere burns it down rather than see it taken over by the bank, then takes off on a Midwest spree accompanied by acquiescent brother Anderson.

Miller's Crossing (1990) 2.5 stars
115 min, R, Color
Cast: Gabriel Byrne, Albert Finney, Marcia Gay Harden, John Turturro
REVIEW: Byrne plays a black-hearted Irish mobster with a code of ethics known only to himself, and a vow of loyalty to crime kingpin Finney.

Ministry of Vengeance (1989) 96 min, R, Color
Cast: John Schneider, Ned Beatty, James Tolkan, apollonia
REVIEW: After his innocent wife and daughter are slaughtered by terrorists, Unitarian minister David Miller leaves the church, vowing to avenge his family's murder.

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8 Seconds (1994) 2 stars
104 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Luke Perry, Stephen Baldwin, Cynthia Geary, James Rebhorn
REVIEW: Bio of rodeo legend Lane Frost.

Abyss, The (1989) 3 stars
145 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Ed Harris, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, Michael Biehn
REVIEW: Spectacular underwater saga about an oil-rig crew that gets involved in a perilous mission to rescue a sunken nuclear sub.

Across the Great Divide (1977) 2.5 stars
100 min, G, Color
Cast: Robert Logan, Heather Rattray, Mark Edward Hall
REVIEW: Innocuous tale of conman Logan and reluctant orphans Rattray and Hall, intent on traveling across the west to Oregon.

Air America (1990) 2 stars
112 min, R, Color
Cast: Mel Gibson, Robert Downey Jr., Nancy Travis, David Marshall
REVIEW: Pilots Mel and Bob are part of the C.I.A.'s smuggling operation in Laos during the Vietnam War.

Alamo, The (1960) 4 stars
202 min, NONE, Color
Cast: John Wayne, Richard Widmark, Laurence Harvey, Frankie Avalon
REVIEW: A pivotal event in American History when 185 Texans banded together in a crumbling adobe mission to hold off an army of 7,000 Mexican troops long enough to ensure the eventual independence of Texas.

Alien 3 (1992) 2 stars
115 min, R, Color
Cast: Sigourney Weaver, Charles S. Dutton, Charles Dance, Paul McGann
REVIEW: More-of-the-same sequel has Weaver and other survivors of ALIENS (1986) being sent to isolated prison planet where (you guessed it) the alien regenerates itself and runs amok.

Alive (1993) 3 stars
125 min, R, Color
Cast: Ethan Hawke, Vincent Spano, Josh Hamilton, Bruce Ramsay
REVIEW: Quasay, in some ways ambitious, movie about the rugby team that survived 72 days in the Andes Mountains when their plane crashed on its way from Uruguay to Chile.

Altered States (1980) 2.5 stars
102 min, R, Color
Cast: William Hurt, Blair Brown, Bob Balaban, Charles Haid
REVIEW: A scientist (Hurt, in his film debut) becomes involved with primal research, using himself as guinea pig with mind-bending results.

Another 48 HRS (1990) 2 stars
95 min, R, Color
Cast: Eddie Murphy, Nick Nolte, Brian James, Kevin Tighe
REVIEW: Nolte is forced to turn to Murphy (who's just being sprung from jail) to help him solve a case and save his police career.

Aspen Extreme (1993) 1.5 stars
115 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Paul Gross, Peter Berg, Finola Hughes, Teri Polo
REVIEW: For two Detroit buddies, the Motown slopes are not enough, so it's off to the Colorado Rockies for sex, tragedy, and skiing success amid the lifestyles of the rich and banal.

Assassination Game, The (1993) 2 stars
83 min, R, Color
Cast: Robert Rusler, Theodore Bikel, Catherine Cyran, Steven Rabiner
REVIEW: Two men are assigned to protect the life of one of the world's prominent leaders. Someone wants him dead.

Aviator, The (1985) 2 stars
98 min, PG, Color
Cast: Christopher Reeve, Rosanna Arquette, Jack Warden
REVIEW: Pioneer pilot Reeve crash-lands in the middle of some 1928 nowhere with whiny adolescent Arquette, then inexplicably falls in love with her while hunting food and warding off a bear.
Backdraft (1991) 3 stars
135 min, R, Color
Cast: Kurt Russell, William Baldwin, Robert De Niro, Donald Sutherland
REVIEW: Two brothers whose father died fighting a fire now spend their time on the force battling each other.

Barry Lyndon (1975) 3.5 stars
183 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Ryan O'Neal, Marisa Berenson, Patrick Magee, Hardy Kruger
REVIEW: Exquisite, meticulously detailed period piece stars O'Neal as Thackeray's 18th-century Irish rogue-hero who covets success but lets it go to his head.

Batman (1989) 2.5 stars
126 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Jack Nicholson, Michael Keaton, Kim Basinger, Robert Wuhl
REVIEW: There's razzle-dazzle to spare in this dark, intense variation on Bob Kane's comic book creation.

Batman Returns (1992) 2 stars
126 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Michael Keaton, Danny De Vito, Michelle Pfeiffer, Christopher Walken
REVIEW: Nasty, nihilistic nightmare movie about an abandoned freak baby who grows up to be The Penguin, a deadly threat to Gotham City, especially when he teams up with the megalomaniac Max Schreck (Walken).

Battle of Britain (1969) 2 stars
132 min, G, Color
Cast: Harry Andrews, Michael Caine, Trevor Howard, Curt Jurgens
REVIEW: WW2 epic about British airmen who prevented threatened Nazi invasion. Panavision.

Believers, The (1987) 2.5 stars
114 min, R, Color
Cast: Martin Sheen, Helen Shaver, Harley Cross, Robert Loggia
REVIEW: Gripping, genuinely frightening story of widower and son who move to N.Y.C. and become involved (in more ways than one) with cultish religion of Santeria, which believes in the sacrifice of children.

Blind Fury (1990) 2.5 stars
86 min, R, Color
Cast: Rutger Hauer, Terrance (Terry) O'Quinn, Brandon Call, Lisa Blount
REVIEW: Smiling, sword-wielding, blind Vietnam vet Hauer carves up bad guys, saves a kid, and even duels with his mentor in this brash, lively (but failed) attempt to Americanize Japanese "zato-ichi" movies.

Blink (1994) 2 stars
106 min, R, Color
Cast: Madeleine Stowe, Aidan Quinn, Laurie Metcalf, James Remar
REVIEW: Did she or didn't she see a murderer leaving the scene of the crime? That's the central question when beautiful, strong-willed musician Stowe, blind since childhood, has her sight restored.

Blob, The (1988) 2 stars
95 min, R, Color
Cast: Shawnee Smith, Donovan Leitch, Ricky Paul Goldin, Kevin Dillon
REVIEW: Needless, if undeniably gooeey, remake about a man-made what-s-it that wipes out the standard number of vagrants and overexposed teenagers on its way to enveloping a small town.

Blood Red (1988) 1 star
91 min, R, Color
Cast: Eric Roberts, Giancarlo Giannini, Dennis Hopper, Burt Young
REVIEW: Ruthless, Irish-born Hopper wants to build his railroad through the land of Sicilian immigrant Giannini and his fellow wine-growers in 1890s California.

Bloodsport (1987) 2 stars
92 min, R, Color
Cast: Jean-Claude Van Damme, Donald Gibb, Leah Ayres
REVIEW: The story of American Ninja Frank Dux, the first westerner to win the Kumite, an international martial arts competition that tests its participants to their limits.

Bodyguard, The (1992) 2.5 stars
129 min, R, Color
Cast: Kevin Costner, Whitney Houston, Gary Kemp, Bill Cobbs
REVIEW: Cold as steel professional bodyguard signs on to protect a music superstar (against his better judgment), then falls in love with her.

Bonnie and Clyde (1967) 4 stars
111 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Warren Beatty, Faye Dunaway, Michael J. Pollard, Gene Hackman
REVIEW: Trend-setting film about unlikely heroes of 1930s bank-robbing team has spawned many imitators but still leads the pack.

Cape Fear (1991) 2.5 stars
128 min, R, Color
Cast: Robert De Niro, Nick Nolte, Jessica Lange, Juliette Lewis
REVIEW: Released from prison after 14 years, a self-educated wacko vows to make a living hell for the lawyer who sent him up.

China Moon (1994) 2 stars
99 min, R, Color
Cast: Ed Harris, Madeleine Stowe, Charles Dance, Benicio Del Toro
REVIEW: Small-town cop Harris lusts after unhappily married Stowe in this moody film.

Cliffhanger (1993) 3.5 stars
118 min, R, Color
Cast: Sylvester Stallone, John Lithgow, Michael Rooker
REVIEW: Self-doubling mountain rescue expert Sly is pitted against really rotten Lithgow and his gang, who are after a hundred million dollars lost in the Rockies.

Cocoon (1985) 3.5 stars
117 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Don Ameche, Wilford Brimley, Hume Cronyn, Brian Dennehy
REVIEW: Florida senior citizens discover an actual fountain of youth in this warm, humanistic fantasy-drama, marred only by derivative and too literal science-fiction finale.

Cocoon: The Return (1988) 2 stars
116 min, PG, Color
Cast: Don Ameche, Jack Gifford, Gwen Verdon, Maureen Stapleton
REVIEW: Disappointing follow-up in which the elderly earthlings return for a visit to their home planet.

Conagher (1991) 100 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Sam Elliott, Katharine Ross, Barry Corbin, Billy Green Bush
REVIEW: Beautifully realized Louis L'Amour Western with Sam a weathered cowpoke who stops off to help Katharine, the lonely frontier woman running a stagecoach waystop while waiting in vain for her husband to return from a cattle-buying expedition.

Cotton Club, The (1984) 2.5 stars
127 min, R, Color
Cast: Richard Gere, Gregory Hines, Diane Lane, Lonette McKee
REVIEW: Homage to the days of colorful gangsters and Harlem nightlife has style to spare and a wonderful sound track full of Duke Ellington music.

Crusoe (1988) 3 stars
91 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Aidan Quinn, Ade Sapara, Warren Clark, Hepburn Grahame
REVIEW: Solid version of the oft-filmed Defoe classic, with Quinn cast as the title character, a slave trader who's shipwrecked on a deserted isle, where he must deal with loneliness, isolation, survival.

Cry of The Black Wolves 3 stars
90 min, PG, Color
REVIEW: A western packed adventure set in the wilds of the ALASKAN frontier. Cry of The Black Wolves is a film in the tradition of "CALL OF THE WILD".

D.O.A. (1988) 1 star
100 min, R, Color
Cast: Dennis Quaid, Meg Ryan, Daniel Stern, Charlotte Rampling
REVIEW: Quaid is a college professor fed a slow-acting toxin in a dispute over a prized fiction manuscript, Ryan is an innocent student helping him pursue his "killer."

Dark Wind, The (1994) 1 star
111 min, R, Color
Cast: Lou Diamond Phillips, Gary Farmer, Fred Ward, Guy Boyd
REVIEW: Account of young Navajo cop Phillips, new to his district, who attempts to solve a mystery amid Navajo/Hopi differences.

Darkman (1990) 2.5 stars
95 min, R, Color
Cast: Liam Neeson, Frances McDormand, Colin Friels, Larry Drake
REVIEW: Scientist hot on the trail of a formula for cloning body parts by computer is savagely attacked (and left for dead) by thugs who represent a crooked city developer.

Days of Thunder (1990) 2 stars
107 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Tom Cruise, Robert Duvall, Randy Quaid, Nicole Kidman
REVIEW: Flashy, noisy race-car saga set in the South, brought to you by the filmmakers and star of TOP GUN.

Deceived (1991) 2 stars
103 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Goldie Hawn, John Heard, Robin Bartlett, Ashley Peldon
REVIEW: In-name-only "thriller" about happily married N.Y. yuppie who discovers her husband's litany of duplicities after the guy is supposedly murdered.

Deceivers, The (1988) 1 star
112 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Pierce Brosnan, Saeed Jaffrey, Shashi Kapoor, Helena Mitchell
REVIEW: Limp adventure saga of British officer Brosnan going undercover in colonial India to infiltrate a murderous brotherhood.

Defenseless (1991) 2.5 stars
104 min, R, Color
Cast: Barbara Hershey, Sam Shepard, Mary Beth Hurt, J.T. Walsh
REVIEW: Suspense thriller in which attorney Hershey discovers her client (and lover) murdered, and finds herself not only suspected of the crime, but stalked by a mysterious killer.

Demolition Man (1993) 2 stars
115 min, R, Color
Cast: Sylvester Stallone, Wesley Snipes, Sandra Bullock
REVIEW: Ex-cop Stallone is sprung after 36 years of deep-freeze imprisonment for manslaughter when blond Snipes (his long-ago psycho nemesis) escapes from his own government-imposed hibernation.

Dick Tracy (1990) 3 stars
101 min, PG, Color
Cast: Warren Beatty, Madonna, Al Pacino, Glenn Headly
REVIEW: Colorful, high-style adaptation of the Chester Gould comic strip classic.

Die Hard (1988) 3 stars
131 min, R, Color
Cast: Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman, Bonnie Bedelia, Alexander Godunov
REVIEW: Dynamite action yarn about a N.Y.C. cop who just happens to be visiting an L.A. highrise when it's commandeered by terrorist thieves.

Die Hard 2 (1990) 3 stars
124 min, R, Color
Cast: Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia, William Atherton
REVIEW: While waiting for his wife to land at Washington's Dulles Airport, Willis dives head-first into trouble when he gets wind of an impending terrorist-type plot.

Dracula (1979) 1.5 stars
109 min, R, Color
Cast: Frank Langella, Laurence Olivier, Donald Pleasence
REVIEW: Murky retelling of Bram Stoker classic.

Drugstore Cowboy (1989) 3.5 stars
100 min, R, Color
Cast: Matt Dillon, Kelly Lynch, James Remar, James Le Gros
REVIEW: Fascinating, completely credible look at the world of a junkie and his "family," who rob drugstores to support their habit.

Duellists, The (1977) 3 stars
101 min, PG, Color
Cast: Keith Carradine, Harvey Keitel, Edward Fox, Cristina Raines
REVIEW: Competent screen version of Joseph Conrad's The Duel concerns long-running feud between French officers Carradine and Keitel during the Napoleonic wars.

Empire of the Sun (1987) 2 stars
152 min, PG, Color
Cast: Christian Bale, John Malkovich, Miranda Richardson, Nigel Havers
REVIEW: British boy, living a well-sheltered life in Shanghai, is separated from his parents and forced to fend for himself when Japan invades China at the outset of WW2.

Enemy Mine (1985) 2.5 stars
108 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Dennis Quaid, Louis Gossett Jr., Brian James, Richard Marcu
REVIEW: Limp adventure saga of British officer Brosnan going undercover in colonial India to infiltrate a murderous brotherhood.

Escape From El Diablo (1986) 2 stars
90 min, PG, Color
Cast: Timothy Van Patten, Jimmy McNichol, John Ethan Wayne.
REVIEW: Two fun loving teenagers from California embark on a trip to Mexico where one of the youths ends up in El Diablo Prison—a lurid house of horrors ruled by a corrupt police commandante.

Escape From New York (1981) 2 stars
99 min, R, Color
Cast: Kurt Russell, Lee Van Cleef, Ernest Borgnine, Donald Pleasence
REVIEW: The year is 1997, Manhattan is a maximum-security prison, and a character named Snake Plissken (Russell) must effect a daring rescue from within its borders.

Excalibur (1981) 3.5 stars
140 min, PG, Color
Cast: Nicol Williamson, Nigel Terry, Helen Mirren, Nicholas Clay
REVIEW: Eccentric but spellbinding, sexually aware rendition of the King Arthur legend by a stylish filmmaker working at the peak of his powers.

Extreme Prejudice (1987) 2 stars
104 min, R, Color
Cast: Nick Nolte, Powers Boothe, Michael Ironside
REVIEW: Boyhood friends Nolte and Boothe are now on opposite sides of the law, as Texas Ranger and drug kingpin on the Texas/Mexico border.

FX (1986) 3 stars
106 min, R, Color
Cast: Bryan Brown, Brian Dennehy, Diane Venora, Cliff De Young
REVIEW: Movie special-effects man is hired to stage a phony "hit" with a mafia man the target, but quickly learns that he's been double-crossed.

FX 2 (1991) 2.5 stars
109 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Bryan Brown, Brian Dennehy, Rachel Ticotin, Joanna Gleason
REVIEW: Special-effects whiz Brown agrees to use his skills in a police case, but when things go wrong he finds himself embroiled in a deadly coverup, and calls on his ex-cop pal Dennehy to help.

Far and Away (1992) 2.5 stars
140 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman, Thomas Gibson, Robert Prosky
REVIEW: Scrappy, dirt-poor Irish tenant farmer hooks up, in unlikely fashion, with the equally feisty daughter of a wealthy landowner, and together they sail for America to seek their ultimate destiny in the 1893 Oklahoma land rush.

Finest Hour, The (1992) 4 stars
105 min, R, Color
Cast: Rob Lowe, Gale Hansen, Tracy Griffith, Eb Lottimer
REVIEW: Two of the Navy's finest S.E.A.L. commandos, (Lowe and Hansen), compete to be the best of the best, professionally and personally.

Firm, The (1993) 3 stars
154 min, R, Color
Cast: Tom Cruise, Gene Hackman, Jeanne Tripplehorn, Holly Hunter
REVIEW: Slick adaptation of John Grisham's bestseller about a Harvard law school grad who's wooed by a Memphis law firm and happily signs on, never suspecting the sinister truth behind its gracious facade.

Fly II, The (1989) 1 star
104 min, R, Color
Cast: Eric Stoltz, Daphne Zuniga, Lee Richardson, John Getz

REVIEW: Stoltz, son of deceased Jeff Goldblum, has attained puberty at five with the intellect to match; now he's being unknowingly exploited by, the scientists in whose care he's entrusted.

Fly, The (1986) 2.5 stars
100 min, R, Color
Cast: Jeff Goldblum, Geena Davis, John Getz, Joy Boushel
REVIEW: Goldblum is just right as slightly crazed scientist who tests himself in a genetic transporter machine, and starts to evolve into a human fly.

Forever Young (1992) 3 stars
102 min, PG, Color
Cast: Mel Gibson, Jamie Lee Curtis, Elijah Wood, Isabel Glasser
REVIEW: The year is 1939, and test-pilot Gibson (whose girlfriend is comatose after being hit by a car) volunteers to be frozen as part of a cryogenics experiment.

