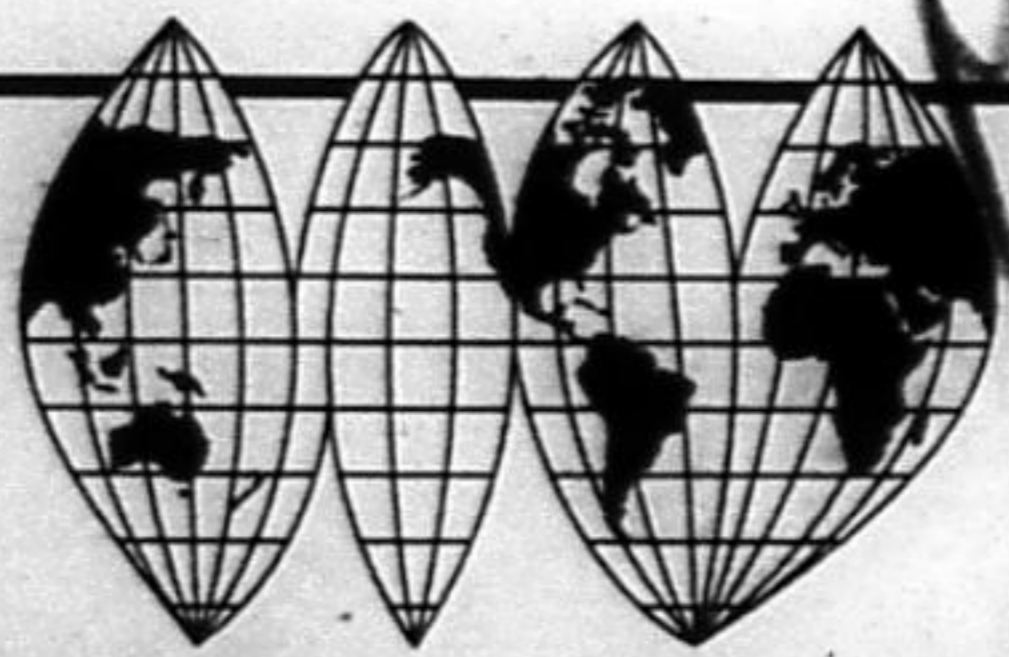


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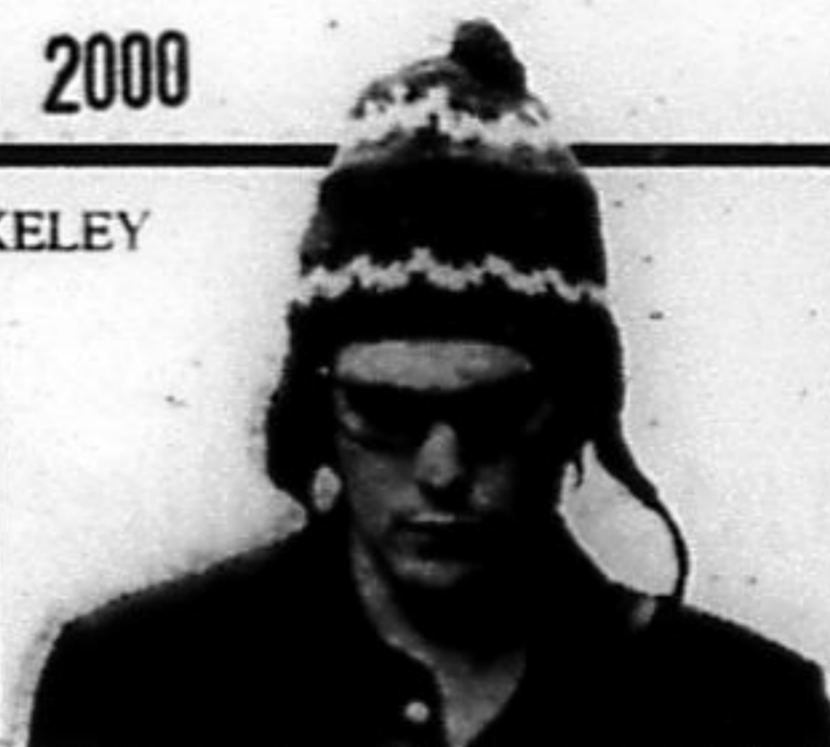


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Men Ruin Plants to Halt Crop Research

By SASHA TALCOTT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Two ski-masked activists scaled the fence of an Albany research center partially owned by the university and destroyed dozens of plants in an effort to stop research on genetically modified food, a government spokesperson said yesterday.

Sandy Miller Hays, director of information for the federal government's Agricultural Research Service, said security guards making their rounds at 4:30 a.m. Sunday came across two men dumping tomato plants onto the floor. The men, who had apparently hopped the fence of the facility and cut a hole into the side of two greenhouses, subsequently ran away.

The targeted facility is jointly owned by UC Berkeley and the federal government.

