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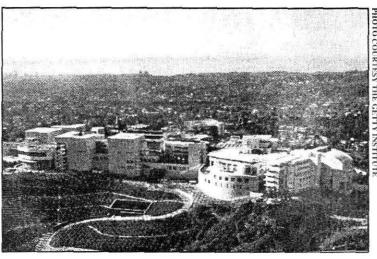
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Billion-dollar Getty museum to feature paintings in natural light

BY DAISY JAMES

On December 16 (two days after the end of finals), The Getty Center will open to the public. This million-square foot facility will house a museum and several Getty foundations to support the fine arts. It has been under construction for years, and has a total price of approximately one billion dollars.

The first view of the Center gives one immediate and powerful impression: this place has a lot of money. Set on a 110 acre campus in the Santa Monica mountains, with a view that would be breathtaking if it wasn't for the smog, it is a huge construction of glass, marble, and stone. The entire thing is perfectly white (one wonders how well that will last in this environment) and extremely modern. From the parking lot you take a tram (pulled by cables on the tracks, as far as I could tell) up to the main buildings. The surrounding area is all landscaped in native Californian plants, and



The new Getty Complex has a beautiful ocean view ... on a clear day.

done well enough for it to take a while for you to realize that it is landscaping. On the grounds things are more elaborate, with a garden designed by the artist Robert Irwin that will feature a completely man-made stream, as well as several imaginative fountains.

In the new museum all of the paintings are displayed on the second floor of a sectioned building surrounding a courtyard. They are arranged in chronological order and can be viewed in natural light, as there are special louvers on the skylights that adjust through the day to let only the right amount in, so that the pictures are not destroyed. The collection itself is impressive, with pictures by Rembrandt, Van Gogh, Cezanne and Hals, among others. There will be temporary and traveling exhibitions as well as the permanent collection on display. In addition to the paintings and furniture there is also a large permanent collection of photography.

A bit of history

The Getty Center has grown out of the Getty Trust, money left by J. Paul Getty to display and expand his art collection. Because of stipulations in his will, all of the art in the gallery is European and painted before the twentieth century. Also, due to his personal tastes there is an inordinately large collection of antiquities and French furniture. All of these have, up till now, been displayed in the Getty Villa in Malibu, now closed for renovations.

Not just a museum

While it is best known for its museum, the complex also houses The Getty Research Institute, The Getty Conservation Institute, The Getty Information Institute, The Getty Education Institute,

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In search of the blue flash

Pumpkin Drop Experiment to occur at midnight, on the west side of Millikan

BY AUTUMN LOOIJEN

As part of the annual Pumpkin Drop Experiment, a dozen LN₂-cooled pumpkins will fall nine stories to the earth from Millikan roof at midnight tonight.

This experiment, organized each

year by Dabney House, is not wholly limited to pumpkins. In the past, it has included Twinkies and other food products, and pumpkin drop organizers promise surprises this year, as well.

Rumor has it that if the pumpkins have been suffi-

What:

Dabney House's annual Pumpkin Drop When:

Halloween (tonight) at midnight

Where:

west side of Millikan Library ciently cooled, they will emit a blue flash upon impact. This flash has been attributed to a quantum mechanical effect known as triboluminescence, which occurs during the breaking of crystal bonds. Much the same effect is seen in Wint-O-Green® Life Savers®; however, because of their manufacturing process, the Life Savers® do not need to be cooled to produce a flash.

The blue flash is usually seen once every four or five years. It was last seen in 1988 by Dabney House president William Flick and other participants. Flick told *The Tech* that year, "It certainly surprised the hell out of me; I didn't expect

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ASCIT Movie cancelled

BY JOE CARROLL

The ASCIT Movies regrets to announce that this week's movie, The Shining, has been canceled. After a steadily building series of projector malfunctions (if you've seen a movie this year, you've experienced at least a couple), something finally broke that we couldn't fix. A very non-standard sound exciter bulb burned out, and a week long search of projector supply houses, knowledge-

able alumni and Caltech contacts has failed to uncover a replacement. We have a couple of leads, but nothing that would pan out by tonight. If the projectors cannot be fixed, we can ask our suppliers to ship 16mm prints instead, so the movies should resume soon one way or the other. Thank you for your patience, and if you really want to see *The Shining*, let me know and you can borrow the reels to look at.