Friday the 13th Part VIII: Jason Takes Manhattan (1989) 2 stars
100 min, R, Color
Cast: Jensen Daggett, Kane Hodder, Peter Mark Richman, Scott Reeves
REVIEW: The best film in the FRIDAY series, imaginatively directed and written by Hedden, is still just a slasher film, though less gruesome than most.

Getaway, The (1994) 2 stars
115 min, R, Color
Cast: Alec Baldwin, Kim Basinger, Michael Madsen, James Woods
REVIEW: He's nailed for robbery and thrown in prison; she frees him by playing up to a crime kingpin; he spends the rest of the movie resenting her. Panavision.

Gettysburg (1993) 3 stars
248 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Tom Berenger, Jeff Daniels, Martin Sheen, Sam Elliott
REVIEW: Magnificent, awe-inspiring re-creation of the Civil War's most famous battle.

Gleaming the Cube (1989) 2 stars
104 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Christian Slater, Steven Bauer, Ed Lauter, Nicole Mercurio
REVIEW: Rebellious young skateboarder sets out to find his brother's murderers with the help of a street-smart detective.

Glory (1989) 4 stars
122 min, R, Color
Cast: Matthew Broderick, Denzel Washington, Cary Elwes
REVIEW: Exceptional story of America's first unit of black soldiers during the Civil War and the young, inexperienced Northerner (Broderick) who's given the job of training and leading them.

Godfather, Part III, The (1990) 3 stars
161 min, R, Color
Cast: Al Pacino, Diane Keaton, Talia Shire, Andy Garcia
REVIEW: Absorbing story of Pacino's attempt to remove himself from the world of crime, and how fate and circumstance draw him back in, with his trigger-happy nephew (Garcia) and the rest of his family in tow.

GoodFellas (1990) 3.5 stars
146 min, R, Color
Cast: Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta, Joe Pesci, Lorraine Bracco
REVIEW: Fascinating look at the

allure, and the reality, of day-to-day life in a Mafia family, based on real experiences of Henry Hill (played by Liotta), who wound up in the Federal witness protection program.

Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes (1984) 3 stars
129 min, PG, Color
Cast: Christopher Lambert, Andie MacDowell, Ian Holm, Ralph Richardson
REVIEW: Infant son of shipwrecked couple is raised by apes, discovered at manhood by a Belgian explorer, and returned to civilization, and his doting grandfather.

Hard Way, The (1991) 2.5 stars
111 min, R, Color
Cast: Michael J. Fox, James Woods, Stephen Lang, Annabella Sciorra
REVIEW: A spoiled-brat Hollywood star attaches himself to a reckless N.Y.C. street cop to prepare for his next movie role.

Harley Davidson & the Marlboro Man (1991) 1.5 stars
99 min, R, Color
Cast: Mickey Rourke, Don Johnson, Chelsea Field, Daniel Baldwin
REVIEW: Drifter Rourke and onetime rodeo cowboy Johnson rob a bank to help their pal, whose Rock 'n' Roll Bar and Grill is about to be closed by strong-armed creditors.

High Sierra (1941) 3 stars
100 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: Bogey is Mad Dog Earle, killer with a soft heart on the lam from police, in rousing gangster caper.

Highlander (1986) 1.5 stars
111 min, R, Color
Cast: Christopher Lambert, Roxanne Hart, Clancy Brown, Sean Connery
REVIEW: Immortal being is tracked from 16th-century Scotland to modern-day America by his eternal archenemy.

Hoosiers (1986) 3 stars
114 min, PG, Color
Cast: Gene Hackman, Barbara Hershey, Dennis Hopper
REVIEW: Hackman gets a last-chance job coaching a small-town Indiana high school basketball team in the 1950s, and faces the dual challenge of bringing the team to the state championship, and redeeming himself.

Hotshot (1987) 3 stars
90 min, PG, Color
Cast: Jim Youngs, Pele, Billy Warlock, Weyman Thompson
REVIEW: In the tradition of "Karate Kid", "Hotshot" tells the story of a young man coming of age and how adversity and disappointment turn into triumph.

House on Carroll Street, The (1988) 2 stars
100 min, PG, Color
Cast: Kelly McGillis, Jeff Daniels, Mandy Patinkin, Christopher Rhode
REVIEW: McGillis, who's just lost her job after being branded a subversive during the McCarthy era, stumbles onto a strange espionage plot that's being covered up, and gradually persuades FBI agent Daniels that she's on to something big.

Hunt for Red October, The (1990) 3.5 stars
135 min, PG, Color
Cast: Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin, Scott Glenn, Sam Neill
REVIEW: Connery stars as a Soviet submarine captain who may (or may

not) be planning to defect to the U.S. during the maiden voyage of a supersecret nuclear sub.

Iceman (1984) 3.5 stars
99 min, PG, Color
Cast: Timothy Hutton, Lindsay Crouse, John Lone, Josef Sommer
REVIEW: A Neanderthal man is found frozen in ice, and scientists manage to bring him back to life, but only young Hutton is interested in him as a human being and not a lab specimen.

Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989) 2.5 stars
127 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Harrison Ford, Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott, Alison Doody
REVIEW: Follow-the-numbers adventure spectacle has Ford in fine form and Connery adding panache as Indy's archeologist father, whose mysterious disappearance (while searching for the Holy Grail) sets the story in motion.

Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom (1984) 2 stars
118 min, PG, Color
Cast: Harrison Ford, Kate Capshaw, Ke Huy Quan, Amrish Puri
REVIEW: Further exploits of 1930s archaeologist/adventurer, Indian Jones.

Iron Will (1993) 1 star
109 min, PG, Color
Cast: Mackenzie Astin, Kevin Spacey, August Schellenberg
REVIEW: Youngster enters a Winnipeg-to-St. Paul dog-sled race in the WWI era.

Jewel of the Nile, The (1985) 2 stars
104 min, PG, Color
Cast: Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner, Danny De Vito, Spiros Focas
REVIEW: Contrived "high adventure" involving an evil potentate and a precious "jewel."

Joe Versus the Volcano (1990) 2.5 stars
102 min, PG, Color
Cast: Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan, Lloyd Bridges, Robert Stack
REVIEW: Pleasant fable about a stressed-out nerd who learns he has six months to live, and accepts an eccentric millionaire's offer to enable him to live like a king, so long as he jumps into a volcano at the end of his "vacation."

Jurassic Park (1993) 3.5 stars
126 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum, Richard Attenborough
REVIEW: Billionaire Attenborough invites paleontologists Dern and Neill and mathematician Goldblum to inspect his island amusement park, populated with living dinosaurs.

K2 (1992) 2.5 stars
111 min, R, Color
Cast: Michael Biehn, Matt Craven, Raymond J. Barry, Hiroshi Fujioka
REVIEW: A Seattle assistant D.A. (brash) and his physics-prof pal (gentle) attempt to climb the world's steepest and most remote mountain.

Karate Kid, The (1984) 3.5 stars
126 min, R, Color
Cast: Ralph Macchio, Pat Morita, Elisabeth Shue, Randeel Heller
REVIEW: Teenager is beset by bullies until an unlikely mentor (the Japanese handyman in his apartment house) teaches him about self-confidence, and karate.

Lassiter (1984) 2.5 stars
100 min, R, Color
Cast: Tom Selleck, Jane Seymour, Lauren Hutton, Bob Hoskins
REVIEW: A second-story man is shanghaied into doing espionage work in London on the eve of WW2.

Last Boy Scout, The (1991) 2 stars
105 min, R, Color
Cast: Bruce Willis, Damon Wayans, Chelsea Field, Noble Willingham
REVIEW: Hardcore action film with Willis as a fired Secret Service agent now supporting himself through sticky gumshoe hire-outs.

Last of the Finest, The (1990) 2 stars
106 min, R, Color
Cast: Brian Dennehy, Joe Pantoliano, Jeff Fahey, Bill Paxton
REVIEW: Honest, independent-minded L.A. cop Dennehy and his comrades discover sinister forces at work while attempting to bust drug traffickers.

Last of the Mohicans, The (1992) 3.5 stars
122 min, R, Color
Cast: Daniel Day-Lewis, Madeleine Stowe, Russell Means, Eric Schweig
REVIEW: Rousing, kinetic update of the James Fenimore Cooper classic, replete with 1990s sensibilities, potent depiction of violence, and a charismatic central performance by Day-Lewis as Hawkeye.

Let's Get Harry (1986) 1.5 stars
107 min, R, Color
Cast: Michael Schoeffling, Tom Wilson, Glen Frey, Gary Busey
REVIEW: Action yarn about a soldier of fortune's attempt to rescue pipeline worker Harmon, who's been kidnapped (along with an ambassador) by an underground group of drug dealers in South America.

Lethal Weapon 2 (1989) 3 stars
113 min, R, Color
Cast: Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Joe Pesci, Joss Ackland
REVIEW: This time around, our heroes tangle with a nefarious smuggling kingpin who hides behind diplomatic immunity, but doesn't reckon with Gibson's reckless ways.

Lethal Weapon 3 (1992) 2.5 stars
118 min, R, Color
Cast: Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Joe Pesci, Rene Russo
REVIEW: Glover is about to retire when he and partner Gibson find themselves in the midst of an escalating war with a former cop turned criminal mastermind.

Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean, The (1972) 3 stars
120 min, PG, Color
Cast: Paul Newman, Ava Gardner, Victoria Principal, Jacqueline Bisset
REVIEW: Newman plays self-appointed "Judge" who rules over barren territory, encountering various colorful characters as town grows and matures.

Lonesome Dove parts 1 and 2 (1991) 3 stars
3 hours, NONE, Color
Cast: Robert Duvall, Tommy Lee Jones, Danny Glover, Diane Lane
REVIEW: It's a tale of two former Texas Rangers who leave the South texas town of Lonesome Dove on an epic 2,500 mile cattle drive to the ranch country of Montana.

REVIEW: Whoopi plays a Jamaican domestic (think of Shirley Booth's Hazel with a reggae bias), a soft-spoken know-it-all who works for insufferable Maryland yuppies and their young, impressionable son.

Clean and Sober (1988) 3 stars
125 min, R, Color
Cast: Michael Keaton, Kathy Baker, Morgan Freeman, M. Emmet Walsh
REVIEW: A young hustler enrolls in a drug rehabilitation program in order to duck out of sight for a while, refusing to admit to himself that he's an addict, too.

Conversation Piece (1977) 2 stars
122 min, R, Color
Cast: Burt Lancaster, Silvana Mangano, Helmut Berger
REVIEW: Ponderous story of aging, aloof professor Lancaster who becomes involved with matron Mangano's hedonistic children and her young lover, Berger.

Cool Hand Luke (1967) 3.5 stars
126 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Paul Newman, George Kennedy, J.D. Cannon, Lou Antonio
REVIEW: Modern slant on prison campsr, with memorably funny egg-eating contest.

Crimes of the Heart (1986) 2.5 stars
105 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Diane Keaton, Jessica Lange, Sissy Spacek, Sam Shepard
REVIEW: Three Southern sisters, who are equally off-center, share their various woes and idiosyncrasies (along with pent-up jealousies and resentments) during a fateful reunion.

CrissCross (1992) 2 stars
100 min, R, Color
Cast: Goldie Hawn, Arliss Howard, James Gammon, David Arnett
REVIEW: A 12-year-old boy lives with his mom, trying to survive since his Dad (a messed-up Vietnam vet) deserted them three years ago.

Crush, The (1993) 1.5 stars
89 min, R, Color
Cast: Cary Elwes, Alicia Silverstone, Jennifer Rubin, Amber Benson
REVIEW: Ridiculous thriller about a thick-witted, twentysomething journalist (Elwes) who becomes the target of a pretty, obsessive fourteen-year-old Lolita (Silverstone).

Cry in the Dark, A (1988) 3.5 stars
121 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Meryl Streep, Sam Neill, Bruce Myles, Charles Tingwell
REVIEW: Astonishing true story of Lindy Chamberlin, an Australian woman accused of murdering her baby, despite her claims that the child was carried off by a dingo (wild dog).

Cutting Edge, The (1992) 2.5 stars
101 min, PG, Color
Cast: D.B. Sweeney, Moira Kelly, Roy Cast: D.B. Sweeney, Moira Kelly, Roy
REVIEW: Bitchy ice skater Kelly is paired with banged-up hockey player Sweeney in a last-ditch attempt to score an Olympic gold medal in paired figure skating.

Dancers (1987) 1.5 stars
99 min, PG, Color
Cast: Mikhail Baryshnikov, Alessandra Ferri, Leslie Browne, Thomas Rall
REVIEW: Trite, inexplicably bad movie about a ballet star/othario (Baryshnikov, ideally cast) who's rehearsing a screen version of "Giselle," and becomes infatuated with an innocent young dancer.

Dead Again (1991) 2.5 stars
107 min, R, Color
Cast: Kenneth Branagh, Andy Garcia, Derek Jacobi, Hanna Schygulla
REVIEW: Unusually constructed film noir thriller about an L.A. gumshoe who tries to help a woman with amnesia, and finds they are both connected, in a strange twist of reincarnation, to a notorious forty-year-old murder.

Dead Calm (1989) 3 stars
96 min, R, Color
Cast: Sam Neill, Nicole Kidman, Billy Zane
REVIEW: A married couple, recovering from a family tragedy by spending some time on their yacht at sea, pick up a stranger who proceeds to terrorize them.

Dead Poets Society (1989) 3 stars
128 min, PG, Color
Cast: Robin Williams, Robert Sean, Leonard Ethan Hawke, Josh Charles
REVIEW: Williams is a charismatic English teacher at a staid New England prep school in 1959, whose insistence that each boy "seize the day" inspires his impressionable students, not always in the right direction.

Dead Ringers (1988) 2.5 stars
115 min, R, Color
Cast: Jeremy Irons, Genevieve Bujold, Heidi von Palleske, Barbara Gordon
REVIEW: Fascinating but extremely unpleasant story of twin gynecologists who share each other's lives and lovers.

Death of a Salesman (1985)
150 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Dustin Hoffman, Kate Reid, John Malkovich, Stephen Lang
REVIEW: Stunning remounting of Hoffman's Broadway revival of the classic Arthur Miller play with most of the cast from that 1984 production.

Deception (1946) 3.5 stars
112 min, NONE, B & W
Cast: Bette Davis, Claude Rains, Paul Henreid, John Abbott
REVIEW: Acting d'el de force by Davis and Rains as pianist and her jealous benefactor, with Henreid overshadowed by star duo.

Dirty Dancing (1987) 2.5 stars
97 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze, Jerry Orbach, Cynthia Rhodes
REVIEW: Superficial but audience-pleasing tale of spoiled teenage girl who learns something about real life, as well as a thing or two about dancing, during family vacation at a Catskills, N.Y., resort hotel in the early 1960s.

Doctor Zhivago (1965) 3.5 stars
180 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Omar Sharif, Julie Christie, Geraldine Chaplin, Tom Courtenay
REVIEW: Sharif is charismatic as Russian poet/doctor Zhivago, an orphan who later marries aristocratic Chaplin but falls in love with politicized nurse Christie.

Doctor, The (1991) 3 stars
125 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Charlie Korsmo, Wendy Crewson, Bill Macy, William Hurt
REVIEW: Successful surgeon is diagnosed with throat cancer—and for the first time in his career, learns what it's like to be a patient at the mercy of cold-blooded doctors and a bureaucratic hospital.

Dog Day Afternoon (1975) 3.5 stars
130 min, R, Color
Cast: Al Pacino, John Cazale, Charles Durning, James Broderick
REVIEW: Incredible-but-true story of a loser (Pacino) who holds up a Brooklyn bank to raise money for his lover's sex-change operation, and sees simple heist snowball into a citywide incident.

Dreamscape (1984) 3 stars
99 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Dennis Quaid, Max von Sydow, Christopher Plummer, Eddie Albert
REVIEW: Quaid finds he can physically enter other people's dreams in this entertaining yarn; science-fantasy elements more successful than political intrigue subplot.

Every Time We Say Goodbye (1986) 2.5 stars
95 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Tom Hanks, Cristina Marsillach, Benedict Taylor, Anat Atzmon
REVIEW: Romance about an American flyer who falls for a Sephardic Jew (Marsillach) in WW2 Jerusalem.

Everybody's All-American (1988) 3 stars
127 min, R, Color
Cast: Jessica Lange, Dennis Quaid, Timothy Hutton, John Goodman
REVIEW: The twenty-five-year saga of a college football hero and his homecoming queen, who find a rocky road living happily ever after.

Extremities (1986) 1.5 stars
137 min, R, Color
Cast: Farrah Fawcett, James Russo, Diana Scarwid, Alfre Woodard
REVIEW: A woman is victimized by a taunting rapist in her own home but manages to turn the tables and trap him.

Falcon and the Snowman, The (1985) 2.5 stars
131 min, R, Color
Cast: Timothy Hutton, Sean Penn, David Suchet, Lori Singer
REVIEW: True story, based on Robert Lindsay's book about two young men from affluent families who decide to sell government secrets to the Russians.

Falling Down (1993) 2.5 stars
115 min, R, Color
Cast: Michael Douglas, Robert Duvall, Barbara Hershey, Frederic Forrest
REVIEW: Nerdy Douglas blows his cool one morning, abandons his car in freeway traffic, and starts wandering L.A. on an increasingly violent odyssey, while Duvall, his last day before retiring from the police force, sniffs him out.

Fat Man and Little Boy (1989) 3 stars
126 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Paul Newman, Dwight Schultz, Bonnie Bedelia, John Cusack
REVIEW: Arresting film about the development of the atomic bomb.

Few Good Men, A (1992) 3 stars
138 min, R, Color
Cast: Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson, Demi Moore, Kevin Bacon
REVIEW: Aaron Sorkin's powerful one-set play is effectively expanded for movie retelling, as a slick young Navy lawyer (Cruise) is driven to investigate the case of two Marines who killed a compatriot.

Field of Dreams (1989) 3.5 stars
106 min, PG, Color
Cast: Kevin Costner, Amy Madigan, Gaby Hoffman, Ray Liotta
REVIEW: Costner plays a novice farmer in Iowa who hears "a voice" that inspires him to build a baseball diamond on his property.