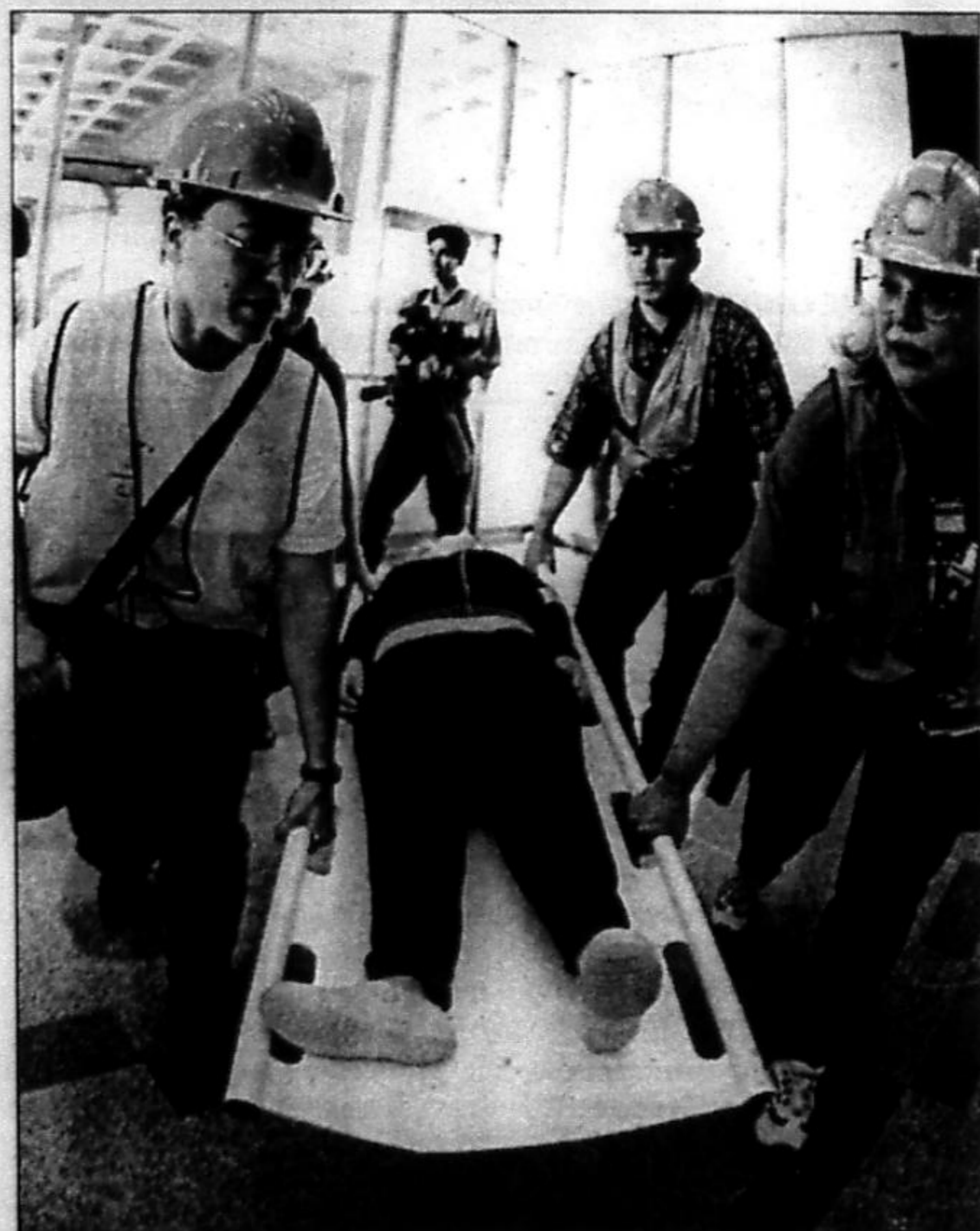
Hays estimated the damage at less than \$1,000, in part because the security guards intercepted the activists before they could destroy more plants.

"I don't know why they're doing this, or even what they think we're doing that would cause them to want to do this," she said.

Hays said the vandals followed the same pattern as in a January break-

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Shaky practice



DAILY CAL STAFF/ROBERT TERRY

EMERGENCY WORKERS carry a stretcher during yesterday's Quake 2000 Disaster Response Drill. The exercise, coordinated by several campus departments and the UC Police Department, was part of an ongoing effort to prepare the campus for an earthquake along the Hayward-Rodgers Creek Fault, which runs under several portions of campus including Memorial Stadium. At yesterday's two-hour event, search-and-rescue teams were deployed on mock emergency response missions, and incident command posts coordinated the efforts of nearly 400 people.

University, Nurses Arrive at Contract

Union members to vote on agreement

By ANNE BENJAMINSON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The UC system and the union representing its approximately 7,500 registered nurses reached a tentative contract agreement yesterday.

Although details of the contract cannot be released until union membership votes on the proposal, a California Nurses Association representative said the union had secured several key demands under the provisional deal.

The contract gives nurses at the university's medical centers and student health facilities the right to resort to grievance procedures in cases of unsafe staffing, marking a unique breakthrough for UC nurses, said Francisco Ugarte.

Additionally, day-to-day or "per-diem" nurses will receive full contract rights for the first time, he said.

"Nurses who work on a per-diem or day-to-day basis do not receive benefits," he said. "UC has not allowed them access to the grievance procedure, but they've made advancements here."

Good for two years, the agreement also includes time limits on overtime and on-call work, improved health and safety procedures in the workplace, increased flexibility in sick leave procedures and significant wage increases.

"This agreement was a true breakthrough in a series of issues that reg-

This agreement was a true breakthrough in a series of issues that registered nurses have been fighting about for years with the university.'

Francisco Ugarte

representative for CNA

istered nurses have been fighting about for years with the university," Ugarte said. "As a result of the incredible demonstration of solidarity, we were able to move UC."

The proposed contract also includes increases in pay and benefits for UCSF nurses, who union organizers said had to bear the brunt of the UC system's failed hospital merger with Stanford University. The partnership, which officials called off in October, cost both universities millions of dollars and has yet to be completely resolved.

Ugarte said the university took a hard line and forced nurses to pay for the mess proponents of the merger created.

Additionally, the contract makes it easier for nurses to take sick days.

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Young Pleads Not Guilty to Charges

Man ordered from Underhill

By ANNE BENJAMINSON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Boalt Hall School of Law student Rick Young was not in Underhill Parking Lot yesterday — instead, he was in court, where he pleaded not guilty to three counts of unlawful lodging.

Young, 33, has been camping in the lot since April 30 in an effort to engage UC Berkeley Chancellor Robert Berdahl in discussion on five key points, including more housing, fewer greenhouse gas emissions and increased safety measures on the Southside.

After nearly three weeks in the lot, UC police arrested Young three times this weekend, culminating in a Sunday night trip to Santa Rita jail. Young was released without bail, and ordered to return to court.

Yesterday, Young appeared before Superior Court Judge Jennie Rhine in Berkeley, where he answered his charges and attempted to reclaim property taken from him during his final arrests.

The seized property, which includes several bicycles, a cellular phone, a battery charger and a couch, was not returned yesterday. Young might be able to reclaim his possessions after next Wednesday's pre-trial hearing before Judge Carol Brosnhan.

Rhine also ordered Young to stay away from the lot, an order he said he will most likely obey.

"Chances are I won't go back until Wednesday," Young said. "If the judge didn't say 'don't go back,'

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Researchers Find Water Alters Alumina

By BERNICE NG
DAILY CAL STAFF WRITER

A study of aluminum-oxides has revealed that the surface structure of minerals that help clean up toxins are altered in the presence of water — a finding that may help reduce the toxic contamination of the environment.

In their study of the compound alumina, a team of researchers that includes a scientist from the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory has found that the surface structure of alumina, an aluminum oxide, is altered by exposure to water.

When alumina is in a vacuum — a space entirely devoid of matter in which air is removed — the surface of the compound terminates with an aluminum residue, according to research published in the May 12 edition of Science Magazine.