Field, The (1990) 2 stars
107 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Richard Harris, John Hurt, Tom Berenger, Sean Bean
REVIEW: Ireland, the 1930s: a bull of a man who's nurtured a rented field into a prime piece of land nearly goes crazy when the widow who owns it decides to sell it at auction.

Final Analysis (1992) 2.5 stars
125 min, R, Color
Cast: Richard Gere, Kim Basinger, Uma Thurman, Eric Roberts
REVIEW: Stylish, sexy thriller about a San Francisco psychiatrist who becomes involved with a patient's unhappily married sister, only to find himself enmeshed in an elaborate Hitchcockian web of murder and duplicity.

Fire in the Sky (1993) 2 stars
107 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: D.B. Sweeney, Robert Patrick, Craig Sheffer, Peter Berg
REVIEW: Failed sci-fi outing, allegedly based on fact, with Sweeney cast as Travis Wilson, a man who mysteriously disappeared for five days, during which time he supposedly was taken prisoner by extraterrestrials.

Fisher King, The (1991) 3 stars
89 min, R, Color
Cast: Robin Williams, Jeff Bridges, Amanda Plummer, Mercedes Ruehl
REVIEW: Expansive, emotional fable of a smart-aleck, self-absorbed radio personality driven into a deep funk by an unexpected tragedy, and his unlikely rescue by a strange street vigilante who's in desperate need of rescue himself.

Flatliners (1990) 2.5 stars
105 min, R, Color
Cast: Kiefer Sutherland, Julia Roberts, Kevin Bacon, William Baldwin
REVIEW: Offbeat but sophomoric supernatural drama (with touches of horror and humor) about medical students experimenting with life after death.

Frankie and Johnny (1991) 3 stars
118 min, R, Color
Cast: Al Pacino, Michelle Pfeiffer, Hector Elizondo, Nathan Lane
REVIEW: Pacino plays a man recently released from prison who gets a job as a short-order cook and falls in love with a waitress who tries to keep all social contact at arm's length.

Frantic (1988) 2.5 stars
120 min, R, Color
Cast: Harrison Ford, Emmanuelle Seigner, Betty Buckley, John Mahoney
REVIEW: American doctor is drawn into espionage, and the underworld, when his wife disappears on the first day of their trip to Paris.

Fresh Horses (1988) 2.5 stars
105 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Molly Ringwald, Andrew McCarthy, Patti D'Arbanville
REVIEW: Collegian McCarthy, engaged to a wealthy dillard, falls for Ringwald's underage no-no, a semi-shantytump who lives across the river from his Cincinnati campus.

Gardens of Stone (1987) 2.5 stars
111 min, R, Color
Cast: James Caan, Anjelica Huston, James Earl Jones, D.B. Sweeney
REVIEW: Well-acted story about life in Arlington National Cemetery's home guard during the thick of the Vietnam war, and one young soldier's determination to go into battle.

Gathering, The (1977)
92 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Edward Asner, Maureen Stapleton, Lawrence Pressman
REVIEW: Sentimental Emmy-winning Christmas drama of a man who seeks to reunite his shattered family for one final celebration before he dies.

Ghost (1990) 3 stars
'22 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore, Whoopi Goldberg, Tony Goldwyn
REVIEW: Swayze is killed, and when he learns (in his ghostly state) that he was the victim of a botched hit, he tries to warn his grieving girlfriend that she's in danger too.

Gideon's Trumpet (1980)
104 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Henry Fonda, Jose Ferrer, John Houseman, Fay Wray
REVIEW: Fonda is superb in the true story of a semiliterate Florida convict who changed the course of American legal history.

Give 'em Hell, Harry! (1975) 3 stars
102 min, PG, Color
Cast: James Whitmor
REVIEW: Straight reproduction of Whitmore's one-man stage triumph as Harry Truman, covering high points in both the political and personal life of our 33rd President.

Gladiator (1992) 1.5 stars
98 min, R, Color
Cast: Cuba Gooding Jr., James Marshall, Robert Loggia, Ossie Davis
REVIEW: Pubescent ROCKY wannabe about a tough Chicago teenager who becomes involved in the tawdry underground boxing scene.

Glass Menagerie, The (1987) 3 stars
134 min, PG, Color
Cast: Joanne Woodward, John Malkovich, Karen Allen
REVIEW: Respectable, well-made version of Tennessee Williams' now legendary play, with Woodward fine as Amanda Wingfield and Malkovich superb as son Tom.

Gorillas in the Mist (1988) 3 stars
129 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Sigourney Weaver, Bryan Brown, Julie Harris
REVIEW: Absorbing drama based on the life of Dian Fossey, who journeyed to Africa in 1967 and, with no prior experience, set out to document the vanishing breed of mountain gorillas for National Geographic.

Gorky Park (1983) 3 stars
128 min, R, Color
Cast: William Hurt, Lee Marvin, Brian Dennehy, Ian Bannen
REVIEW: Absorbing murder mystery set in Russia, where police investigator Hurt doggedly pursues the case of three bodies buried in Gorky Park.

Grand Canyon (1991) 2 stars
134 min, R, Color
Cast: Danny Glover, Kevin Kline, Steve Martin, Mary McDonnell
REVIEW: Rumination on why and how Life is Lousy, especially in L.A., as a handful of disparate lives intersect.

Age of Innocence, The (1993) 2 stars
133 min, PG, Color
Cast: Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer, Winona Ryder
REVIEW: In 1870s N.Y. society, well-bred young man (Day-Lewis), engaged to marry well-bred young woman (Ryder), is smitten by notorious beauty with a somewhat scandalous background and an independent spirit (Pfeiffer).

Agnes of God (1985) 3.5 stars
98 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Jane Fonda, Anne Bancroft, Meg Tilly, Anne Pitoniak
REVIEW: A young nun apparently became pregnant and murdered her own baby in the cloistered atmosphere of a convent, but court-appointed psychiatrist Fonda finds no easy explanations.

All the President's Men (1976) 4 stars
138 min, PG, Color
Cast: Robert Redford, Dustin Hoffman, Jason Robards
REVIEW: Redford and Hoffman play real-life Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, who persevered in their investigation of Watergate break-in that led to earthshaking scandal.

Amadeus (1984) 2.5 stars
158 min, PG, Color
Cast: F. Murray Abraham, Tom Hulce, Elizabeth Berridge, Simon Callow
REVIEW: Abraham won well-deserved Oscar as composer Salieri, whose music never surpasses mediocrity, while a hedonistic young boor named Mozart expresses musical genius almost without trying!

An Innocent Man (1989) 2 stars
113 min, R, Color
Cast: Tom Selleck, F. Murray Abraham, Laila Robins, David Rasche
REVIEW: Happily married airline mechanic is mistaken for a drug contact by a pair of on-the-take cops who've burst into his home.

An Officer and a Gentleman (1982) 2.5 stars
125 min, R, Color
Cast: Richard Gere, Debra Winger, David Keith, Louis Gossett Jr.
REVIEW: Two misfits seek direction in their dead-end lives, he by enrolling in Naval Officer Candidate School, she by trying to snag him as a husband.

An Unremarkable Life (1989) 1.5 stars
92 min, PG, Color
Cast: Patricia Neal, Shelley Winters, Rochelle Oliver, Charles Dutton
REVIEW: A story about two aging, very different sisters who live under the same roof and share memories and disagreements.

Angel Heart (1987) 2.5 stars
113 min, R, Color
Cast: Mickey Rourke, Robert De Niro, Lisa Bonet, Charlotte Rampling
REVIEW: Two-bit private eye Rourke is hired by mysterious De Niro to track down a missing man, which leads him into a serpentine investigation, and a kind of emotional quicksand.

Angels With Dirty Faces (1938) 3.5 stars
97 min, NONE, B & W
Cast: James Cagney, Pat O'Brien, Humphrey Bogart, Ann Sheridan

REVIEW: Superior cast in archetypal tale of two playmates; one (Cagney) becomes a gangster, the other (O'Brien) a priest.

Anna Karenina (1935) 4 stars
95 min, ing, Black
Cast: Greta Garbo, Fredric March, Freddie Bartholomew
REVIEW: Tolstoy's tragic love chronicle makes excellent Garbo vehicle, with fine support from March as her lover, Rathbone her husband, and Bartholomew, her adoring son.

Article 99 (1992) 2.5 stars
99 min, R, Color
Cast: Jeffrey Tambor, Rutanya Alda, Ray Liotta, Kiefer Sutherland
REVIEW: Heartfelt expose of Veterans' Administration hospital abuse, focusing on spunky surgeon Liotta and his compatriots, who try to thwart the bureaucracy.

Avalon (1990) 3 stars
126 min, PG, Color
Cast: Aiden Quinn, Elizabeth Perkins, Armin Mueller-Stahl, Joan Plowright
REVIEW: Deeply felt, personal story by writer-director Levinson of an immigrant's life and times in Baltimore, and the changes the years bring to his large and boisterous family.

Awakenings (1990) 3.5 stars
121 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Robert De Niro, Robin Williams, Julie Kavner, Ruth Nelson
REVIEW: Powerfully affecting true-life story of a painfully shy research doctor who takes a job at a Bronx hospital's chronic care ward in 1969 and discovers that his comatose patients still have life inside them.

Babe, The (1992) 3 stars
115 min, PG, Color
Cast: John Goodman, Kelly McGillis, Trini Alvarado, Bruce Boxleitner
REVIEW: Agreeably sentimental, old-fashioned bio of the great Babe Ruth is largely a vehicle for Goodman, who's terrific in the lead.

Bad Influence (1990) 2.5 stars
99 min, R, Color
Cast: Rob Lowe, James Spader, Lisa Zane, Christian Clemenson
REVIEW: Spader befriends Lowe after the latter gets him out of a tense barroom confrontation, then finds this psychopathic leech calling the shots in his romantic and professional life.

Barbary Coast (1935) 3.5 stars
90 min, NONE, B & W
Cast: Miriam Hopkins, Edward G. Robinson, Joel McCrea
REVIEW: Lusty tale of San Francisco in the late 19th century with dance-hall queen Hopkins running head-on into big-shot Robinson.

Barton Fink (1991) 2.5 stars
117 min, R, Color
Cast: John Turturro, John Goodman, Judy Davis, Michael Lerner
REVIEW: Self-important N.Y. playwright Turturro comes to Hollywood in 1941 to write a screenplay, and finds it a living hell, in more ways than one.

Beaches (1988) 2.5 stars
123 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Bette Midler, Barbara Hershey, John Heard, Spalding Gray
REVIEW: Bittersweet saga of a thirty-year friendship that begins when two girls, one rich and pampered, the other poor and driven to show-biz success, meet on the beach at Atlantic City.

Beauty and the Beast (1988) 4 stars
100 min, PG, Color
Cast: Linda Hamilton, Ron Perlman, Roy Dotrice, Jay Acovone
REVIEW: Beneath the city of New York is a secret universe of crystal labyrinths, tunnels and firelit rooms. From within this mysterious realm emerges a contemporary fable for all time.

Being Human (1994) 2 stars
122 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Robin Williams, John Turturro, Anna Galiena, Vincent D'Onofrio
REVIEW: Queer duck of a movie with Williams as five different men, through five periods of time (spanning 10,000 years), who are cosmically related.

Belly of an Architect, The (1987) 2.5 stars
108 min, R, Color
Cast: Brian Dennehy, Chloe Webb, Lambert Wilson, Sergio Fantoni
REVIEW: Highly personalized chronicle of an architect (Dennehy) and his wife (Webb), who arrive in Rome where he's to curate an exhibition.

Big Easy, The (1987) 3 stars
108 min, R, Color
Cast: Dennis Quaid, Ellen Barkin, Ned Beatty, John Goodman
REVIEW: Highly original crime yarn with steamy romance and unique New Orleans atmosphere neatly folded in.

Billy Bathgate (1991) 2.5 stars
106 min, R, Color
Cast: Dustin Hoffman, Nicole Kidman, Loren Dean, Bruce Willis
REVIEW: Absorbing, exceptionally good-looking adaptation of E.L. Doctorow's fanciful novel about young man who hooks up with gangster Dutch Schultz in the waning days of his crime career in the 1930s.

Birdy (1984) 3.5 stars
120 min, R, Color
Cast: Matthew Modine, Nicolas Cage, John Harkins, Sandy Baron
REVIEW: Cage, reunited with schizophrenically silent Modine in an army hospital, flashes back to their adolescence in working-class Philadelphia and on Modine's lifelong desire to be a bird.

Blaze (1989) 2.5 stars
119 min, R, Color
Cast: Paul Newman, Lolita Davidovich, Jerry Hardin, Gailard Sartain
REVIEW: Newman gives a flashy, uninhibited performance as Earl Long, the flamboyant governor of Louisiana in the 1950s who fell headlong in love with stripper Blaze Starr.

Body Heat (1981) 3 stars
113 min, R, Color
Cast: William Hurt, Kathleen Turner, Richard Crenna, Ted Danson
REVIEW: Hurt is a Florida lawyer whose brains work at half speed. Turner is a married socialite who turns on the heat and inspires him to bump off her husband.

Body of Evidence (1993) 2 stars
99 min, R, Color
Cast: Madonna, Willem Dafoe, Joe Mantegna, Anne Archer
REVIEW: Lawyer Dafoe, the kind of guy you don't want handling your case, falls under the spell of his client (Madonna), who's accused of killing her wealthy lover with too much rough sex.

Born Again (1978) 1.5 stars
110 min, PG, Color
Cast: Dean Jones, Anne Francis, Jay Robinson, Dana Andrews
REVIEW: If one is inspired by the religious rebirth of Pres. Nixon's Special Counsel (Charles Colson) after his Washington skullduggery, one might be absorbed by this one-dimensional film account.

Born on the Fourth of July (1989) 3.5 stars
144 min, R, Color
Cast: Tom Cruise, Willem Dafoe, Raymond J. Barry, Caroline Kava
REVIEW: Powerful saga of real-life Vietnam vet Ron Kovic, who joined the Marines as a gung-ho recruit in the 1960s and came home paralyzed.

Bright Lights, Big City (1988) 2.5 stars
110 min, R, Color
Cast: Michael J. Fox, Kiefer Sutherland, Phoebe Cates
REVIEW: Fox gives a good performance as the young Midwesterner whose life has started coming apart at the seams in N.Y.C., where he gets caught up in an endless cycle of drugs and nightlife.

Bugsy (1991) 3 stars
135 min, R, Color
Cast: Warren Beatty, Annette Bening, Harvey Keitel, Ben Kingsley
REVIEW: Beatty gives the most forceful performance of his career as Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, the fabled crackpot gangster who helped build Las Vegas.

Bull Durham (1988) 3 stars
108 min, R, Color
Cast: Kevin Costner, Susan Sarandon, Tim Robbins, Trey Wilson
REVIEW: Smart, sassy film about minor-league North Carolina baseball team and its attentive, intelligent groupie (Sarandon) who feels it is her mission to live with one young player per season and help him mature.

Buster Keaton : A Hard Act to Follow 3 stars
52 min, NONE, B & W
Cast: Buster Keaton
REVIEW: Includes rare footage and scenes from The Butcher Boy (1917), One Week (1920), The Playhouse (1921), Sherlock Jr. (1924), Our Hospitality (1923) and The Navigator (1924).

By Dawn's Early Light (1990) 100 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Powers Boothe, Rebecca De Mornay, James Earl Jones
REVIEW: Cold War thriller (one of the last) about the political and military debate as the button is about to be pushed initiating nuclear war.

Camelot (1967) 1.5 stars
178 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Richard Harris, Vanessa Redgrave, Franco Nero
REVIEW: Film version of Lerner-Loewe musical.

Candidate, The (1972) 3 stars
109 min, PG, Color
Cast: Robert Redford, Peter Boyle, Don Porter, Allen Garfield
REVIEW: Keen-eyed political satire doesn't stray far from reality.

Carny (1980) 3 stars
107 min, R, Color
Cast: Gary Busey, Jodie Foster, Robbie Robertson, Meg Foster

REVIEW: Striking, atmospheric film about a symbiotic pair of carnival hustlers and the teenage runaway who joins them on the road.

Caroline? (1990)
100 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Stephanie Zimbalist, Pamela Reed, George Grizzard, Patricia Neal
REVIEW: Tense suspense about a woman, long presumed dead, returning to claim the family inheritance, though there are doubts about her identity.

Castaway (1987) 2.5 stars
117 min, R, Color
Cast: Oliver Reed, Amanda Donohoe, Tony Rickards, Todd Rippon
REVIEW: Scruffy Reed advertises for a "wife" to join him for a year on a desert island; Donohoe is the incongruously wavvooomish adventure seeker who answers it.

Cemetery Club, The (1992) 2.5 stars
129 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Ellen Burstyn, Olympia Dukakis, Diane Ladd, Danny Aiello
REVIEW: The friendship of three women (all Jewish), is underscored by the loss of their husbands, until one of them enters into a tentative relationship with a man.

Champ, The (1931) 3.5 stars
87 min, NONE, B & W
Cast: Wallace Beery, Jackie Cooper, Irene Rich, Roscoe Ates
REVIEW: Superb tearjerker about a washed-up prizefighter and his adoring son, played to perfection by Beery and Cooper (in the first of their several teamings).

Chariots of Fire (1981) 3.5 stars
123 min, PG, Color
Cast: Ben Cross, Ian Charleson, Nigel Havers, Nick Farrell
REVIEW: Absorbing and unusual drama based on true story of two men, devout Scottish missionary Eric Liddell, driven Jewish Cambridge student Harold Abrahams, who run in the 1924 Olympics.

Children of a Lesser God (1986) 3 stars
110 min, R, Color
Cast: William Hurt, Marlee Matlin, Piper Laurie, Philip Bosco
REVIEW: New teacher at school for the deaf is intrigued by an obviously intelligent but isolated young woman who works there as a janitor.

Christopher Columbus the Discovery (1992) 1 star
120 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Marlon Brando, Tom Selleck, Georges Corraface, Rachel Ward
REVIEW: "In nineteen-hundred-and-ninety-two, Columbus sailed the ocean blue. Brando has a cameo as Spanish Inquisitor Tomas de Torquemada, while Selleck dresses up as King Ferdinand.

City of Joy (1992) 2.5 stars
134 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Patrick Swayze, Pauline Collins, Om Puri, Shabana Azmi
REVIEW: Aimless, cynical American surgeon Swayze, living in Calcutta, "finds" himself after becoming involved with a health clinic for the poor, taking on the local mafia, and befriending hardworking but poverty-stricken Puri.

Clara's Heart (1988) 1.5 stars
108 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Whoopi Goldberg, Michael Ontkean, Kathleen Quinlan

Lonesome Dove parts 3 and 4 (1991) 3 stars
3 hours, NONE, Color
Cast: Robert Duvall, Tommy Lee Jones, Danny Glover, Diane Lane
REVIEW: It's a tale of two former Texas Rangers who leave the South texas town of Lonesome Dove on an epic 2,500 mile cattle drive to the ranch country of Montana.

Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome (1985) 2.5 stars
106 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Mel Gibson, Tina Turner, Angelo Rossitto, Helen Buday
REVIEW: In the desolate future Mad Max comes upon Turner's cutthroat city of Bartertown, survives a battle-to-the-death in Roman-style Thunderdome arena, and is exiled to the desert, where he's rescued by tribe of wild children.

Man Who Would Be King, The (1975) 3.5 stars
129 min, PG, Color
Cast: Sean Connery, Michael Caine, Christopher Plummer, Saeed Jaffrey
REVIEW: Old-fashioned adventure and derring-do from Kipling via Huston: two British soldier-pals try to bamboozle high priests of remote Kafiristan into turning over their riches by convincing them that Connery is a god.

Marciano (1979)
100 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Tony Lo Bianco, Belinda J. Montgomery, Vincent Gardenia
REVIEW: The story of heavy-weight champ Rocky Marciano—the only fighter to retire from the ring undefeated with a perfect record.

Max Headrom (1985) 3.5 stars
60 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: The Future: Tv is the only growth industry, with networks grappling with one another in an unrelenting ratings battle.

Memphis Belle (1990) 2 stars
101 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Matthew Modine, Eric Stoltz, Tate Donovan, D.B. Sweeney
REVIEW: An exciting fictional reenactment of the famous B-17's final bombing raid over Germany during WW2.

Millennium (1989) 2 stars
108 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Kris Kristofferson, Cheryl Ladd, Robert Joy, Daniel J. Travanti
REVIEW: Intriguing premise features time travelers from the future kidnapping doomed passengers from crashing airliners; suspicious crash investigator Kristofferson becomes involved with Ladd, one of the time travelers.

Mosquito Coast, The (1986) 3.5 stars
117 min, PG, Color
Cast: Harrison Ford, Helen Mirren, River Phoenix, Jaden Steele
REVIEW: Utterly compelling, novelistic saga of iconoclastic inventor and idealist who moves his family to remote village in Central America where he creates an incredible utopia and proceeds to play God.

Mutiny on the Bounty (1935) 4 stars
132 min, NONE, B & W
Cast: Charles Laughton, Clark Gable, Franchot Tone, Herbert Mundin
REVIEW: Storytelling at its best, in this engrossing adaptation of the Nordhoff-Hall book about mutiny

against tyrannical Captain Bligh (Laughton) on voyage to the South Seas.

Narrow Margin (1990) 2.5 stars
97 min, R, Color
Cast: Gene Hackman, Anne Archer, James B. Sicking, J.T. Walsh
REVIEW: Hackman is superb as a cop who accompanies murder witness Archer on an eventful train ride through the Canadian Rockies, pursued by henchmen of the gangster who set up the killing she saw.

Never Say Never Again (1983) 2.5 stars
137 min, PG, Color
Cast: Sean Connery, Klaus Maria Brandauer, Max von Sydow
REVIEW: Connery's stylish performance and self-deprecating humor make his return performance as James Bond (after twelve years) a real treat.

New Jack City (1991) 2 stars
97 min, R, Color
Cast: Wesley Snipes, Ice T, Allen Payne, Chris Rock
REVIEW: N.Y.C. police detective hires two maverick ex-cops to bring down a Napoleonic druglord who's made his fortune selling crack.

Next of Kin (1989) 1.5 stars
108 min, R, Color
Cast: Patrick Swayze, Liam Neeson, Adam Baldwin, Helen Hunt
REVIEW: Chicago cop Swayze, of Appalachian descent, takes on Mr. Mob with the help of backwoods brother Neeson.

Nowhere to Run (1993) 1.5 stars
95 min, R, Color
Cast: Jean-Claude Van Damme, Rosanna Arquette, Kieran Culkin
REVIEW: Story of an escaped con who comes to the aid of a widow in distress and her two kids.

One Good Cop (1991) 2 stars
114 min, R, Color
Cast: Michael Keaton, Rene Russo, Anthony LaPaglia, Kevin Conway
REVIEW: Superficial look at dedicated N.Y.C. cop (and happily married man) who, faced with the prospect of fatherhood, is forced to examine his goals and his morality.

Package, The (1989) 2 stars
108 min, R, Color
Cast: Gene Hackman, Joanna Cassidy, Tommy Lee Jones
REVIEW: Slack political paranoia thriller with Hackman as a career Army sergeant who learns he's been used as a pawn in a conspiracy plot engineered by Russian and American military dissidents.

Patriot Games (1992) 3 stars
116 min, R, Color
Cast: Harrison Ford, Anne Archer, Patrick Bergin, Thora Birch
REVIEW: Edge-of-the-seat thriller has ex-CIA agent Jack Ryan (Ford) intervening in a terrorist attack, inspiring an Irish radical (Bean) to swear vengeance on him and his family.

Pelican Brief, The (1993) 4 stars
141 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington, Sam Shepard
REVIEW: Two Supreme Court justices have been murdered and a lone law student turns her suspicions about the deaths into a speculative brief that sends shock waves into the highest levels of government.

Pet Sematary (1989) 1 star
102 min, R, Color
Cast: Dale Midkiff, Fred Gwynne, Denise Crosby, Brad Greenquist
REVIEW: Couple is shocked to discover that danger lurks for their kids just outside a newly purchased rural home.

Pet Sematary II (1992) 1 star
100 min, R, Color
Cast: Edward Furlong, Anthony Edwards, Clancy Brown
REVIEW: The son of an accidentally killed horror-movie actress discovers the pet cemetery that brings the dead back to life, causing the same kind of gore and horror as in the first film.

Platoon (1986) 3.5 stars
120 min, R, Color
Cast: Tom Berenger, Willem Dafoe, Charlie Sheen, Forest Whitaker
REVIEW: Penetrating first-person account of life on the line as a young soldier in the Vietnam War.

Point of No Return (1993) 1.5 stars
109 min, R, Color
Cast: Bridget Fonda, Gabriel Byrne, Dermot Mulroney, Anne Bancroft
REVIEW: Punkish criminal Fonda is recruited by the U.S. government to shoot up a chi-chi Washington restaurant.

Predator (1987) 3 stars
107 min, R, Color
Cast: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Carl Weathers, Elpidia Carrillo, Bill Duke
REVIEW: Schwarzenegger and his super SWAT-team-for-hire are assigned by the U.S. to a delicate rescue mission in South American jungle.

Predator 2 (1990) 2.5 stars
108 min, R, Color
Cast: Danny Glover, Gary Busey, Ruben Blades, Maria Conchita Alonso
REVIEW: Fast-paced sequel, minus Arnold Schwarzenegger. This time, cop Glover and cronies take on the title alien in 1997 L.A.

Presidio, The (1988) 2.5 stars
97 min, R, Color
Cast: Sean Connery, Mark Harmon, Meg Ryan, Jack Warden
REVIEW: San Francisco cop Harmon investigates a murder that took place on local military base, and clashes with an old nemesis, the presidio's chief provost Connery, whose daughter he's attracted to.

Presumed Innocent (1990) 3 stars
127 min, R, Color
Cast: Harrison Ford, Brian Dennehy, Raul Julia, Bonnie Bedelia
REVIEW: Solid, well-cast screen version of Scott Turow's crackling best-seller about a prosecutor assigned to investigate the murder of a sexy assistant prosecutor with whom he'd had an affair.

Princess Bride, The (1987) 2.5 stars
98 min, PG, Color
Cast: Cary Elwes, Mandy Patinkin, Chris Sarandon, Christopher Guest
REVIEW: Revisionist fairy tale/adventure about a beautiful young woman and her one true love, who must find and rescue her after a long separation.

Quigley Down Under (1990) 3 stars
119 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Tom Selleck, Laura San Giacomo, Alan Rickman

REVIEW: Selleck is excellent as a self-assured sharpshooter who travels to Australia to work for despotic land baron Rickman and takes an instant dislike to him, spawning a deadly game of cat-and-mouse in which only one will be left alive.

Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981) 4 stars
115 min, PG, Color
Cast: Harrison Ford, Karen Allen, Wolf Kahler, Paul Freeman
REVIEW: A roller-coaster ride of a movie, rekindling the spirit of Saturday matinee serials but outdoing them for genuine thrills and chills.

Rambo : First Blood (1982) 1.5 stars
97 min, R, Color
Cast: Sylvester Stallone, Richard Crenna, Brian Dennehy, David Carusc
REVIEW: Ex-Green Beret is falsely arrested by smalltown cops, escapes and leads his pursuers into all kinds of booby traps in the "jungles" of the American Northwest.

Rambo III (1988) 2.5 stars
101 min, R, Color
Cast: Sylvester Stallone, Richard Crenna, Marc de Jonge
REVIEW: Here our brawny hero goes behind Russian-dominated battle lines in Afghanistan to rescue his friend and former superior from a prison fortress.

Rambo: First Blood Part II (1985) 2 stars
95 min, R, Color
Cast: Sylvester Stallone, Richard Crenna, Charles Napier, Julia Nickson
REVIEW: Comic-book action saga of one-man army who goes to Cambodia in search of American MIAs and finds he's been duped by Uncle Sam.

Rampage (1992) 2 stars
97 min, R, Color
Cast: Michael Biehn, Alex McArthur, Nicholas Campbell
REVIEW: A prosecutor has to prove that a serial killer's unspeakably heinous crimes were the product of a legally sane mind.

Real McCoy, The (1993) 1 star
106 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Kim Basinger, Val Kilmer, Terence Stamp, Gailard Sartain
REVIEW: Features Basinger cast as a cat burglar/ex-con who wants to go straight, but is forced into pulling off one last heist when her son is kidnapped.

Red Tent, The (1971) 3 stars
121 min, G, Color
Cast: Sean Connery, Claudia Cardinale, Hardy Kruger, Peter Finch
REVIEW: Top-notch adventure saga for kids and adults alike, based on true story of explorer General Noble (Finch) whose 1928 Arctic expedition turns into disaster.

Relentless (1989) 1.5 stars
93 min, R, Color
Cast: Judd Nelson, Robert Loggia, Leo Rossi, Meg Foster
REVIEW: Nelson gives his one memorable performance to date, as a serial killer.

Rescue, The (1988) 1 star
98 min, PG, Color
Cast: Kevin Dillon, Christina Harnos, Marc Price, Ned Vaughan
REVIEW: Dumb, obnoxious actioner featuring the exploits of a group of teens as they attempt to liberate their POW dads, and really do Rambo proud in the process.

Revolution (1985) 1 star
123 min, PG, Color
Cast: Al Pacino, Donald Sutherland, Nastassja Kinski, Joan Plowright
REVIEW: Only a half-dozen or so movies have dealt more than superficially with the Revolutionary War; thanks to this megabomb, it'll be 2776 until we get another one.

Ricochet (1991) 2 stars
97 min, R, Color
Cast: Denzel Washington, John Lithgow, Ice T, Kevin Pollak
REVIEW: Street cop (Washington) becomes a citywide hero when he brings down bad-guy Lithgow, little dreaming that the psycho spends every waking moment in prison planning his revenge.

Right Stuff, The (1983) 3 stars
193 min, PG, Color
Cast: Sam Shepard, Scott Glenn, Ed Harris, Dennis Quaid
REVIEW: Offbeat look at the birth of America's space program and the first astronauts, adapted from Tom Wolfe's best-selling book, and tethered to the story of iconoclastic test pilot Chuck Yeager.

River Pirates, The () 4 stars
108 min, PG, Color
Cast: Richard Farnsworth, Ryan Francis, ennie James, Doug Emerson
REVIEW: Join in the adventure of a lifetime as willie and his friends clash with the notorious river pirates in this thrilling coming of age film.

Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves (1991) 3 stars
138 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Kevin Costner, Morgan Freeman, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, Christian Slater
REVIEW: A Robin Hood for the '90s, light years removed from the romantic vision of Errol Flynn.

Robin and Marian (1976) 2.5 stars
112 min, PG, Color
Cast: Sean Connery, Audrey Hepburn, Robert Shaw, Richard Harris
REVIEW: Middle-aged Robin Hood returns to Sherwood Forest after years in exile, rekindles romance with Maid Marian and faces final challenge against arch-enemy Sheriff of Nottingham.

Robocop 2 (1990) 1.5 stars
118 min, R, Color
Cast: Peter Weller, Nancy Allen, Dan O'Herlihy, Belinda Bauer
REVIEW: Sequel in which coldblooded corporation czar O'Herlihy and drug kingpin Noonan threaten to end Robo's existence.

Rocky (1976) 3.5 stars
119 min, PG, Color
Cast: Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire, Burt Young, Carl Weathers
REVIEW: This story of a two-bit fighter who gets his "million-to-one shot" for fame, and self-respect, in a championship bout is impossible to dislike, even though it's just an old B-movie brought up to date.

Rocky IV (1985) 2.5 stars
91 min, PG, Color
Cast: Sylvester Stallone, Dolph Lundgren, Carl Weathers, Talia Shire
REVIEW: Totally artificial (and unnecessary) sequel has Rocky doin' what a man's gotta do, avenging a friend's demise and fighting for the U.S.A. against a superhuman Russian champ.

Rocky V (1990) 2 stars
104 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire, Burt Young, Sage Stallone
REVIEW: The one-time champ has hit rock bottom. He trains a young boxer who turns ingrate, and in spite of his own brain damage (from the fight in ROCKY IV) is willing to risk everything on another bout.

Sacketts, The (1979)
200 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Sam Elliott, Tom Selleck, Jeff Osterhage, Glenn Ford
REVIEW: Rambling sagebrush saga taken from two Louis L'Amour novels following the fortunes of the three Sackett Brothers in the post-Civil War west.

Shadow Hunter (1992) 3 stars
96 min, R, Color
Cast: Scott Glenn, Angela Alvarado, Robert Beltran, Benjamin Bratt
REVIEW: John Cain, a big-city cop who journeys deep into the heart of Navajo darkness to catch a brutal killer in this contemporary Western thriller.

Shadow of the Wolf (1993) 2 stars
112 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Lou Diamond Phillips, Toshiro Mifune, Jennifer Tilly
REVIEW: Overwrought adventure epic set in the Arctic, in which a murder sets the stage for an Eskimo couple's battle against the overwhelming odds of nature and fate.

Shipwrecked (1990) 3 stars
91 min, PG, Color
Cast: Stian Smestad, Gabriel Byrne, Louisa Haigh, Trond Munch
REVIEW: Young Smestad signs on a South Seas voyage as cabin boy; just before pirate/passenger Byrne is about to take over the ship, a hurricane strands the lad on the very island where Byrne's treasure booty is hidden.

Sneakers (1992) 2.5 stars
126 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Robert Redford, Dan Aykroyd, Ben Kingsley, Mary McDonnell
REVIEW: High-tech caper yarn (cowritten by the team that brought you WARGAMES) about an offbeat security team that takes on a dangerous assignment to steal a "black box" containing volatile security secrets.

Speed (1994) 3.5 stars
116 min, R, Color
Cast: Keanu Reeves, Dennis Hopper, Sandra Bullock, Jeff Daniels
REVIEW: Incredibly kinetic, supercharged action yarn about an elite SWAT-team cop (Reeves) who's targeted by a psycho/mastermind (Hopper), and led onto an L.A. city bus that's triggered to explode.

Star Trek : The Motion Picture (1979) 2.5 stars
132 min, G, Color
Cast: William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, DeForest Kelley
REVIEW: The crew of the Enterprise is reunited to combat a lethal force field headed toward Earth.

Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan (1982) 3 stars
113 min, PG, Color
Cast: William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, DeForest Kelley
REVIEW: Kirk and the Enterprise crew must do battle with the nefarious villain of 1967's "Space Seed" episode.

Star Trek III: The Search for Spock (1984) 3 stars
105 min, PG, Color
Cast: William Shatner, DeForest Kelley, James Doohan, George Takei
REVIEW: Picking up where #2 left off, Kirk reassembles his crew and shanghais the Enterprise to try and rescue Spock.

Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home (1986) 3.5 stars
119 min, PG, Color
Cast: William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, DeForest Kelley
REVIEW: The Enterprise crew takes a sharp left turn toward comedy in this uncharacteristic, and very entertaining, movie.

Star Trek V: The Final Frontier (1989) 2 stars
106 min, PG, Color
Cast: William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, DeForest Kelley
REVIEW: The Enterprise crew takes off on an emergency mission when an apparent madman takes over a distant planet and holds its interstellar ambassadors hostage; his motives, however, turn out to be anything but terrorist.

Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country (1991) 3 stars
109 min, PG, Color
Cast: William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, DeForest Kelley
REVIEW: The Enterprise crew (on what was purported to be its last voyage) is assigned to negotiate truce with Klingon leader, only to fall prey to a trap set by one of his renegade cohorts.

Star Wars (1977) 3.5 stars
121 min, PG, Color
Cast: Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Peter Cushing
REVIEW: Elaborate, imaginative update of Flash Gordon incredibly became one of the most popular films of all time.

Star Wars : Return of the Jedi (1983) 3.5 stars
133 min, PG, Color
Cast: Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Billy Dee Williams
REVIEW: Third installment in the STAR WARS saga is a sheer delight, following the destiny of Luke Skywalker as his comrades reunite to combat a powerful Deathstar.

Star Wars : The Empire Strikes Back (1980) 4 stars
124 min, PG, Color
Cast: Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Billy Dee Williams
REVIEW: Smashing sequel to STAR WARS manages to top the original in its embellishment of leading characters' personalities, truly dazzling special effects (which earned a special Oscar) and nonstop spirit of adventure and excitement.

Street Knight (1993) 3 stars
93 min, R, Color
Cast: Jeff Speakman, Christopher Neame
REVIEW: An ex-cop finds himself back fighting crime on the streets of Los Angeles, when he agrees to help find a missing teenage gang member.