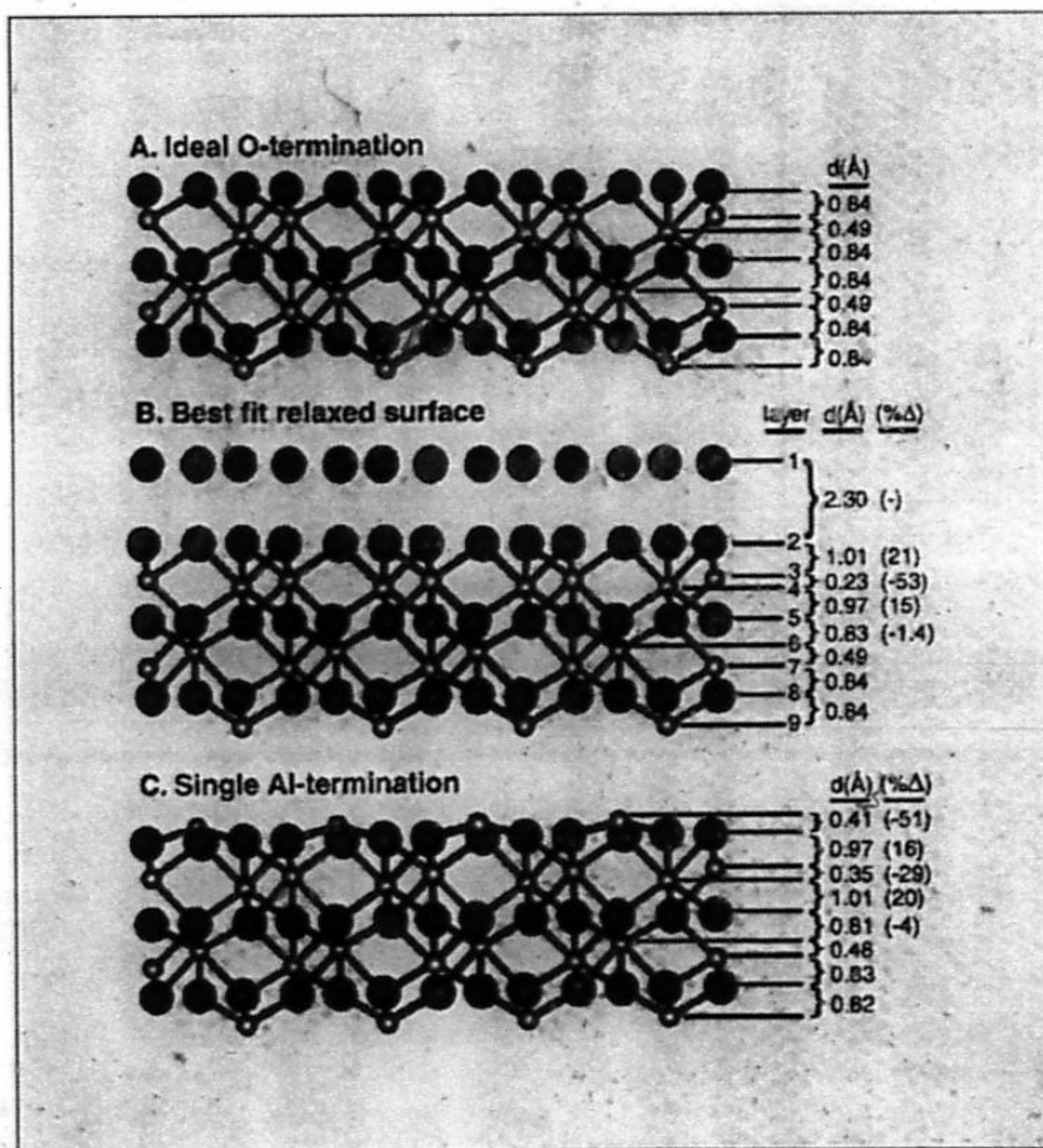
The most stable configuration of alumina in the vacuum is the one with the aluminum residue sticking out because no oxygen ligands are present on the surface and there is therefore no possibility that the oxygens will bind to or react with other molecules.

However, after using an X-ray technique called crystal truncation rod diffraction, scientists found that the surface structure of alumina changes when exposed to water.

In environments with even minimal aqueous interaction, the surface of alumina becomes hydrated and changes so that the aluminum is no longer exposed at the end. As a result, the reactivity of the entire molecule is changed.

"(The aluminum termination) structure is unstable when exposed to water," said Glenn Waychunas, a staff scientist at the Earth Science Division of LBNL.

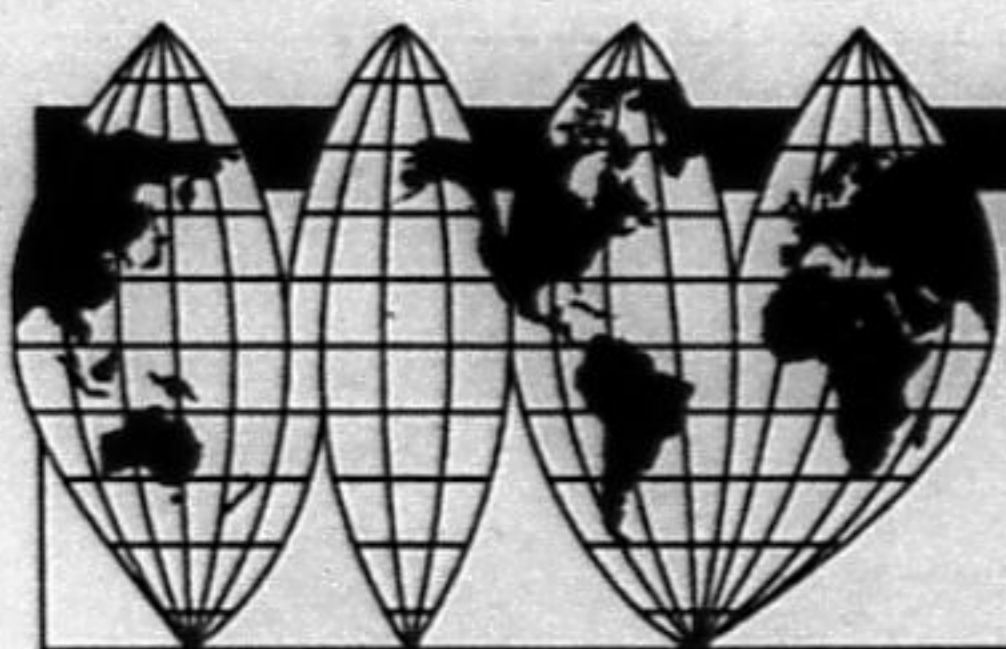
The finding is significant because the ability for a contaminant to either continue to spread or to instead be localized depends on how it interacts with



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ALUMINA SURFACE, is altered in the presence of water. Figure A shows an ideal, unrelaxed oxygen-terminated surface. Figure B shows the actual oxygen terminated surface that results from exposure of the surface to water. This surface includes an oxygen overlayer. Figure C shows the aluminum terminated surface, found when alumina is in a vacuum. Dark balls and light balls indicate oxygen and hydrogen respectively.

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TRAVELOGUE

JENNIFER HASA

New York, New York — or Not

I have never been much of anywhere, much less New York City. Finally, I went. And I found that New York is a place for theatres, for stock exchanges, for restaurants — but not for people. Back before I had been there, I figured that one day I might get a loft and live there. I had been high on the romantic notion of the New York of 10 or 20 years ago. I have no idea exactly how much it has changed, but I know I will never live there — nobody really does.

It's amazing — as inhospitable as a desert before humans have renovated it, before they have pumped water in and planted things. Every time I stepped out onto the sidewalk, I was amazed. There were no homeless people anywhere. All the people sitting, standing, lying were nowhere to be found. It occurred to me that maybe they had all died or been killed. This made sense because most of the blurry beings walking around were dressed in black.

I wondered how, in a city with such a large population, the streets could be so empty. Nobody was sitting, standing or lying. Black blurs rushed by, breathing grey air. Their clothing left black streaks through it. It was more colorless than any city I had seen.

Everywhere I went, I found myself saying, "This is Manhattan? This is Brooklyn?" This New York was not the one I had dreamed of. But I think this is increasingly common everywhere. Don't you walk through San Francisco's Mission District thinking, "This is it?"

I had been high on the romantic notion of New York 10 or 20 years ago.

Brooklyn is beginning to look just like the Mission. The gentrification of Brooklyn seems to be happening there just as it is here. They sold the same posh/hip/yuppie shit that they do in the Mission, ruining a perfectly good neighborhood in the process. In Brooklyn, they also sold the same absurd and expensive food. One of the only places in New York City where you can get low-fat or vegetarian food is in Brooklyn. Go figure.

The only time I ever felt the city as I imagined it, was sitting inside a small Jewish deli drinking an egg cream, eating potato pancakes and blintzes, with my back to the people out the window.

My favorite place in New York, however, was one of the most beautiful things I had ever seen. Again, it was inside, away from the smoke and the grey and the black. The cafe was near a large church, but it almost looked as if it was a small enclave, like the gift shops of large churches. Four stained glass panels lit from behind by fluorescent lights glowed from the floor to the red-tiled ceiling, providing most of the light. A few windowed doors inside opened out onto a courtyard with a small concrete fountain. There were even plants, which is unusual for New York.

I sat next to a huge fish tank filled with coy fish. A few mirrors on the wall reflected the ceiling and the few dim light bulbs. It felt fucking holy with these saints glowing at me and the fish floating serenely next to me. So I ordered a drink. This place had a built-in bar. I should have stayed there for days. If I ever lived in New York, this would be one thing that would make me love it.

The only time I was ever actually scared in New York was my own fault, and it relates to the other times I have been afraid for my safety in big cities. It was New Year's Day, and my boyfriend and I were at another club, late at night, somewhere deep in the city, perhaps in the non-gentrified part of Brooklyn. I had not known that, to be taken seriously in New York, you had to wear dark colors, so I was wearing the only jacket I had brought — a huge, bright white puffy down coat.

Needless to say, this was not what I ought to have been wearing late at night, deep in the city. I was like a moving target. I have made this mistake before, late at night when I was walking through the Tenderloin but, luckily, this obvious show of weakness was offset both times by the presence of a relatively large male by my side. It's amazing what bright colors can mean in the city. I think I saw only two other white coats in New York, both on middle-aged women. My white coat nearly got me into trouble that night, and I think that my boyfriend got carded at the liquor store purely because of my obnoxious jacket.

I didn't visit any of the places that are supposed to characterize New York for people who have not been there. I still haven't seen the Statue of Liberty, Central Park or the Empire State Building. Somehow, this makes me feel like, if I visit the city a few more times and remain ignorant of these things, I'll know it better. (Besides that I feel a certain juvenile pride at not having seen them, just as I feel proud that I have never seen "Titanic" and have never attended a college football game.)

Did I miss something?

Oh, besides all that, I was there for New Year's 2000. We avoided Times Square and all that thoroughly uninteresting shit. I think we were sitting on a bucket in an empty stairwell when the year 2000 began. It seemed thoroughly appropriate that every other year I had watched New York count down the new year on television, and that this time I turned my back on it.

The next day my boyfriend and I went to some big New Year's Day event at a club and heard John Digweed and Sasha play. But who cares about that? That could have been anywhere.

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Research

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the surfaces — many of which are similar to alumina — that it comes in contact with.

Alumina is an analog for many other molecules that occur in the natural environment, where they are constantly exposed to aqueous conditions.

"In the environment, with water present all around, it's a different kind of surface with different reactivities and you need to know how it reacts," Waychunas said.

Industrial activity on Earth has resulted in the contamination of many sites on the planet and many of the contaminants that come from industrial activity find their way to the soil in the ground and are transported and spread to other areas by water.

Many toxins are able to dissolve into water and be carried with it as it moves.

What the dissolved contaminants interact with are the termination ends of the surface structure — not the bulk structure — of many naturally occurring minerals that are found in the soil.

"(Our study) is a sort of model system for what you might find in soil and sediments," Trainor said.

The research helped scientists determine exactly how toxins react with minerals.

"You have dissolved lead and a surface with some type of structure and you're going to have some kind of scheme where the contaminant sticks to the surface of a specific site, and we'd like to know what those specific sites are and what they look like."

A thorough understanding of these reactions can help improve the technology to curb the spread of toxic contamination by allowing scientists to choose and select specific compounds to react with specific toxins in the environment.

"We're trying to understand at the atomic and molecular level how these toxins and foreign agents interact with surfaces," said Peter Eng, a senior research associate at the University of Chicago.

If reactivity is possible, the toxins will no longer bind to water and instead bind to the mineral, leading to cleaner water and localization of the contaminants.

"We're mostly interested in the reaction between mineral surfaces and contaminants in say ground water and how metals would get partitioned from the dissolved aqueous phase," Trainor said. "They'd stick out

onto the mineral surface and their transport would be retarded, and this would reduce their availability."

Researchers studied the interactions by subjecting aluminum-oxides to water vapor and using powerful X-ray structuring machines at the Argonne National Laboratory in south Chicago, Illinois.

They used the crystal truncation rod diffraction technique that takes advantage of X-ray diffraction patterns that result from the termination — or truncation — of a crystal, which is in this case the alumina.

If a crystal has infinite dimension — if it does not terminate — the diffraction pattern would consist of a scattering pattern of points. The diffraction space would essentially be a space full of dots.

Like alumina, however, no real crystal is infinite. The termination end will cause the diffraction pattern that is made up of dots to change into streaks, or rods. The points that elongate into these streaks are caused by the truncation and are helpful to identify the precise structure of the termination end.

The result is an intermediate structure between what scientists call the aluminum-terminated, "clean" aluminum oxide and a fully hydroxylated alumina.

Student

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I might have gone back. We'll see."