Striking Distance (1993) 2 stars
101 min, R, Color
Cast: Bruce Willis, Sarah Jessica Parker, Dennis Farina, Tom Sizemore
REVIEW: Thriller about maverick Pittsburgh river cop Willis, who bucks

the status quo within his department, and becomes a pawn in a case involving a serial killer.

Tequila Sunrise (1988) 2.5 stars
116 min, R, Color
Cast: Mel Gibson, Michelle Pfeiffer, Kurt Russell, Raul Julia
REVIEW: Lifelong friends, one a supposedly retired drug dealer, the other a fast-rising L.A. cop, are forced to confront each other, both in business and in vying for the affections of a sleek restaurant owner.

Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991) 2.5 stars
136 min, R, Color
Cast: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton, Edward Furlong
REVIEW: The cyborg from the future returns, this time to protect the soon-to-be savior of humanity from destruction by a rival terminator.

There Was a Crooked Man (1970) 3.5 stars
125 min, R, Color
Cast: Kirk Douglas, Henry Fonda, Hume Cronyn, Warren Oates
REVIEW: Bawdy, entertaining film with Douglas as cocky inmate at territorial prison circa 1883 who matches wits with progressive warden Fonda towards one goal: escape.

Thief (1981) 3 stars
122 min, R, Color
Cast: James Caan, Tuesday Weld, Willie Nelson, James Belushi
REVIEW: Arresting drama about a professional thief, inventively realized by writer-director Mann.

Three Musketeers, The (1993) 3 stars
105 min, PG, Color
Cast: Charlie Sheen, Kiefer Sutherland, Chris O'Donnell
REVIEW: Once again, D'Artagnan (O'Donnell) and the Three Musketeers (Sutherland, Sheen, and Platt) meet for the first time, and cross swords with the lackeys of scheming Cardinal Richelieu.

Thunder Warrior (1985) 2 stars
84 min, R, Color
REVIEW: After a long absence, a young Indian named warrior returns to his native village to marry his childhood sweetheart. Things have changed for the worst. They gave him hate, He gave them HELL.

Thunderheart (1992) 3 stars
118 min, R, Color
Cast: David Crosby, Val Kilmer, Sam Shepard, Graham Greene
REVIEW: Part-Sioux FBI agent Kilmer is awakened to his heritage when he's assigned to investigate a murder on an Oglala Sioux reservation.

Time Stalkers (1986) 3.5 stars
96 min, PG, Color
Cast: William Devane, Lauren Hutton, John Ratenberger, Foireest Tucker
REVIEW: Prof. Scott McKenzie (Devane) is an avid fan of the American Frontier era. So he's immediatly curious when he finds evidence indicating a person from the 1980's walked among the people of a small Arizona Town a centruy earlier.

Top Gun (1986) 2.5 stars
110 min, PG, Color
Cast: Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis, Val Kilmer, Anthony Edwards
REVIEW: Young studs vie for glory, on the ground and in the air, at elite naval aviation training school.

Tora! Tora! Tora! (1970) 3 stars
143 min, PG, Color
Cast: Martin Balsam, Soh Yamamura, Jason Robards, Joseph Cotten
REVIEW: Events leading up to Pearl Harbor attack, from both American and Japanese points of view.

Traces of Red (1992) 1.5 stars
105 min, R, Color
Cast: James Belushi, Lorraine Bracco, Tony Goldwyn, William Russ
REVIEW: Tawdry/silly West Palm Beach melodrama with so many suspects that its red herring line has been expanded to include blush, burgundy, and mauve.

True Believer (1989) 3 stars
103 min, R, Color
Cast: James Woods, Robert Downey Jr., Yuji Okumoto, Margaret Colin
REVIEW: Woods gives a dynamic performance as a once-idealistic lawyer, a radical hero of the '60s who's lost his scruples, until his hero-worshipping clerk (Downey) goads him into taking the near-hopeless case of an Asian-American who was apparently railroaded into prison eight years before.

True Romance (1993) 2 stars
116 min, R, Color
Cast: Christian Slater, Patricia Arquette, Dennis Hopper
REVIEW: A 90s twist on the young lovers on the lam genre.

Under Fire (1983) 3.5 stars
128 min, R, Color
Cast: Nick Nolte, Gene Hackman, Joanna Cassidy, Ed Harris
REVIEW: First-rate political thriller about journalists on the line in Managua, Nicaragua, 1979, how their lives intertwine, and how two of them risk their professionalism by becoming involved in the revolutionary conflict.

Under Siege (1992) 2.5 stars
102 min, R, Color
Cast: Steven Seagal, Tommy Lee Jones, Gary Busey, Erika Eleniak
REVIEW: DIE HARD at sea, with cook Seagal playing tiger-and-mouse with thugs plotting to steal nuclear arms from a 900-foot Navy battleship.

Unforgiven (1992) 3 stars
127 min, R, Color
Cast: Clint Eastwood, Gene Hackman, Morgan Freeman, Richard Harris
REVIEW: Elegiac anti-Western about a one-time mad killer, long since reformed, who comes out of "retirement" to make one more hit because he needs the money for his family.

V.I. Warshawski (1991) 1 star
89 min, R, Color
Cast: Kathleen Turner, Jay O. Sanders, Charles Durning
REVIEW: Turner is a tough Chicago private detective (and closet fashion plate) investigating the murder of a hockey player who'd once caught her fancy.

Warlock (1991) 1.5 stars
102 min, R, Color
Cast: Julian Sands, Lori Singer, Richard E. Grant, Mary Woronov
REVIEW: A warlock escapes from 1691 Boston to 1991 L.A., with a local witch-hunter in full time-warp pursuit; object of their squabble is the Grand Grimoire, or Satan's bible.

Warlock: The Armagedon (1993) 3 stars
98 min, R, Color
Cast: Julian Sands, Chris Young,

Paula Marshal, Joanna Pacula
REVIEW: He's back and meaner than ever! Satan's only son, the "Warlock" (Julian Sands), is plotting even greater mayhem in this spine-tingling, pulse pounding shocker!

Wild Rides (1982) 3.5 stars
27 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Matt Dillon. Music by the Who, Steve Miller, Steely Dan, the Cars
REVIEW: Come with our host, roller coaster enthusiast Matt dillon, in a unique journey across this country to explore the death-defying twist and turns that roller coastering has to offer.

Will Penny (1968) 3.5 stars
108 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Charlton Heston, Joan Hackett, Donald Pleasence, Lee Majors
REVIEW: One of the best films on the cowboy/loner ever to come out of Hollywood.

Willow (1988) 4 stars
130 min, PG, Color
Cast: Val Kilmer, Warwick Davis, Joanne Whalley, Billy Barty
REVIEW: Journey to far corners of your imagination where dreams and reality live side by side. Enter the world of "WILLOW", the biggest and most spectacular epic-adventure to ever explode across the screen.

Wind (1992) 2.5 stars
125 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Matthew Modine, Jennifer Grey, Cliff Robertson, Jack Thompson
REVIEW: Enjoyable if overly formulaic tale of competitive yacht racing, about young people determined to build their own craft and reclaim the America's Cup from Australia.

Wisdom (1986) 1 star
109 min, R, Color
Cast: Emilio Estevez, Demi Moore, Tom Skerritt, Veronica Cartwright
REVIEW: Recent grad Estevez can't find work because of a long-ago felony on his record; frustration launches him and girlfriend Moore on a cross-country series of bank heists to aid the American farmer's plight.

Without Warning (1980) 1.5 stars
89 min, R, Color
Cast: Jack Palance, Cameron Mitchell, Martin Landau, Ralph Meeker
REVIEW: Very silly horror film. Alien launches carnivorous disks at alien citizens.

Year of Living Dangerously, The (1983) 3 stars
115 min, PG, Color
Cast: Mel Gibson, Sigourney Weaver, Linda Hunt, Michael Murphy
REVIEW: Fascinating political drama set in strife-ridden Indonesia just before Sukarno's fall in 1965.

Young Einstein (1988) 2.5 stars
90 min, PG, Color
Cast: Yahoo Serious, Odile Le Clezio, John Howard, Pee Wee Wilson
REVIEW: Nutty comedy from Down Under based on the premise that Albert Einstein not only developed the theory of relativity, but also invented rock 'n' roll!

Young Guns (1988) 2.5 stars
107 min, R, Color
Cast: Emilio Estevez, Kiefer Sutherland, Lou Diamond Phillips
REVIEW: Six young punks find it hard to retain their equilibrium when they're left on their own, and whipped into a frenzy of violence by their newest recruit Billy the Kid.

Stardust Memories (1980) 3 stars
89 min, PG, B & W
Cast: Woody Allen, Charlotte Rampling, Jessica Harper
REVIEW: Woody Allen takes an offbeat look at fame and success in this seriocomic portrait of a film-maker coping with fans, studio executives, and his own self doubts.

Stay Tuned (1992) 1.5 stars
87 min, PG, Color
Cast: John Ritter, Pam Dawber, Jeffrey Jones, Eugene Levy
REVIEW: Terminal couch potato Ritter unwittingly makes a pact with Devilish Jones, and finds himself and his wife sucked into a TV world in which they're part of the shows, from wrestling to private-eye mysteries.

Staying Together (1989) 2.5 stars
91 min, R, Color
Cast: Sean Astin, Stockard Channing, Melinda Dillon, Jim Haynie
REVIEW: Close-knit small-town family, with three boys on the verge of manhood, gets pulled in all directions.

Steel Magnolias (1989) 3 stars
118 min, PG, Color
Cast: Sally Field, Dolly Parton, Shirley MacLaine, Daryl Hannah
REVIEW: Slick comedy-drama about several years in the lives of the women who congregate at Parton's beauty parlor in a small Louisiana town.

Stripes (1981) 4 stars
106 min, R, Color
Cast: Bill Murray, Harold Ramis, Warren Oates
REVIEW: Bill Murray has joined the Army, and the Army will never be the same! When (Murray) loses his job, his car, his apartment and his girlfriend--all in the same day--he decides he only has one option:volunteer for Uncle Sam.

Suburban Commando (1991) 2.5 stars
90 min, PG, Color
Cast: JoAnn Dearing, Jack Elam, Roy Dotrice, Michael Faustino
REVIEW: Engaging film for kids about outer-space warrior who comes to earth for some r&r, and gets involved in the lives of a somewhat stressed-out suburban family.

Summer School (1987) 2.5 stars
98 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Mark Harmon, Kirstie Alley, Robin Thomas, Dean Cameron
REVIEW: Harmon is delinquent high school teacher forced to spend his vacation trying to educate group of delinquent students.

Summer to Remember, A (1985)
100 min, NONE, Color
Cast: James Farentino, Tess Harper, Louise Fletcher, Burt Young
REVIEW: Warmhearted comedy-drama about a deaf child and his friendship with an orangutan with which he has established a relationship through sign language.

Sunshine Boys, The (1975) 3 stars
111 min, PG, Color
Cast: Walter Matthau, George Burns, Richard Benjamin, Lee Meredith
REVIEW: Two cranky ex-vaudevillians are persuaded to reteam for a TV special in this popular Neil Simon comedy, from his Broadway play.

Super, The (1991) 1.5 stars
86 min, R, Color
Cast: Joe Pesci, Vincent Gardenia, Madolyn Smith Osborne
REVIEW: N.Y.C. slumlord Pesci is forced to move in with his tenants.

Sweet Liberty (1986) 2 stars
107 min, PG, Color
Cast: Alan Alda, Michael Caine, Michelle Pfeiffer, Bob Hoskins
REVIEW: Amiable but aimless comedy of college professor who becomes involved with a movie troupe as his historical novel is filmed.

Taking Care of Business (1990) 2.5 stars
107 min, R, Color
Cast: James Belushi, Charles Grodin, Anne DeSalvo, Loryn Locklin
REVIEW: At the outset of a weekend business trip, Grodin loses his pocket organizer; escaped convict Belushi finds the combination wallet and appointment book, and assumes Grodin's identity for an eventful weekend.

Tank (1984) 2 stars
113 min, PG, Color
Cast: James Garner, G.D. Spradlin, C. Thomas Howell, Shirley Jones
REVIEW: Teenage son of career military man is wrongfully jailed by vindictive redneck sheriff; Dad goes to rescue him with the help of his own Sherman tank.

Tempest (1982) 2 stars
140 min, PG, Color
Cast: John Cassavetes, Gena Rowlands, Susan Sarandon
REVIEW: Aimless comedy, loosely based on Shakespeare's play, has Cassavetes as a N.Y.C. architect who tries to solve his midlife crisis by moving to a Greek island with his teenage daughter.

Texasville (1990) 2.5 stars
123 min, R, Color
Cast: Jeff Bridges, Cybill Shepherd, Annie Potts, Timothy Bottoms
REVIEW: Mildly diverting sequel to THE LAST PICTURE SHOW, from Larry McMurtry's novel, revealing that time has turned a number of the leading characters into Texas caricatures.

That's Life! (1986) 3 stars
102 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Jack Lemmon, Julie Andrews, Sally Kellerman, Robert Loggia
REVIEW: Deeply felt observation of an affluent family and its members' personal crises, including Lemmon's anxiety over turning sixty and his loving wife's fear that she may have cancer.

Things Change (1988) 2.5 stars
100 min, PG, Color
Cast: Don Ameche, Joe Mantegna, Robert Prosky, J.J. Johnson
REVIEW: Simple Italian shoemaker (Ameche) agrees to take the rap for a Chicago mob murder for a fee, but the man assigned to baby-sit him for a weekend (Mantegna) decides to take the old man on a final fling before he goes to jail.

Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machine (1965) 3 stars
132 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Stuart Whitman, Sarah Miles, James Fox, Alberto Sordi
REVIEW: Long but enjoyable film of great airplane race involving international conflicts, cheating, and romance.

Three Fugitives (1989) 2.5 stars
93 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Nick Nolte, Martin Short, Sarah Rowland Doroff, James Earl Jones
REVIEW: Bumbling bank robber, who's only pulling the heist to support

his little daughter, takes a hostage with him, little dreaming that the guy is a notorious holdup man who's just finished a long stretch in prison.

Three Men and a Baby (1987) 3 stars
102 min, PG, Color
Cast: Tom Selleck, Steve Guttenberg, Ted Danson, Nancy Travis
REVIEW: Enjoyable remake of France's big hit THREE MEN AND A CRADLE, about a trio of swinging bachelor roommates who suddenly find themselves custodians of an infant.

Throw Momma From the Train (1987) 2.5 stars
88 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Danny De Vito, Billy Crystal, Anne Ramsey, Kim Greist
REVIEW: Comedy with De Vito as a childish man who tries to persuade his writing professor (Crystal) to "exchange murders" with him so he can bump off his mother.

Tough Guys (1986) 2.5 stars
104 min, PG, Color
Cast: Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas, Charles Durning, Alexis Smith
REVIEW: A couple of former crooks, who staged America's last train robbery twenty-five years ago, are finally sprung from prison and gamely try to adjust to 1980s life.

Trading Places (1983) 2.5 stars
116 min, R, Color
Cast: Dan Aykroyd, Eddie Murphy, Ralph Bellamy, Don Ameche
REVIEW: Fine cast breathes life into time-worn comedy premise (remember those Three Stooges shorts?) testing heredity vs. environment by switching a "have" (preppie Aykroyd) and a "have-not" (street hustler Murphy).

Tremors (1990) 3 stars
96 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Kevin Bacon, Fred Ward, Finn Carter, Michael Gross
REVIEW: Bacon and Ward, amiable handymen, lead a misfit group in a desert valley battling against giant wormlike predators that burrow through the sand.

Twins (1988) 3 stars
112 min, PG, Color
Cast: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Danny De Vito, Kelly Preston, Chloe Webb
REVIEW: Entertaining comedy about genetically designed twins (Schwarzenegger and De Vito) who discover each other's existence at the age of 35.

Uncle Buck (1989) 2.5 stars
100 min, PG, Color
Cast: John Candy, Amy Madigan, Jean Louisa Kelly, Gaby Hoffman
REVIEW: Ne'er-do-well bachelor Candy has to look after his brother's kids for a couple of days and surprise! The perpetual foul-up turns out to be a caring and responsible uncle.

War of the Roses, The (1989) 2.5 stars
116 min, R, Color
Cast: Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner, Danny De Vito
REVIEW: The saga of a marriage that goes sour, to say the least; when Douglas and Turner can't agree on a property settlement in their divorce proceedings, war breaks out in (and over) their exquisitely appointed house.

Watch the Birdie (1950) 2.5 stars
70 min, NONE, B & W

Cast: Red Skelton, Arlene Dahl, Ann Miller, Leon Ames
REVIEW: Average Skelton comedy features him as photographer, silly father and grandfather.

Wayne's World (1992) 2 stars
95 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Mike Myers, Dana Carvey, Rob Lowe, Tia Carrere
REVIEW: Hit movie based on silly skit from TV's "Saturday Night Live." Myers and Carvey are funny as the self-styled party dudes with their own cable TV show, and leading lady Carrere is certainly a "babe."

Wayne's World 2 (1993) 2 stars
94 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Mike Myers, Dana Carvey, Tia Carrere, Christopher Walken
REVIEW: The Party Boys return with Wayne organizing a Waynestock music festival.

We're No Angels (1989) 1.5 stars
106 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Robert De Niro, Sean Penn, Demi Moore, Hoyt Axton
REVIEW: Lumbering comedy about a couple of dimwitted convicts who inadvertently escape from prison and find refuge pretending to be priests visiting a nearby shrine.

Weekend at Bernie's (1989) 2.5 stars
97 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Andrew McCarthy, Jonathan Silverman, Catherine Mary Stewart
REVIEW: Two young hustlers, far down on the corporate ladder, win an invitation to their boss' sumptuous beach house for the weekend, only to find him dead upon arrival.

Weekend at Bernie's II (1993) 1 star
89 min, PG, Color
Cast: Andrew McCarthy, Jonathan Silverman, Terry Kiser, Barry Bostwick
REVIEW: Insurance execs McCarthy and Silverman are suspected of embezzlement, and can only save their skins with the help of their "dead body" buddy Bernie (Kiser).

White Men Can't Jump (1992) 3 stars
114 min, R, Color
Cast: Wesley Snipes, Woody Harriselton, Rosie Perez, Tyra Ferrell
REVIEW: Smart, funny, highly profane comedy about urban basketball hustlers Snipes and Harriselton.

White Palace (1990) 3 stars
103 min, R, Color
Cast: Susan Sarandon, James Spader, Jason Alexander, Kathy Bates
REVIEW: Superficial but entertaining story of a vulnerable yuppie who's swept away by a sexy older woman, and then has to deal with the reality of their enormous social and ethnic differences.

Wild at Heart (1990) 2 stars
127 min, R, Color
Cast: Nicolas Cage, Laura Dern, Diane Ladd, Willem Dafoe
REVIEW: He's Elvis, she's Marilyn, they're madly in love and on the lam: they hop in her convertible and make an odyssey through Hell—or is it Oz?

Wildcats (1986) 3 stars
107 min, R, Color
Cast: Goldie Hawn, Swoosie Kurtz, Robyn Lively, Brandy Gold
REVIEW: Football-crazy phys-ed teacher Hawn finally gets her wish, to coach a junior varsity team, at a rough inner-city high school.

Witches of Eastwick, The (1987) 3 stars
118 min, R, Color
Cast: Jack Nicholson, Cher, Susan Sarandon, Michelle Pfeiffer
REVIEW: Lively, colorful fantasy about three man-hungry women in picture-postcard New England town who, unaware of their witchy powers, conjure up the ultimate man: the devil.

Worth Winning (1989) 1.5 stars
102 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Mark Harmon, Madeleine Stowe, Lesley Ann Warren, Maria Holve
REVIEW: Smug, successful Harmon bets that he can hustle a trio of women into agreeing to marry him.

Young Frankenstein (1974) 3.5 stars
105 min, PG, B & W
Cast: Gene Wilder, Peter Boyle, Marty Feldman, Teri Garr
REVIEW: Finely tuned parody of old FRANKENSTEIN pictures, scripted by Wilder and Brooks, with appropriate music (by John Morris), sets, laboratory equipment (some of it from the 1930s), and black and white camerawork (by Gerald Hirschfeld).

- Drama -

1969 (1988) 2 stars
93 min, R, Color
Cast: Robert Downey Jr., Kiefer Sutherland, Bruce Dern
REVIEW: Sutherland is terrific as a sensitive antiwar youth, and Hartley fine as his understanding mother, in this story of troubled times and troubled lives.

Absence of Malice (1981) 3 stars
116 min, PG, Color
Cast: Paul Newman, Sally Field, Bob Balaban, Melinda Dillon
REVIEW: A reporter (Field) is duped by a scheming government investigator into printing a story that discredits innocent Newman; while she hides behind the privilege of the press, he determines to get even.

Accused, The (1988) 3 stars
110 min, R, Color
Cast: Kelly McGillis, Jodie Foster, Bernie Coulson, Leo Rossi
REVIEW: Public prosecutor McGillis deals with a gang-rape case in cut-and-dried fashion, until the victim demands full retribution for what she has suffered.

African Queen, The (1951) 4 stars
105 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Katharine Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart, Robert Morley, Peter Bull
REVIEW: Superb combination of souse Bogart (who won an Oscar) and spinster Hepburn traveling downriver in Africa during WWI, combating the elements and the Germans, and each other.

Against All Odds (1984) 2.5 stars
128 min, R, Color
Cast: Rachel Ward, Jeff Bridges, James Woods, Alex Karras
REVIEW: Unemployed jock needs cash, accepts a job from a sleazy ex-temmate to find his girlfriend, who's run off to Mexico.

Agatha (1979) 3 stars
98 min, PG, Color
Cast: Dustin Hoffman, Vanessa Redgrave, Timothy Dalton
REVIEW: Fictional speculation on mystery writer Agatha Christie's famous 11-day disappearance in 1926.

away, Claudio can't wait to marry beautiful young Hero. To disact him, his best friend devises delightful mischief-a romantic trap for the sharp-tongued Beatrice and the man she most loves to hate, Benedick.

My Cousin Vinny (1992) 2.5 stars
119 min, R, Color
Cast: Joe Pesci, Ralph Macchio, Marisa Tomei, Mitchell Whitfield
REVIEW: Very likable comedy about Brooklyn "lawyer" Pesci's attempt to defend his innocent cousin (Macchio) and a friend on a murder charge in the Deep South.

My Science Project (1985) 1 star
94 min, PG, Color
Cast: John Stockwell, Danielle von Zerneck, Fisher Stevens
REVIEW: Laughless, often tasteless comedy about high school kids who unearth an otherworldly device that can create time and space warps.

Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult (1994) 2 stars
82 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Leslie Nielsen, Priscilla Presley, George Kennedy, O.J. Simpson
REVIEW: Sequel in which a now retired Frank Drebin returns to Police Squad for one more case.... losing the love of his wife in the process.

National Lampoon's European Vacation (1985) 1.5 stars
94 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, Jason Lively, Dana Hill
REVIEW: Pretty sorry sequel to VACATION, with idiotic chase and his family stumbling through Europe.

National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1 (1993) 2 stars
83 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Emilio Estevez, Samuel L. Jackson, Jon Lovitz, Tim Curry
REVIEW: LETHAL WEAPON. Loaded Weapon, get it? Movie-spoof.

National Lampoon's Vacation (1983) 3 stars
98 min, R, Color
Cast: Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, Anthony Michael Hall, Imogene Coca
REVIEW: Enjoyable lightweight comedy about a sappy middle-class family's cross-country trip by car.

Night We Never Met, The (1993) 2 stars
99 min, R, Color
Cast: Matthew Broderick, Annabella Sciorra, Kevin Anderson
REVIEW: Romantic comedy in which about-to-be-married yuppie Anderson time-shares his rent controlled N.Y.C. apartment with Broderick and Sciorra.

Only the Lonely (1991) 3 stars
102 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: John Candy, Maureen O'Hara, Ally Sheedy, James Belushi
REVIEW: Chicago cop, who still lives with his mom, falls in love, and has to overcome both his mother's resistance and his feelings of guilt over leaving her.

Opportunity Knocks (1990) 2.5 stars
105 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Dana Carvey, Robert Loggia, Todd Graff, Julia Campbell
REVIEW: Innocuous comedy about a con artist who assumes someone else's identity and falls into a plum job with a bathroom-fixture tycoon, who happens to have a cute daughter.

Other People's Money (1991) 2.5 stars

101 min, R, Color
Cast: Danny De Vito, Gregory Peck, Penelope Ann Miller, Piper Laurie
REVIEW: Ruthless Wall Street predator sets his sights on acquiring, and destroying, the New England wire and cable company run but he doesn't count on having to battle a lawyer as smart (or as appealing) as Miller.

Overboard (1987) 3 stars
112 min, PG, Color
Cast: Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell, Edward Herrmann, Katherine Helmond
REVIEW: Cute comedy about a spoiled heiress who falls off her yacht, suffers amnesia, and is "claimed" at the hospital by her supposed husband, a rough-hewn carpenter with a pack of unruly kids.

Parenthood (1989) 3.5 stars
124 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Steve Martin, Mary Steenburgen, Dianne Wiest, Jason Robards
REVIEW: Insightful multi-character comedy about the trials and tribulations of parenthood, as seen from several points of view within the same large family.

Peggy Sue Got Married (1986) 2.5 stars
104 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Kathleen Turner, Nicolas Cage, Barry Miller, Catherine Hicks
REVIEW: 43-year-old woman, on the verge of divorce, magically travels back in time to her senior year in high school and has to deal with (among other things) her boyfriend and future husband.

Pick-up Artist, The (1987) 1.5 stars
81 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Molly Ringwald, Robert Downey Jr., Dennis Hopper, Danny Aiello
REVIEW: Womanizing youth meets his match when he falls for the daughter of a boozy gambler in hock to the mob.

Pink Cadillac (1989) 2 stars
122 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Clint Eastwood, Bernadette Peters, Timothy Carhart
REVIEW: Harmless but off-the-cuff throwaway comedy about a bail-bond bounty hunter who helps the wife of his latest target rescue her kidnapped baby from the neo-Nazi associates of her weakling husband.

Pink Panther Strikes Again, The (1976) 3.5 stars
103 min, PG, Color
Cast: Peter Sellers, Herbert Lom, Colin Blakely, Leonard Rossiter
REVIEW: Fifth PINK PANTHER is one of the funniest. Sellers' former boss (Lom) goes crazy, threatens to destroy the world with a ray-gun he has commandeered.

Planes, Trains & Automobiles (1987) 2.5 stars
93 min, R, Color
Cast: Steve Martin, John Candy, Laila Robins, Michael McKean
REVIEW: Bittersweet farce about a businessman trying to get home for Thanksgiving who encounters disaster at every turn and has to share most of it with a lout who becomes his steadfast companion.

Postcards From the Edge (1990) 3.5 stars
101 min, R, Color
Cast: Meryl Streep, Shirley MacLaine, Dennis Quaid, Gene Hackman
REVIEW: Brilliantly cinematic rendering of Carrie Fisher's novel about a young woman falling prey to

drugs while trying to pursue an acting career, in the shadow of a famous show-business mother.

Prizzi's Honor (1985) 3.5 stars
129 min, R, Color
Cast: Jack Nicholson, Kathleen Turner, Anjelica Huston
REVIEW: Delicious, very offbeat comedy about a slow-witted hit man from a close-knit Mafia family who gets more than he bargained for when he falls in love with Turner.

Problem Child (1990) 1.5 stars
81 min, PG, Color
Cast: John Ritter, Michael Oliver, Jack Warden, Amy Yasbeck
REVIEW: Story has Ritter as an unlucky father who adopts devil-child Oliver.

Pure Luck (1991) 2 stars
96 min, PG, Color
Cast: Martin Short, Danny Glover, Sheila Kelley, Sam Wanamaker
REVIEW: A business magnate's accident-prone daughter disappears while vacationing in Mexico, and the father sends detective Glover to find her, accompanied by a man as unlucky as the woman he's out to find.

Purple Rose of Cairo, The (1985) 3.5 stars
82 min, PG, Color
Cast: Mia Farrow, Jeff Daniels, Danny Aiello, Dianne Wiest
REVIEW: Bittersweet comedy-fantasy about a Depression-era movie fan whose latest idol walks right off the screen and into her life!

Risky Business (1983) 3 stars
96 min, R, Color
Cast: Tom Cruise, Rebecca De Mornay, Curtis Armstrong
REVIEW: Piquant, original comedy about a reticent teenager who goes a bit wild while his parents are out of town, and becomes involved, in more ways than one, with a prostitute.

Rocky Horror Picture Show, The (1975) 3 stars
95 min, R, Color
Cast: Tim Curry, Susan Sarandon, Barry Bostwick, Richard O'Brien
REVIEW: Outrageously kinky horror movie spoof, spiced with sex, transvestism, and rock music, about a straight couple, Janet and Brad (Sarandon, Bostwick), stranded in an old dark house full of weirdos from Transylvania.

Rookie of the Year (1993) 3 stars
103 min, PG, Color
Cast: Thomas Ian Nicholas, Gary Busey, Albert Hall, Amy Morton
REVIEW: Amiable film for kids about a boy who, after breaking his arm, turns out to have an incredible fastball pitch, which earns him a spot as the new star pitcher for the Chicago Cubs!

Rude Awakening (1989) 1.5 stars
100 min, R, Color
Cast: Cheech Marin, Eric Roberts, Julie Hagerty, Robert Carradine
REVIEW: "Cheech and Roberts" lacks zing as a comedy-team concept, so does hippie-dippy political farce about a pair of long-haired '60s burnouts who return to N.Y.C. after twenty years in a Central American commune.

Running Scared (1986) 2.5 stars
106 min, R, Color
Cast: Gregory Hines, Billy Crystal, Steven Bauer, Darianne Fuegoel
REVIEW: Two longtime Chicago street cops (who act more like Dead

End Kids) decide maybe it's time to retire but there's one more scuzzbag to track down first.

Sandlot, The (1993) 2.5 stars
101 min, PG, Color
Cast: Tom Guiry, Mike Vitar, Patrick Renna, Chauncey Leopardi
REVIEW: Innocuous film for kids about a 60s sandlot baseball team, their acceptance of the new kid on the block, and their ongoing battle with a ferocious neighboring dog.

Saving Grace (1986) 1.5 stars
112 min, PG, Color
Cast: Tom Conti, Fernando Rey, Erland Josephson, Giancarlo Giannini
REVIEW: Youthful Pope Conti, overwhelmed by meaningless duties and a general feeling of uselessness, sneaks incognito out of the Vatican and into a small Italian village that has lost its spirit.

Say Anything... (1989) 3 stars
100 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: John Cusack, Ione Skye, John Mahoney, Lili Taylor
REVIEW: Satisfying teenage comedy-drama about a self-assured loner who goes after the Class Brain, and finds her surprisingly human.

Scent of a Woman (1992) 2.5 stars
137 min, R, Color
Cast: Al Pacino, Chris O'Donnell, James Rebhorn, Gabrielle Anwar
REVIEW: Timid prep school student earns much-needed money on a long weekend taking a job as companion to crusty, blind, hard-drinking ex-Army Colonel, little dreaming the colonel has his own agenda, including a weekend fling in N.Y.C.

Scrooged (1988) 2 stars
101 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Bill Murray, Karen Allen, John Forsythe, John Glover
REVIEW: Ostensibly a hip, funny rereading of Dickens' A Christmas Carol, with Murray as a venal TV executive.

Secret of My Success, The (1987) 2.5 stars
110 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Michael J. Fox, Helen Slater, Richard Jordan, Margaret Whitton
REVIEW: Naive but bright, ambitious young man from the sticks hustles his way into the corporate world of N.Y.C., deftly juggling the various complications he encounters.

See No Evil, Hear No Evil (1989) 2 stars
103 min, R, Color
Cast: Richard Pryor, Gene Wilder, Joan Severance, Kevin Spacey
REVIEW: Wilder and Pryor are reteamd in this stupid comedy about a deaf man and a blind man who inadvertently become murder suspects and take it on the lam, hoping to catch the real killers.

She's Having a Baby (1988) 2.5 stars
106 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Kevin Bacon, Elizabeth McGovern, Alec Baldwin, Isabel Lorca
REVIEW: Trials and tribulations of a young couple as they embark on marriage, domestic life, and impending parenthood, as told by the young husband, who feels trapped from the start and questions the meaning of it all.

Shock to the System, A (1990) 2.5 stars
91 min, R, Color
Cast: Michael Caine, Elizabeth McGovern, Peter Riegert
REVIEW: Caine adds luster to this so-comedy as a harried ad executive who discovers how easy it is to kill anyone in his way after he's passed over for a promotion.

Sibling Rivalry (1990) 2 stars
88 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Kirstie Alley, Bill Pullman, Carrie Fisher, Jami Gertz
REVIEW: Comedy about a repressed woman, stuck in a tedious marriage; at the urging of her sister, she has a fling with a chance acquaintance, who dies after an afternoon of mad, passionate sex. And that's just the beginning of the story.

Singles (1992) 2.5 stars
99 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Bridget Fonda, Matt Dillon, Campbell Scott, Kyra Sedgwick
REVIEW: Life in the Seattle singles scene; it ain't easy.

Sleepless in Seattle (1993) 3 stars
104 min, PG, Color
Cast: Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan, Bill Pullman, Ross Malinger
REVIEW: Woman who's just gotten engaged hears a widower on a call-in radio show talking about his departed wife and becomes obsessed with meeting him, convinced that he may be her destiny.

Sluggers Wife, The (1985) 1.5 stars
105 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Michael O'Keefe, Rebecca De Mornay, Martin Ritt, Randy Quaid
REVIEW: Remarkably unappealing Neil Simon original about a boorish baseball star who falls in love with a singer.

Something Wild (1986) 2 stars
113 min, R, Color
Cast: Jeff Daniels, Melanie Griffith, Ray Liotta, Margaret Colin
REVIEW: Straight-arrow businessman Daniels goes for a joyride with a flaky, sexy girl he chances to meet, and in the course of a couple of days she turns his life inside out.

Soul Man (1986) 2 stars
101 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: C. Thomas Howell, Arye Gross, Rae Dawn Chong, James Earl Jones
REVIEW: Young man desperate to go to Harvard Law School masquerades as a black in order to get minority scholarship.

Spaceballs (1987) 2.5 stars
96 min, PG, Color
Cast: Mel Brooks, John Candy, Rick Moranis, Bill Pullman
REVIEW: Likely silly parody of STAR WARS (some years after the fact) is basically a collection of jokes, both verbal and visual.

Spies Like Us (1985) 3 stars
109 min, PG, Color
Cast: Chevy Chase, Dan Aykroyd, Steve Forrest, Donna Dixon
REVIEW: Chase and Aykroyd want to be government spies and get the job, never dreaming that they've been set up as decoys.

Stand by Me (1986) 3 stars
87 min, R, Color
Cast: Wil Wheaton, River Phoenix, Corey Feldman, Jerry O'Connell
REVIEW: Affectionate Americana looking back at boyhood friendship and adventures in the 1950s (and narrated by Dreyfuss, representing author Stephen King, whose novella "The Body" is the basis for this film).

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Young Guns II (1990) 2.5 stars
103 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Emilio Estevez, Kiefer Sutherland, Lou Diamond Phillips
REVIEW: Not-bad sequel finds Billy Bonney and his gang heading toward the safety of Old Mexico with a band of government men in hot pursuit.

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10 (1979) 2 stars
122 min, R, Color
Cast: Dudley Moore, Julie Andrews, Bo Derek, Robert Webber
REVIEW: Middle-aged songwriter finds himself hung up on sex, especially when he sets eyes on beautiful Derek.

18 Again! (1988) 2.5 stars
100 min, PG, B & W
Cast: George Burns, Charlie Schlatter, Tony Roberts, Anita Morris
REVIEW: 81-year-old Jack Watson (92-year-old Burns) becomes 18 again via his grandson's body and a bump on the head.

Accidental Tourist, The (1988) 3 stars
121 min, PG, Color
Cast: Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd, Crispin Glover, Lea Thompson
REVIEW: A teenager of the '80s travels back in time to the '50s, where he must arrange for his mismatched parents to meet, or else he won't exist!

Back to the Future Part II (1989) 2 stars
107 min, PG, Color
Cast: Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd, Lea Thompson
REVIEW: Joyless, frenetic follow-up to Part I which sends mad inventor Lloyd and young Fox back into their time-traveling DeLorean.

Bandwagon, The (1953) 4 stars
113 min, G, Color
Cast: Fred Astaire, Cyd Charisse, Oscar Levant, Nanette Fabray
REVIEW: M-G-M Musical and Classic film with Fred Astaire as Hollywood Song-and Dance-man Tony Hunter being persuaded by his friends Lester and Lily, (Oscar Levant and Nanette Fabray) to star in a Broadway musical.