Flanked by supporters with a videocassette recorder, Young briefly returned to the lot Wednesday afternoon, but left before

police arrested him again.

Public defender Bob Mertens will represent Young next week. The Berkeley City Council was set to consider a measure that would have supported Young at its Tuesday night meeting, but the item was pulled for further debate.

Although he had intended to finish his second year of law school this month, Young did not complete one class and is in jeopardy of failing the other two, he said. He said he had intended to hand in his final two assignments Friday, but his arrest disrupted those plans.

Contract

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Ugarte said the old policy had been nonsensical.

"If nurses are working sick, it's not really going to help the patients," he said.

UC spokesperson Brad Hayward

would not comment beyond the university's official statement yesterday, in which Judith Boyette, the system's associate vice president for human resources and benefits, expounded the virtues of the agreement.

"Nurses are critical to UC's ability to maintain the highest-quality health care for our patients," Boyette stated. "We are pleased to have reached this

agreement and look forward to continuing a productive, effective working relationship with CNA."

If union members approve the new deal, it will replace the one-year contract the nurses agreed to last May after a series of demonstrations and protests at several university campuses, including UC Berkeley.

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Mandy Moore

I WANNA BE WITH YOU
[Epic]

I don't think I've ever encountered an album as contrived as Mandy Moore's new LP *I Wanna Be With You*. Labeled as a "special edition," it cunningly rides on the wave of success that the teen pop star's single of the same title is currently riding on. To top off the conniving aspect, most of the songs are directly from her whimpering 1999 debut, *So Real*.



It's obvious that Epic is desperate to get their star blonde pop product into the same limelight as Britney and Christina, and in that respect, this "new" album really isn't that bad a try. *So Real* is supersaturated with horrid ballads that Moore's weak vocals couldn't possibly breathe any life into. *I Wanna Be With You* ups the tempo a bit more.

The Tony Moran-produced "I Like It," the groovy pop of "Everything My Heart Desires" and the Soul Solution remix of "I Wanna Be With You" are all great dance cuts, but really, it's unfortunate that a pop star with two left feet like Moore has recorded them. Britney would have made them more fun, dancing to them live and in videos like the true Janet Jackson wannabe she is.

Moore, on the other hand, is only

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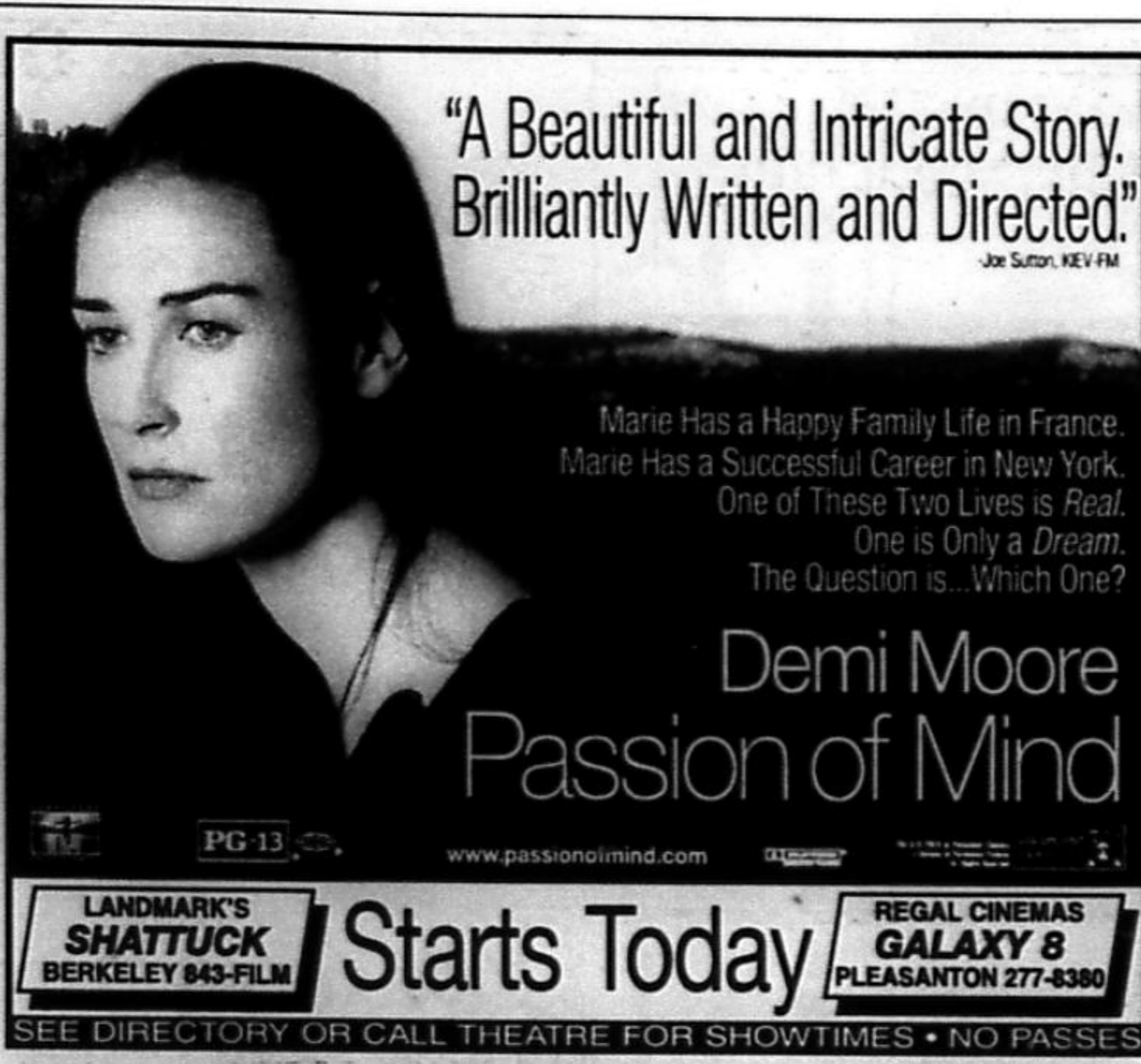
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going to ruin things if she sets them to some kind of choreography. The two fun Wade Robson updates of "Candy" and "So Real" would suffer from the same fate.

Of course Moore's definitely no Christina when it comes to vocals. Still, she sings the few ballads on / *Wanna Be With You* with the convincing heart that any teenager going through teenage-crises has. But really, Moore and this album are just so easy to see through, it's tough to take them very seriously. Epic may have done a good job giving Moore a fun makeover, but no matter how hard they try there are already two girls out there doing her job a lot better. [BC]



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CASE NO. 253271-4

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 291904

The name of the business: Scratchsniff Records, located at: 1330 Sixth Street, Apt. A, in: Berkeley, CA 94710, is hereby registered by the following owner: Bennett Lin, 1330 Sixth Street, Apt. A., Berkeley, CA 94710.

This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on May 1, 2000.

Publish: 5/3, 5/10, 5/19, 5/26/00

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LAURIE H. GLASS
Case No. 252940-4

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Laurie H. Glass, aka Laurie Haig Glass.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Joseph J. Samudio in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Joseph J. Samudio be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 21, 2000 at 9:30 in Dept 23 located at 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA, 94612.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 291988

The name of the business: Information Services Latin America (ISLA), located at: 1904 Franklin St., Suite 900, Oakland, CA 94612, is hereby registered by the following owner: Datascenter, 1904 Franklin St., Suite 900, Oakland, CA 94612.

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein May 1, 2000.

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Publish: 5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9/00

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 292443

The name of the business: Lucky Dog Pet Shop, located at: 2154 San Pablo Ave. Berkeley, CA, 94702, is hereby registered by the following owner: Deloris L. Handel, 2415 Sacramento Street, Berkeley, CA, 94702.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You might feel like going in hiding. Key is to face music early, to find out where you stand and why. Visit friend temporarily confined to home, hospital.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Sudden surprise. Eleventh House influence — means you win friends and influence people. Be near water if possible. Deal gingerly with Pisces individual.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be called in for a consultation with one in authority. Assignment could include overseas journey. Let go of relationship that finds you being taken for granted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make fresh start. Imprint style; do not follow others. Trade recipes with Leo; seek legal advice from Capricorn. Control pace.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Activity in connection with mantic arts indicated, including astrology. Focus also on partnership, city hall politics, marital status. Capricorn, Cancer persons play roles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Avoid debates, lie low, give serious consideration to proposals that include partnership, marriage. Gemini, Sagittarius persons will figure prominently.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Mathematical puzzle will be solved. You'll get credit due. Revise, rewrite, rebuild — this could be your make-over day. You'll receive compliments on your appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Remain alert for changes of policy. Another Scorpio helps in attaining goal.

Excellent for sharing knowledge, teaching, writing. Flirtation getting warm; enough is enough.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Cycle indicates that home and music dominate scenario. Dance to your own tune. Have something to say concerning decorating, remodeling. During crisis, be diplomatic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Time on your side. Listen and observe. Refuse to be cajoled into making snap decision. Whatever psychic power you have will surface. Follow instincts and your heart.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): What you have been waiting for will arrive, perhaps one day late. Don't equate delay with defeat. Focus on money, production, standing in community. Capricorn involved.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Finish what you start. Cycle high; circumstances are turning in your favor. You emit personal magnetism, aura of sensuality and sex appeal. Aries plays role.

IF MAY 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: When pressure is on you are up to it. You are responsible for many people, their lives and loves. Capricorn, Cancer individuals play important roles in your life — could have these letters, initials in names: H, Q, Z. You are passionate, creative, and you expect and deserve star treatment. Current cycle coincides with possible change of residence, marital status. September most memorable.