Barbarians at the Gate (1993) 120 min, NONE, Color
Cast: James Garner, Jonathan Pryce, Peter Riegert, Joanna Cassidy
REVIEW: Dynamite seriocomedy based on the true story of the leveraged buyout of the giant conglomerate RJR-Nabisco in the greedy '80s.

Being There (1979) 2.5 stars
130 min, PG, Color
Cast: Peter Sellers, Shirley MacLaine, Melvyn Douglas, Jack Warden
REVIEW: A childlike man (Sellers) chances to meet important, powerful people who interpret his bewildered silence as brilliance.

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98 min, PG, Color
Cast: Johnny Depp, Mary Stuart Masterson, Aidan Quinn
REVIEW: Sweet-natured film about put-upon auto mechanic Finn, who tries to look after his mentally ill sister.

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Cast: Burt Reynolds, Dolly Parton,

episodes from the 1960 series, by the same name, featuring "Green eyed Gomez" and "Wednesday leaves home".

Amos & Andrew (1993) 1 star
94 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Nicolas Cage, Samuel L. Jackson, Dabney Coleman
REVIEW: Agonizing comedy about a professionally distinguished black man who moves into a new home, only to be harassed by white neighbors who assume he's a prowler.

Another Stakeout (1993) 2 stars
109 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Richard Dreyfuss, Emilio Estevez, Rosie O'Donnell
REVIEW: The inept cop partners return to track down no-good Moriarty, but are saddled with assistant D.A. O'Donnell and her dog, who are both along for the ride.

Arachnophobia (1990) 3 stars
109 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Jeff Daniels, Harley Jane Kozak, John Goodman, Julian Sands
REVIEW: Fear of spiders is taken to extremes in this slick comic thriller from Steven Spielberg and Co.

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REVIEW: Flashy but unsatisfying musical (based on hit Broadway show) about the pressures brought to bear on sheriff (Reynolds) to close a popular establishment called The Chicken Ranch, run by his ladyfriend.

Beverly Hills Cop (1984) 3.5 stars
105 min, R, Color
Cast: Eddie Murphy, Judge Reinhold, John Ashton, Lisa Eilbacher
REVIEW: Smart-mouthed Detroit cop, who never plays by the rules, goes to L.A. to track down an old friend's killers.

Beverly Hills Cop II (1987) 2 stars
102 min, R, Color
Cast: Eddie Murphy, Judge Reinhold, Jurgen Prochnow, Ronny Cox
REVIEW:

Big (1988) 3.5 stars
102 min, PG, Color
Cast: Tom Hanks, Elizabeth Perkins, John Heard, Jared Rushton
REVIEW: A 12-year-old boy wishes he were "big", and gets his wish, waking up the next morning in the body of a 30-year-old man!

Big Chill, The (1983) 3 stars
103 min, R, Color
Cast: Tom Berenger, Glenn Close, Jeff Goldblum, William Hurt
REVIEW: Entertaining, surface-level look at a group of former college-radical friends who've dropped back into Society.

Biloxi Blues (1988) 3 stars
106 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Matthew Broderick, Christopher Walken, Matt Mulhern, Corey Parker
REVIEW: The further adventures of Eugene Jerome, Neil Simon's youthful alter ego introduced (on stage and screen) in BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS.

Blame it on the Bellboy (1991) 2 stars
78 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Dudley Moore, Bryan Brown, Richard Griffiths, Andreas Katsulas
REVIEW: Behind the dynamic title lies an old-fashioned farce: three guys, named Orton, Lawton, and Horton, check into a Venice hotel, leading to the expected mix-ups after bellboy Pinchot confuses their messages.

Blank Check (1994) 1 star
93 min, PG, Color
Cast: Brian Bonsall, Karen Duffy, Miguel Ferrer, Michael Lerner
REVIEW: Comedy where an 11-year-old manages to cash thug Ferrer's check for a million dollars, parlaying it into such life necessities as a dishy grownup girlfriend and a backyard water slide.

Blazing Saddles (1973) 3.5 stars
93 min, R, Color
Cast: Cleavon Little, Gene Wilder, Harvey Korman, Madeline Kahn
REVIEW: Brooks's first hit movie is a riotous Western spoof, with Little an unlikely sheriff, Korman as villainous Hedley Lamarr, and Kahn as a Dietrich-like chanteuse.

Blues Brothers, The (1980) 3 stars
130 min, R, Color
Cast: John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, The Blues Brothers Band, Cab Calloway
REVIEW: Engagingly nutty comedy about the little characters trying to raise money to save their orphanage by reuniting their old band, and nearly destroying Chicago in the process.

Bob Roberts (1992) 3 stars
101 min, R, Color
Cast: Tim Robbins, Giancarlo Esposito, Ray Wise, Rebecca Jenkins
REVIEW: Smart, funny political satire about a rightwing, folksinging Senatorial candidate who knows how to manipulate an audience and the media.

Born Yesterday (1993) 2.5 stars
101 min, PG, Color
Cast: Melanie Griffith, John Goodman, Don Johnson, Edward Herrmann
REVIEW: Amiable remake of the Garson Kanin comedy, set in Washington, D.C., about a boorish tycoon who hires a bookish reporter to give his mistress some education and couth.

Breakfast Club, The (1985) 4 stars
92 min, R, Color
Cast: Emilio Estevez, Paul Gleason, Anthony Michael Hall, Judd Nelson
REVIEW: There were five teenage students with nothing in common, faced with spending a Saturday detention together in their high school library.

Broadcast News (1987) 3 stars
131 min, R, Color
Cast: William Hurt, Albert Brooks, Holly Hunter, Robert Prosky
REVIEW: Appealing and intelligent comedy about a highly charged, neurotic woman who's a successful TV news producer, and her attraction to a pretty-boy anchorman who joins her network and represents everything she hates about TV news.

Bronco Billy (1980) 3 stars
119 min, PG, Color
Cast: Clint Eastwood, Sondra Locke, Geoffrey Lewis, Scatman Crothers
REVIEW: Enjoyable yarn about self-styled cowboy hero who runs a fly-by-night Wild West show and the spoiled heiress who joins his entourage of escapees from reality.

Burglar (1987) 1.5 stars
102 min, R, Color
Cast: Whoopi Goldberg, Bob Goldthwait, G.W. Bailey
REVIEW: Whoopi plays a cat burglar who accidentally witnesses a murder, and then tries to solve the crime, in order to clear herself.

Buster Keaton : Star Without a Studio 2 stars
52 min, NONE, B & W
Cast: Buster Keaton
REVIEW: Includes rare footage and scenes from Seven Changes (1925), The General (1926), Free and Easy (1930), Speak Easily (1932), and Grand Slam Opera (1936).

Butcher's Wife, The (1991) 2 stars
105 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Demi Moore, Jeff Daniels, George Dzundza, Mary Steenburgen
REVIEW: North Carolina clairvoyant marries a Greenwich Village butcher, then begins dispensing advice: to a lesbian boutique owner, a spinsterish choir director, a soap opera actress and more.

Career Opportunities (1991) 1.5 stars
84 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Frank Whaley, Jennifer Connelly, Dermot Mulroney
REVIEW: Otherwise unemployable teen gets the night-watchman job at an all-purpose department store; his first night is an idyllic round-the-clocker with a girl who's hiding out inside, and who just happens to be the town's no. 1 rich dish.

Casual Sex? (1988) 2.5 stars
97 min, R, Color
Cast: Lea Thompson, Victoria Jackson, Stephen Shellen
REVIEW: Lightweight look at two young women who are looking for something more than a one-night stand, especially in these cautious times and try their luck at a health and fitness spa.

City Slickers (1991) 3 stars
112 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Billy Crystal, Daniel Stern, Bruno Kirby, Patricia Wettig
REVIEW: Three friends who are going through various degrees of mid-life crisis sign up for a two-week cattle drive, to clear their minds and set them back on-course.

City Slickers II: The Legend of Curly's Gold (1994) 2 stars
116 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Billy Crystal, Daniel Stern, Jon Lovitz, Jack Palance
REVIEW: A contrived sequel if there ever was one, with Crystal and Stern going back West (with Billy's screw-up brother Lovitz) to locate gold from a treasure map Palance (from the first film) left behind.

Cocktail (1988) 2 stars
100 min, R, Color
Cast: Tom Cruise, Bryan Brown, Elisabeth Shue, Lisa Banes
REVIEW: Young hotshot comes to N.Y.C. to make his fortune, but winds up becoming a "hot" bartender instead, under the tutelage of self-styled barman/philosopher Brown.

Coming to America (1988) 3 stars
116 min, R, Color
Cast: Eddie Murphy, Arsenio Hall, James Earl Jones, John Amos
REVIEW: Cute change-of-pace film for Murphy, as the genteel prince of an African royal family who wants to choose his own wife, and decides that he will find her in America.

Cool Runnings (1993) 3 stars
97 min, PG, Color
Cast: Leon, Doug E. Doug, John Candy, Rawle D. Lewis
REVIEW: Family-oriented feel-good movie from Disney, based on a true story about the unlikely formation of a Jamaican bobsled team to compete in the 1988 Winter Olympics.

Crazy People (1990) 2 stars
90 min, R, Color
Cast: Dudley Moore, Daryl Hannah, Paul Reiser, Mercedes Ruehl
REVIEW: Stressed-out ad exec Moore devises a series of brutally honest (and very funny) advertisements, which prompt his partner to place him in a mental institution.

Critical Condition (1987) 1 star
107 min, R, Color
Cast: Richard Pryor, Rachel Ticotin, Ruben Blades, Joe Mantegna
REVIEW: Pryor is a con artist who takes charge at a prison hospital, with predictable results.

Crossing Delancey (1988) 3 stars
97 min, PG, Color
Cast: Amy Irving, Reizi Bozyk, Peter Riegert, Jeroen Krabbe
REVIEW: Charming comedy about a self-reliant young N.Y.C. woman whose Jewish grandmother arranges for her to meet an eligible bachelor through the services of a marriage broker.

Curly Sue (1991) 1.5 stars
101 min, PG, Color
Cast: James Belushi, Kelly Lynch, Alisan Porter, John Getz
REVIEW: Homeless con-artist and his adopted wif leech onto a tightly wound dish of an attorney.

Dave (1993) 3 stars
105 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver, Frank Langella, Ben Kingsley
REVIEW: U.S. president, incapacitated by stroke, is replaced by look-alike Kline, who proceeds to win over the press, public, and even the president's estranged wife.

Death Becomes Her (1992) 2 stars
104 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Meryl Streep, Bruce Willis, Goldie Hawn, Isabella Rossellini
REVIEW: Black comedy about a glamorous, self-absorbed star (Streep) who's obsessed with staying young, and a woman scorned (Hawn) who vows revenge against her, at any price.

Delirious (1991) 1.5 stars
96 min, PG, Color
Cast: John Candy, Mariel Hemingway, Emma Samms, David Rasche
REVIEW: Astonishingly stupid comedy with a neat premise: a beleaguered soap-opera writer gets a conk on the head and dreams that he's stuck in his own story, in a heroic role that enables him to have his way with the woman he worships in real life.

Dennis the Menace (1993) 2 stars
94 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Walter Matthau, Mason Gamble, Joan Plowright, Christopher Lloyd
REVIEW: Based on Hank Ketcham's long-running comic strip, with the blond rascal's skirmishes with cantankerous neighbor Mr. Wilson (Matthau) a mere warmup to his more Culk-in-ian climactic punch-out of a robber/derelect (Lloyd).

Diner (1982) 3 stars
110 min, R, Color
Cast: Steve Guttenberg, Daniel Stern, Mickey Rourke, Kevin Bacon
REVIEW: Problems of growing up are nicely synthesized by writer-director Levinson in this look at a group of friends who hang out in a Baltimore diner in the 1950s.

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (1988) 2.5 stars
110 min, PG, Color
Cast: Steve Martin, Michael Caine, Glenn Headly, Anton Rodgers
REVIEW: A career con artist who fleeces women with great elan in the south of France must find a way to deal with crass new competition, in the person of American Martin.

Distinguished Gentleman, The (1992) 3 stars
112 min, R, Color
Cast: Eddie Murphy, Lane Smith, Sheryl Lee, Joe Don Baker
REVIEW: Florida con artist Murphy realizes that the real con-game is the political scene in Washington, D.C., and gets himself elected to the House of Representatives.

Doc Hollywood (1991) 2.5 stars
104 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Michael J. Fox, Julie Warner, Bridget Fonda, Barnard Hughes
REVIEW: Fox is on his way to a career in L.A. plastic surgery when he crashes his car in South Carolina's podunk squash capital and finds him sentenced to perform much-needed medical community service.

Dogfight (1991) 3.5 stars
92 min, R, Color
Cast: River Phoenix, Lili Taylor, Richard Panebianco, Anthony Clark
REVIEW: Taylor is a physically plain folkie who becomes an unwitting partner in Phoenix's attempt to bring the ugliest "date" to a party.

Dominick and Eugene (1988) 3 stars
111 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Tom Hulce, Ray Liotta, Jamie Lee Curtis, Todd Graff
REVIEW: Heartrending story of a bright young intern (Liotta) and his devotion to a childlike twin brother (Hulce) who needs looking after.

Down and Out in Beverly Hills (1986) 2.5 stars
103 min, R, Color
Cast: Nick Nolte, Richard Dreyfuss, Bette Midler, Little Richard
REVIEW: Bum moves in with neurotic, nouveau-riche Bev Hills family and takes over their lives.

Dream Team, The (1989) 2.5 stars
113 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Michael Keaton, Christopher Lloyd, Peter Boyle, Stephen Furst
REVIEW: Four mental-hospital patients become separated from their doctor while on a field trip to Yankee Stadium, and find themselves stranded in an even-larger looney bin: The Big Apple.

Driving Miss Daisy (1989) 3 stars
99 min, PG, Color
Cast: Morgan Freeman, Jessica Tandy, Dan Aykroyd, Patti LuPone
REVIEW: Genteel, entertaining adaptation of Alfred Uhry's stage play about a simple black man who's hired as chauffeur for a cantankerous old Southern woman, and winds up being her most faithful companion.

Drop Dead Fred (1991) 1 star
98 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Phoebe Cates, Ik Mayall, Marsha Mason, Tim Matheson
REVIEW: Putrid fantasy-comedy about a repressed young woman who, as her life is crumbling around her, is revisited by her childhood make-believe "friend" Drop Dead Fred, a repulsive mischief-maker.

Encino Man (1992) 1.5 stars
89 min, PG, Color
Cast: Sean Astin, Brendan Fraser, Pauly Shore, Megan Ward
REVIEW: Nerdy teenager Astin and his weirdo pal Shore dig up a frozen caveman in Astin's suburban L.A. backyard.

Every Which Way But Loose (1978) 1 star
114 min, PG, Color
Cast: Clint Eastwood, Sondra Locke, Geoffrey Lewis, Beverly D'Angelo
REVIEW: Clint takes the first pickup truck to Stupidville, with an orangutan as his best friend, in this bizarre change of pace for the action star.

Fabulous Baker Boys, The (1989) 2.5 stars
113 min, R, Color
Cast: Jeff Bridges, Michelle Pfeiffer, Beau Bridges, Elie Raab
REVIEW: Two brothers' fifteen-year partnership as a twin-piano nightclub lounge act is shaken by the addition of a feisty (and sexy) singer, who sparks changes in their act, and their relationship.

Father Guid Sarducci Goes To College (1985) 2.5 stars

60 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Father Guido Sarducci, Father Billy Vera & the Beaters
REVIEW: An irreverent, unbridled look at Vatican life highlights this hour of hilarity, as Father Sarducci covers everything from politics to the "fact of life."

Father of the Bride (1991) 2.5 stars
105 min, PG, Color
Cast: Steve Martin, Diane Keaton, Martin Short, Kimberly Williams
REVIEW: Pleasant update of the 1950 comedy gem about a father unwilling to let go of his little girl.

Fletch Lives (1989) 2 stars
95 min, PG, Color
Cast: Chevy Chase, Hal Holbrook, Julianne Phillips, Cleavon Little
REVIEW: Chase returns as Fletch, the L.A. reporter with the multi-personality, in this silly sequel.

Flintstones, The (1994) 2.5 stars
92 min, PG, Color
Cast: John Goodman, Elizabeth Perkins, Rick Moranis
REVIEW: If you're going to make a live-action feature from a one-note, two-dimensional TV cartoon series, this is about as good as you could hope for.

Footloose (1984) 2.5 stars
107 min, PG, Color
Cast: Kevin Bacon, Lori Singer, John Lithgow, Dianne Wiest
REVIEW: City kid moves to small town where dancing has been outlawed, and confronts hellfire minister (Lithgow) in effort to bring it back.

Four Weddings and a Funeral (1994) 3 stars
117 min, R, Color
Cast: Hugh Grant, Andie MacDowell, Kristin Scott-Thomas, Simon Callow
REVIEW: Delightful contemporary comedy about a young man who can't sustain a relationship, while all his friends seem to be getting married.

Freshman, The (1990) 3 stars
102 min, PG, Color
Cast: Marlon Brando, Matthew Broderick, Maximilian Schell
REVIEW: New York University film student Broderick falls in with loony mob family headed by Brando in this infectious, off-center comedy.

Fried Green Tomatoes (1991) 3 stars
130 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Kathy Bates, Jessica Tandy, Mary Stuart Masterson
REVIEW: Enjoyable story-within-a-story film, in which repressed Southern wife Bates meets elderly Tandy at a nursing home and becomes captivated by her tale-spinning about two feisty female friends and their escapades in the 1920s and 30s.

From the Hip (1987) 1 star
112 min, PG, Color
Cast: Judd Nelson, Elizabeth Perkins, John Hurt, Darren McGavin
REVIEW: Once again, Nelson plays a character only a mother could love: a lawyer who's made a name for himself by winning a hopeless case through outrageous courtroom tactics.

Full Moon in Blue Water (1988) 2 stars
93 min, R, Color
Cast: Gene Hackman, Teri Garr, Burgess Meredith, Elias Koteas
REVIEW: Hackman is wallowing in

self-pity over his drowned wife, as creditors duplicitously plot foreclosure on his coastal Texas bar.

Golden Child, The (1986) 1 star
96 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Eddie Murphy, Charlotte Lewis, Charles Dance, Victor Wong
REVIEW: A "perfect" child (Reate) is kidnapped despite his magical powers; as foretold by an ancient oracle, only Murphy can rescue him.

Good Morning, Vietnam (1987) 3 stars
120 min, R, Color
Cast: Robin Williams, Forest Whitaker, Tung Thanh Tran
REVIEW: Williams is the whole show here, playing an Army disc jockey who turns Armed Forces radio inside out when he's brought to Saigon in 1965.

Gremlins 2 The New Batch (1990) 3 stars
106 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Zach Galligan, Phoebe Cates, John Glover, Robert Prosky
REVIEW: Not so much a horror film as a goofy sendup of itself, this sequel turns the slimy creatures loose in N.Y.C.

Gross Anatomy (1989) 2.5 stars
109 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Matthew Modine, Daphne Zuniga, Christine Lahti, Todd Field
REVIEW: So-so tale of doctor-in-training Modine, who doesn't take his studies as seriously as he should.

Groundhog Day (1993) 3 stars
103 min, PG, Color
Cast: Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell, Chris Elliott, Stephen Tobolowsky
REVIEW: Smug TV weatherman goes to Punxsutawney, Pa., to cover the Groundhog Day ceremony, and finds himself trapped in a daily replay of the same 24 hours.

Grumpy Old Men (1993) 2 stars
104 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau, Ann-Margret, Burgess Meredith
REVIEW: Engagingly performed but mostly malnourished comedy about two mateless Minnesota retirees, rabid ice-fishermen, whose lifelong feud escalates when an attractive widow moves in across the street.

Hard Promises (1991) 1.5 stars
95 min, PG, Color
Cast: Sissy Spacek, William Petersen, Brian Kerwin, Mare Winningham
REVIEW: Petersen gets the invitation to ex-wife Spacek's new marriage one day before the ceremony, and rushes home to small Texas town to disrupt the proceedings.

Harlem Nights (1989) 2 stars
115 min, R, Color
Cast: Eddie Murphy, Richard Pryor, Redd Foxx, Danny Aiello
REVIEW: The proprietor of an after-hours club in 1930s Harlem (Pryor) and his adopted son (Murphy) try standing up to a white mobster who's determined to cut in on their take or put them out of business.

Harry and Walter Go to New York (1976) 2 stars
123 min, PG, Color
Cast: James Caan, Elliott Gould, Diane Keaton, Michael Caine

REVIEW: Lavish period farce with Caan and Gould as low-grade vaudevillians in the 1890s who wind up trying their luck as safecrackers in N.Y.

Harry and the Hendersons (1987) 2.5 stars
110 min, PG, Color
Cast: John Lithgow, Melinda Dillon, Margaret Langrick, Joshua Rudoy
REVIEW: Family encounters a Bigfoot-type monster in the woods and takes it home, thinking it's dead. When it comes alive, the family finds itself becoming attached to the hairy fellow.

He Said, She Said (1991) 2 stars
115 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Kevin Bacon, Elizabeth Perkins, Sharon Stone, Nathan Lane
REVIEW: Comedy charts the dissolution of a romance between two Baltimore journalists who parlay their rival point/counterpoint columns into a popular local TV spot.

Heart and Souls (1993) 3 stars
104 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Robert Downey Jr., Charles Grodin, Alfre Woodard
REVIEW: Four disparate San Franciscans die in a bus accident in 1959, and find themselves inexorably linked with a baby who's been born at that same exact moment; what's more, only he can see and hear them.

Heartbreak Kid, The (1972) 3 stars
104 min, PG, Color
Cast: Charles Grodin, Cybill Shepherd, Jeannie Berlin, Eddie Albert
REVIEW: Jewish boy (Grodin) gets married (to Berlin) but meets beautiful WASP blonde (Shepherd) on honeymoon, and determines to juggle plans.

Hero (1992) 2.5 stars
112 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Dustin Hoffman, Geena Davis, Andy Garcia, Joan Cusack
REVIEW: Seniocomic yarn about a ne'er-do-well (Hoffman) who saves lives after a plane crash, barely giving it a thought, until an imposter (Garcia) takes credit for the good deed, and becomes lionized by the public and the media.

Home Alone (1990) 2.5 stars
102 min, PG, Color
Cast: Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern, John Heard
REVIEW: Wildly successful comedy about an eight-year-old boy whose family inadvertently leaves him behind when they go to Paris for Christmas vacation.

Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (1992) 2 stars
120 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern, Catherine O'Hara
REVIEW: This time around, Culkin boards the wrong plane at Christmastime, is separated from his family, and ends up in N.Y.C., where he contends with nitwits Pesci and Stern.

Hot Shots! Part Deux (1993) 2.5 stars
89 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Charlie Sheen, Lloyd Bridges, Valeria Golino, Richard Crenna
REVIEW: Obligatory sequel with Rambo-like Sheen called into action to rescue U.S. soldiers who tried to rescue soldiers (and so on...) held captive after Desert Storm.

HouseSitter (1992) 2 stars
102 min, PG, Color
Cast: Laurel Cronin, Christopher Durang, Steve Martin, Goldie Hawn
REVIEW: Martin plays a New England architect who meets kooky

nonconformist Hawn; in no time she's moved into the vacant dream home he'd intended for Delany and begun spinning lies about being his Mrs.

Innerspace (1987) 2.5 stars
120 min, PG, Color
Cast: Dennis Quaid, Martin Short, Meg Ryan, Kevin McCarthy
REVIEW: Diverting tale of rambunctious Navy test pilot (Quaid) who undergoes miniaturization experiment and is accidentally injected into the body of hypochondriac Short.

It Happened One Night (1934) 3 stars
105 min, NONE, B & W
Cast: Clark Gable, Claudette Colbert
REVIEW: Spoiled Ellie Andrews escapes from her millionaire father, who wants to stop her for marrying a worthless playboy.

It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World (1963) 2.5 stars
154 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Spencer Tracy, Edie Adams, Milton Berle, Sid Caesar
REVIEW: Comedy, about group of people racing to find hidden bank loot under watchful eye of detective Tracy.

Jack the Bear (1993) 2.5 stars
98 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Danny De Vito, Robert J. Steinmiller, Miko Hughes, Gary Sinise
REVIEW: Comedy-drama about the emotional unraveling of a widowed TV horror-movie host whose neighbor is a pro-Nazi psycho who poses a threat to children.

Johnny Carson - Favorites from the Late Show (1994) 4 stars
50 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Johnny Carson and Many celebrity interviews
REVIEW: Johnny's favorite episodes of the Tonight Show from the 60's through the final episode in 1992.

Just the Way You Are (1984) 3 stars
94 min, PG, Color
Cast: Kristy McNichol, Michael Ontkian, Kaki Hunter
REVIEW: Episodic but likable film about crippled musician (McNichol) who goes to French ski resort with her leg in a cast—to see, for once, what it's like when people don't know she's handicapped.

K-9 (1989) 1 star
102 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: James Belushi, Mel Harris, Kevin Tighe, Ed O'Neill
REVIEW: Cop Belushi teams with a German shepherd (Jerry Lee) to crack a drug case.

Kindergarten Cop (1990) 2.5 stars
111 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Penelope Ann Miller, Pamela Reed
REVIEW: Macho cop is forced to masquerade as a kindergarten teacher in order to find a youngster who's living with his mother incognito.

King Ralph (1991) 2.5 stars
97 min, PG, Color
Cast: John Goodman, Peter O'Toole, John Hurt, Camille Coduri
REVIEW: Mild, one-joke comedy about a Las Vegas lounge entertainer who is found to be the only living heir to the throne of England.

L.A. Story (1991) 2.5 stars
95 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Steve Martin, Victoria Tennant, Richard E. Grant, Marilu Henner

REVIEW: Martin wrote this amusing piece of fluff about a wacky TV weatherman trying to sort out his life.

Ladybugs (1992) 1.5 stars
89 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Vinessa Shaw, Tom Parks, Jeanetta Arnette, Nancy Parsons
REVIEW: To placate his boss and secure a promotion, Rodney becomes the coach of a girls' soccer team, complete with an in-drag male player (the son of his fiancee).

League of Their Own, A (1992) 3 stars
128 min, PG, Color
Cast: Tom Hanks, Geena Davis, Madonna, Lori Petty
REVIEW: Thoroughly entertaining comedy about the girls' baseball league that sprang up when male ballplayers were off fighting in WW2.

Leap of Faith (1992) 2.5 stars
108 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Steve Martin, Debra Winger, Lolita Davidovich, Liam Neeson
REVIEW: Nicely textured look at an evangelist's traveling tent show.

Legal Eagles (1986) 2.5 stars
114 min, PG, Color
Cast: Robert Redford, Debra Winger, Daryl Hannah, Brian Dennehy
REVIEW: Romantic comedy about assistant D.A. who becomes involved with flaky lawyer (Winger) and her even flakier client (Hannah).

License to Drive (1988) 2 stars
88 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Corey Haim, Corey Feldman, Carol Kane, Richard Masur
REVIEW: Noisy teen comedy about a 16-year-old who's just flunked his driver's test, and sneaks his grandfather's prized car out for a "dream" date that turns into a nightmare.

Little Monsters (1989) 1.5 stars
100 min, PG, Color
Cast: Fred Savage, Howie Mandel, Ben Savage, Daniel Stern
REVIEW: Boy finds prankish monster (Mandel) under his bed; their friendship leads to various crises, in our world and in the dimly lit land of the monsters.

Little Shop of Horrors, The (1960) 3.5 stars
70 min, NONE, B & W
Cast: Jonathan Haze, Jackie Joseph, Mel Welles, Dick Miller
REVIEW: Comedy about young schnook who develops bloodthirsty plant and is forced to kill in order to feed it.

Local Hero (1983) 3.5 stars
111 min, PG, Color
Cast: Peter Riegert, Burt Lancaster, Fulton Mackay, Denis Lawson
REVIEW: Enchantingly off-kilter comedy about an oil company rep (Riegert) who's assigned to buy up a Scottish coastal village which is badly needed for a refinery site.

Look Who's Talking (1989) 3 stars
90 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: John Travolta, Kirstie Alley, Olympia Dukakis, George Segal
REVIEW: Amiable comedy about an unmarried woman who has a baby (by her no-good married boyfriend) and then sets out to find a suitable "daddy" for him.

Look Who's Talking Too (1990) 1 star

81 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: John Travolta, irstie Alley
Olympia Dukakis, Elias Koteas
Twink Caplan, Gilbert Gottfried
REVIEW: Militantly offensive sequel, rushed into production and release, adds a baby girl to the formula, with the voice of Roseanne Barr.

Loose Cannons (1990) 1.5 stars
94 min, R, Color
Cast: Gene Hackman, Dan Aykroyd, Dom De Luise, Ronny Cox
REVIEW: Two D.C. cops caught between ex-Nazis and Israeli adversaries scuffling over a mysterious Hitler home movie.

Lost in Yonkers (1993) 2.5 stars
112 min, PG, Color
Cast: Richard Dreyfuss, Mercedes Ruehl, Irene Worth, David Strathairn
REVIEW: Struggling widower leaves his two sons with his steely German mother, and his sweet but simple-minded grown-up sister, while he goes off to make a living during WW2.

Love Potion No. 9 (1992) 2 stars
96 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Tate Donovan, Sandra Bullock, Mary Mara, Dale Midkiff
REVIEW: Sluggish, often silly comedy in which two timid people, biochemist Donovan and animal psychologist Bullock, become human guinea pigs for a love potion.

Macaroni (1985) 2.5 stars
104 min, PG, Color
Cast: Jack Lemmon, Marcello Mastroianni, Daria Nicolodi, Isa Danieli
REVIEW: Uptight American businessman goes to Naples and finds some unfinished personal business left over from his last visit, when he was an amorous soldier during WW2.

Made in America (1993) 2 stars
110 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Whoopi Goldberg, Ted Danson, Will Smith, Nia Long
REVIEW: Fiercely proud, independent Goldberg is forced to reveal to her teenage daughter that she was conceived from a sperm bank.

Major League (1989) 2.5 stars
107 min, R, Color
Cast: Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen, Corbin Bernsen, Margaret Whitton
REVIEW: Bitchy baseball team owner Whitton seeks to get out of her Cleveland franchise by organizing a team that's guaranteed to lose games, and fans.

Major League II (1994) 1 star
104 min, PG, Color
Cast: Charlie Sheen, Tom Berenger, Corbin Bernsen, Dennis Haysbert
REVIEW: Excruciatingly unfunny, decidedly minor-league sequel, with most of the principals returning for a second season.

Making the Grade (1984) 1.5 stars
105 min, R, Color
Cast: Judd Nelson, Jonna Lee, Carey Scott, Dana Olsen
REVIEW: Spoiled rich kid hires young hustler to take his place at prep school.

Man With One Red Shoe, The (1985) 2 stars
93 min, PG, Color
Cast: Tom Hanks, Dabney Coleman, Lori Singer, Charles Durning
REVIEW: Story about an innocent guy wrongly targeted by CIA types for elimination.

Mannequin (1987) 1 star
89 min, PG, Color
Cast: Andrew McCarthy, Kim Cattrall, Estelle Getty, G.W. Bailey
REVIEW: Cattrall is an ancient Egyptian spirit who embodies a department store mannequin; McCarthy is the only one who sees her come to life, and falls in love with her.

Mask, The (1994) 3.5 stars
101 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Jim Carrey, Peter Riegert, Amy Greene, Amy Yasbeck
REVIEW: Jim Carrey stars as mild mannered bank clerk Stanley Ipkiss, who discovers a mysterious ancient mask that brings his inner most desires to wild, screaming life!

Maverick (1994) 2 stars
129 min, PG, Color
Cast: Mel Gibson, Jodie Foster, James Garner, Graham Greene
REVIEW: Gibson is fun as a wily cardsharp on his way to a big-stakes poker game, and the cast is peppered with familiar faces from the world of vintage TV westerns and contemporary country music.

Memoirs of an Invisible Man (1992) 2 stars
99 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Chevy Chase, Daryl Hannah, Sam Neill, Michael McKean
REVIEW: Chase plays a securities analyst who's rendered invisible after an accident, and finds himself involved in a by-the-numbers spy scenario.

Men at Work (1990) 2 stars
99 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Charlie Sheen, Emilio Estevez, Leslie Hope, Keith David
REVIEW: Estevez and real-life brother Sheen play garbage men whose freeheeling lifestyle is interrupted when they discover a dead body along their route.

Mermaids (1990) 3 stars
111 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Cher, Bob Hoskins, Winona Ryder, Michael Schoeffling
REVIEW: Saucy, sexy single mother of two is a source of constant embarrassment to her teenage daughter, who's trying to deal with her own sexual awakening—and not having an easy time of it.

Midnight Run (1988) 3.5 stars
122 min, R, Color
Cast: Robert De Niro, Charles Grodin, Yaphet Kotto, John Ashton
REVIEW: Socko action-comedy with bounty hunter (and ex-cop) De Niro determined to bring bail-jumper Grodin, an embezzling accountant, from N.Y. to L.A.

Milagro Beanfield War, The (1988) 3.5 stars
117 min, R, Color
Cast: Ruben Blades, Richard Bradford, Sonia Braga, Julie Carmen
REVIEW: Spirited, fanciful tale of a rugged individualist who decides to stand up to the big, brash developers who plan to milk his (and his neighbors') New Mexico land for all it's worth.

Mister Roberts (1955) 4 stars
123 min, NONE, Color
Cast: Henry Fonda, James Cagney, William Powell, Jack Lemmon
REVIEW: Superb comedy-drama with Fonda recreating his favorite stage role as restless officer on WW2 cargo ship who yearns for combat action but has to contend with an irascible and eccentric captain (Cagney) instead.

Modern Love (1990) 2 stars
109 min, R, Color
Cast: Robby Benson, Karla DeVito, Rue McClanahan, Burt Reynolds
REVIEW: The scenario, the duo meet, fall in love, wed, and deal with various "modern problems".

Mogul, The (1990) 4 stars
99 min, G, Color
Cast: Denny DeVito, Rhea Perlman, Cameos by Alan Alda, Beatrice Arthur
REVIEW: You'll never watch T.V. the same way again after Denny DeVito takes you behind the scenes.

Money for Nothing (1993) 2 stars
100 min, R, Color
Cast: John Cusack, Debi Mazar, Michael Madson, Benicio Del Toro
REVIEW: True story of unemployed longshoreman who finds over a million bucks which has fallen out of an armored car; he sees it as his ticket to the good life, but it doesn't work out that way.

Monty Python's Flying Circus (1970) 3 stars
60 min, NONE, Color
REVIEW: Included in this videocassette are such Python favorites as The Architects Sketch, The Ministry of Silly Walks and the family favorite The Naught Chemist, and lots, lots more.

Moon Over Parador (1988) 2.5 stars
105 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Richard Dreyfuss, Raul Julia, Sonia Braga, Jonathan Winters
REVIEW: Amiable comedy about an American actor who's shanghaied into portraying a recently deceased Latin American dictator.

Mr. Destiny (1990) 2 stars
110 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: James Belushi, Linda Hamilton, Michael Caine, Jon Lovitz
REVIEW: Belushi as an average, bored working stiff who gets to go back in time and replay an at-bat in a high school baseball game, which significantly alters his fate.

Mr. Mom (1983) 2.5 stars
91 min, PG, Color
Cast: Michael Keaton, Teri Garr, Martin Mull, Ann Jillian
REVIEW: Pleasant enough rehash of age-old sitcom premise: Mom gets a job when dad gets fired, leaving him to learn the perils of running a household.

Mr. Saturday Night (1992) 2.5 stars
119 min, R, Color
Cast: Billy Crystal, David Paymer, Julie Warner, Helen Hunt
REVIEW: Saga of a comedian who turns out to be his own worst enemy.

Mrs. Doubtfire (1993) 3 stars
125 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Robin Williams, Sally Field, Pierce Brosnan, Harvey Fierstein
REVIEW: Comedy about a free spirit whose wife divorces him after fourteen years; he can't bear being separated from his three kids, so he disguises himself as a dowdy British housekeeper and gets himself hired to look after them.

Much Ado About Nothing (1993) 4 stars
111 min, PG-13, Color
Cast: Denzel Washington, Emma Thompson, Keanu Reeves
REVIEW: With his wedding a week