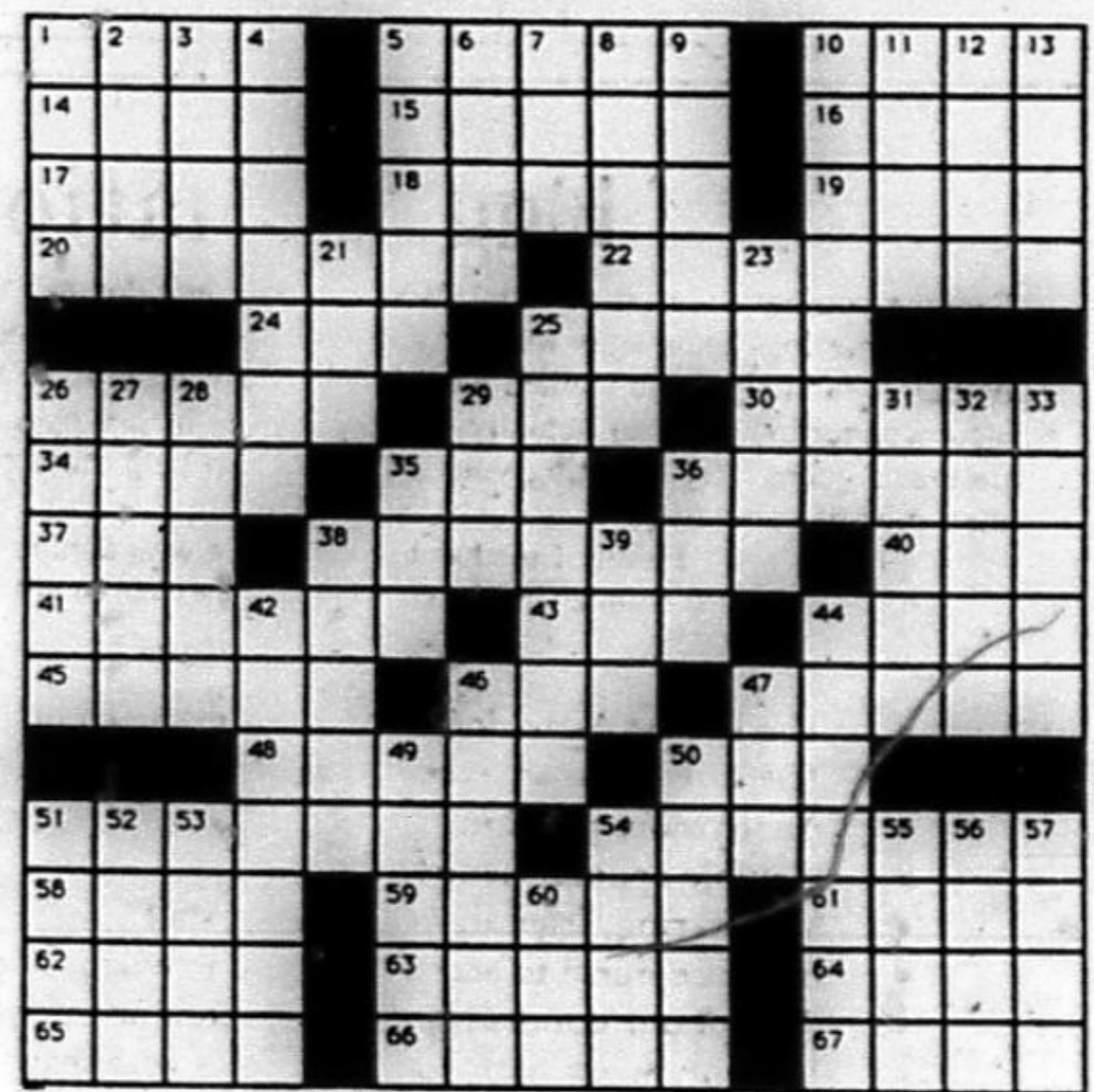
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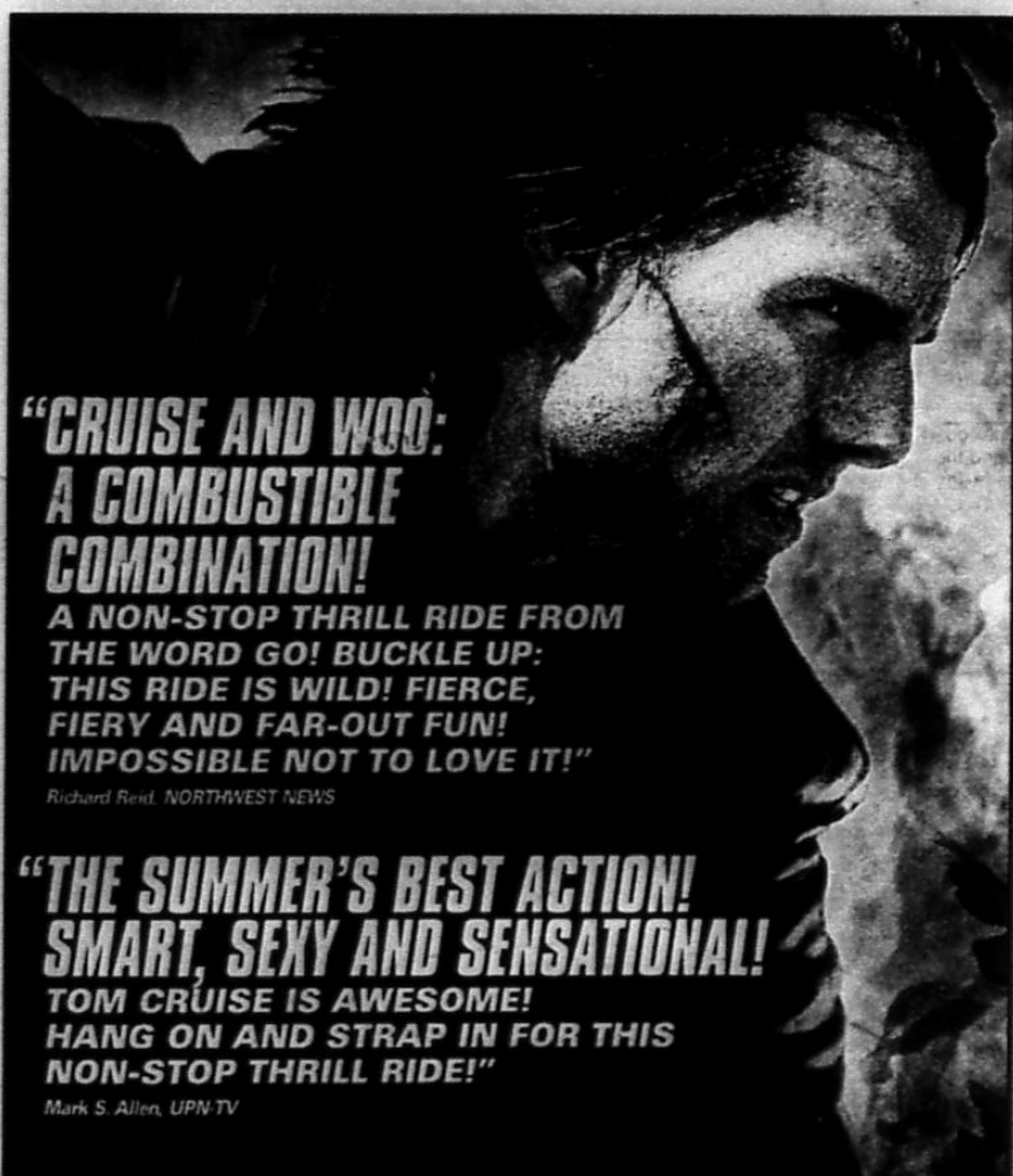
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To His Own Self, True

Ethan Hawke takes a turn at Hamlet

by TOMMY TUNG

The new wave Shakespeare experiments like Baz Luhrman's *Romeo and Juliet* (1996) or *Ten Things I Hate About You* (based on *The Taming of the Shrew*) have been charming the hell out of the new Pepsi generation and proving that the Stratford playwright is chic again. Modernity being the trend, director Michael Almercyda follows the lead while avoiding the MTV-manual of style that could sap *Hamlet* of its powerful impact.

In this contemporary take on *Hamlet*, the title character (played by Ethan Hawke) returns from his studies at Whittenberg to find dear ol' dad, CEO of the Denmark Corporation, murdered at the hands of his slithery uncle Claudius (Kyle McLachlan), who has married Hamlet's mother Gertrude (Diane Verona). Sound like Christmas break? Hamlet doesn't think so either, and starts burning down the house with cruel psychological games that, unbeknownst to him, take him down too. Throw in the vengeful ghost of Daddy Hamlet and ghastly deeds along with tragic repercussions are "guaranteed to be in stock."

From miles away, you can hear "Danger, Will Robinson!" should you decide to re-evaluate a Shakespeare

play that's been arguably the most produced and written-about work. The new rendition not only has the task of surpassing previous make-overs like Frank Zeffereilli's with Mel Gibson, Laurence Oliver's, or the butt-bruisingly long Kenneth Branagh version, but the *Hamlet* of this year has to go unscathed under the searing criticism of thespians and pedantic University scholars who (I know from experience) are capable of unforgiving censure.

What does injure the traditional vision of *Hamlet* with "a hit, a most palpable hit" is the downplaying of the dark Prince of Denmark by the brooding but bratty Ethan Hawke. It's more a blow to the original text and not to this 21st century edition, because Almercyda's work transcends a long filmography of classic interpretations in order to provide its own invention of stunning new themes and character dimensions.

For sure, Almercyda was swinging a new dance when he cast Hawke as the lead. This *Hamlet*'s a grungy filmmaker, a decade younger than the thirty-something characters before him. The overplayed feeling of a tormented and psychotic Hamlet eludes this film, which would rather meditate on the alienation of youth and its displacement of soul and identity besieged by a video-media culture.

"Though this be madness, yet there is method in 't." Polonius' line doesn't make the final cut, but its scope on the film's liberal implications couldn't be more clear — Hamlet isn't as insane as he is spiritually dismembered by post-college angst and the



HAWKE EYES: Ethan Hawke (left) plays a contemporary Hamlet.

absence of modern family values.

Hamlet develops a film-video lexicon, emerging as a new lyricism to accompany the psychology of Hamlet and Ophelia (Julia Stiles). The dominant presence of monitors, cameras and video memories, combined with resourceful acting, inscribes Shakespeare's work with a powerful definition of poetry. Many of Hamlet's monologues are internal thoughts elicited by footage of poignant imagery — whether it's the father-son days lost forever or the sweet times with oh-so-innocent Ophelia. His "to be or not to be" spiel is edited to be just that, looped over and over as we watch him bring a pistol to his head for dramatic measure.

Ophelia doesn't have video memories from her perspective, but the permanent sadness etched onto Stiles' face enunciates her victimization. One remarkable example of Almercyda's creative technique comes with the foreshadowing of Ophelia's suicide. It's the projection of her despair rather than the verbalization that's astounding. She shuffles to the edge of the pool and plunges herself into the deep end. Cut. She's back at the edge, woken from her imagination. The director employs the versatility of film to construct states of mind, never before attempted in other *Hamlet* films. "The Mouse Trap," the ruse disguised

as a play to ensnare Claudius into admitting culpability, is a self-reflective nod to the avant-garde spirit possessing Almercyda's accomplishment. Hamlet meticulously crafts a video collage of black-and-white, silent and animated films to narrate the heinous crime of Claudius. This prince gets his material from Blockbuster Video — a sanctuary for moping through aisles and searching for the end of existentialism.

One of the tricks to filming *Hamlet* without getting booed from stage-left and right entails carefully abridging the play. Ripping random pages out of the folio will only result in a screenplay as coherent as *Mission: Impossible*. The four-hour Branagh epic does not forget one word, but like I said before, it gives viewers phantom hemorrhoids. Almercyda dares to be different by deleting entire scenes and famous quotes that might taint the film's purity. A film about disillusionment can't spend too much time reflecting on the skull of the old court jester or two wisecracking gravediggers, who were integral components of the 16th century text but not of this one. Nutty lines like "I am but mad north-north-west — when the wind is southerly I know a hawk from a hand-saw" aren't there to stress Hamlet's

madness, since it is trivial compared to his anger. With great discretion, Almercyda has made necessary adjustments to ensure the story's fluidity.

Side characters like Polonius (Bill Murray), Rosencrantz (Steve Zahn) and Guildenstern (Dechen Thurman) provide comic relief through chuckle-worthy line delivery. They don't ruin the murkier dialogue, but it's inexplicably funny to see Murray, a veteran of "Saturday Night Live," give the "to thine own self be true" speech. He's as clingy and meddling as Polonius should be and carries himself like a chump. Laertes and Claudius are well-presented by Liev Schreiber and Kyle McLachlan, respectively, but don't expect anything novel from their performances. While Hamlet becomes something other than a man plagued by a "murder most foul," the star performer is the film rather than its leading man.

When Hamlet tells Horatio, "There are more things in heaven and earth than is dreamt of in our philosophy," the revelation frees us from the ingrained teachings of the scholastic canon. Almercyda takes "to be or not to be" further, seeking permission "to be individual" among film adaptations that graze over this pivotal consideration.

Hamlet is now playing in theaters nationwide.

re:CDs

The Greatest Hits of All



Whitney Houston
THE GREATEST HITS
[Arista]

Well, it's about time Miss Whitney released a greatest hits package! No, it's not the end of her career or anything catastrophic like that — she's just got so much good stuff in her back catalog that waiting any longer would call for something more lengthy than a two-CD set.

And no, this package is not a CD longer than it should be. Houston has become a huge force in clubland over the past few years, and the second disc — entitled "Throw

Down" — is packed with all those remixes we've been blessed with thanks to her. The classic Thunderpuss 2000 mix of "It's Not Right But It's Okay," the recent club-savvy Hex Hector mix of "I Learned From The Best," Jonathan Peters' drastic reworking of "My Love Is Your Love" — they're all on "Throw Down" in dance-ready form, one right

after another.

For the most part, all of Houston's more upbeat songs are included in *The Greatest Hits*, albeit in remix form. Purists may wince at this, yearning for the '80s flair of "I Wanna Dance With Somebody (Who Loves Me)" or the '90s pizzazz of "I'm Every Woman," but trust me — they've all gotten proper, respectable make-overs. DJ Junior Vasquez, for one, works his magic on four of the tracks, extending the dancefloor life of "How Will I Know" and "Step By Step," amongst others.

Houston is best known as a balladeer, however, and disc one — fittingly-titled "Cool Down" — showcases all her hits of the past 20 years that we grew up with. "Saving All My Love For You," "I Will Always Love You," and "Exhale (Shoop Shoop)" are just a few of the standouts. Two new surprising duets — one with Deborah Cox and other with Enrique Iglesias — close "Cool Down" with

appropriate power-pop punches.

It has been a long road for Houston, and recently it hasn't gotten any better with all those rumors of drug addiction and offstage tantrums. This collection forces us to look past any of those blemishes, though, to what really matters when it comes to Miss Whitney — her music. And we will always love her for that. [Bryan Chin]

Cat Power

THE COVERS RECORD
[Matador Records]

Like a threadbare bath towel drying off old, drippy songs, Chan Marshall and the Cat Power gang wipe away everything but the most essential lyrics on *The Covers Record*.

But hey, who really knows all the words to "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" anyway? On *The Covers Record*, this quintessential Rolling Stones tune is stripped down to its bare essence, which the band proves does not include the trademark hook. I sniffle, realizing there will be no, "duh duh, duh duh duh duh duh/I can't GET NO...satis-FAC-TION!" Yet with simple instrumentation and Marshall's shadowy voice, Jagger and Richard's hard-hitting, guitar-rock angst becomes a brooding, acoustic lamentation that opens up the tune with alluring, despondent style.

Many of the songs on *The Covers Record* are so transformed by Marshall's hollow, whispery voice and minimalist guitar playing that initial recognition is tricky. But there's no yearning for Lou Reed as Cat Power reinvents "I Found a Reason," crooning, "Oh I do believe in all the things you see/What comes is better than what



came before/And you better come...to me. Better run...to me..."

The same is true of Bob Dylan's absence on "Paths of Victory." Though *The Covers Record* is obviously a collection of covers, Cat Power's ability to sculpt and mold each musical offering makes old songs into sweet, sorrowful, new creations. This is clearly evident on the traditionally foot-stomping, bluegrass fiddle bowing "Salty Dog," where music is re-wrapped and given an air of sass and urgent poutiness less the hoe-down. Similarly, the cheesy, orchestra-assisted "Sea of Love" is cut and pasted to reveal a sharper, almost sarcastic version that coos, "Come with me, my love, to the sea, the sea of love/I want to tell you how much I love you."

In accordance with past albums, Cat Power manage to make this collection of songs — though not originally their own and all from varied sources — sound like a fluid, musical conquest, beginning with frustration and ending in satiated harmonic bliss. [Rachel Metz]

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