A work of art that one might hope to see at the museum.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote yes on Measure Y next Tuesday and help Pasadena schools

Dear Editors,

On Tuesday, November 4th, Pasadena school district voters will have a chance to approve a \$240 million bond issue to rehabilitate the school district's very old physical plant.

For over a decade, California's per student funding has been near the lowest of all 50 states.

Our district has had to delay for many years the maintenance and upgrading that was sorely needed, in order to use inadequate funds directly for classroom teaching.

Now the needs are truly enormous and action must be taken.

The quality of our schools is important to all of us at Caltech, whether we have children in them or not, since they strongly impact the reputation and economic strength of Pasadena, and they impact the lives of over 20,000 children in our community.

- 1. Repairs are essential for safety. In some schools, plumbing, electrical wiring, roofs, and restrooms have had not received adequate attention for 35 years.
- Science and technology upgrades are needed if the district is to have laboratories and computer infrastructure appropriate for today's needs.

The Pasadena K-6 science program, developed in partnership with the Caltech precollege Science Initiative, is now internationally known, and is supported by the NSF for dissemination to other districts across the state and nation.

Reform at the next level, in grades 7-10, is now under way, with a plan to emphasize student investigations and the use of computers.

The laboratories to make this possible for all children simply do not exist, but they will if the bond issue is passed.

- 3. State funds will be available to supplement the bond issue if it passes, funds we all are paying for but will not share in unless we support our own bond issue.
- 4. A comfortable well cared for environment enhances student learning, while a poor one, in buildings sorely in need of rehabilitation, demeans the students and the teachers, and suggests a low value for education.

I hope all of you will conscientiously vote Yes on Measure Y on Tuesday, November 4th, and that those who want to do more will help in the get-out-the-vote campaign, by calling George van Alstine at 797-8970.

JERRY PINE

PROF. OF BIOPHYSICS Co-Director, Caltech PRECOLLEGE RELATIONS SCIENCE INITIATIVE

Develop a good credit rating now

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agencies will

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BY SAMSON TIMONER

USA TODAY's "Tale to teens: Beware of plastic," suggests undergraduates do not have the financial discipline to use credit cards wisely. Noting the dangers of owning a credit card, newspapers routinely print that college students should not have

credit history ... While the danger is real, the conclusion is not necessarily accurate. When you understand the enormous benefits that can result from having a credit card, you will find getting one can be worth while.

The biggest benefit from owning a credit card is the ability to develop a good credit rating. Having a good credit record will be immensely useful after you enter the job market. For example, you may need a whole new wardrobe just to come to work. Yet, you may not get a check until you have worked a month. Having access to credit during the time before you get your first paycheck will be essential.

Also, when you go to rent an apartment after college, rental agencies will almost always check your credit history before they agree to let you rent. This approval process can be easy and quick if you have a good credit history.

Conversely, you could be turned down simply because you have no credit card and therefore no credit history to report While this situation is not the norm,

does happen.

Finally and most importantly, you may need to buy car to get you to work. Having a good credit history will allow you to take out a loan ata much lower interest rate

Since having a good credit history is so useful after college, having

credit card during college may make sense to you. Still, the warning about the dangers of plastic should be taken seriously. Not paying your bills on time will give you a poor credit rating, mak ing your life miserable when companies, rental offices, and banks star checking your credit history.

If you can't pay your bill in full every month, you will end up giving a lo of money to the credit card companies The credit card interest rates are around

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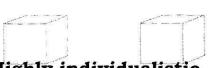
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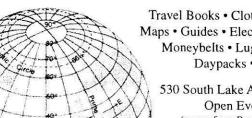
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Did the proposed bylaw change pass?

The recent bylaw change was so close that the error points were the deciding factor. Sadly, the ASCIT bylaws do not provide a way to deal with error in a bylaw election. In light of this, the ASCIT Excomm has ruled the election indeterminate, and it will be held again in a few weeks. Until a change in the election procedure is considered (which would be another bylaw change), there's still no way to handle error. With luck, the next election will be more decisive and it won't mat-

Nicholas Breen **ASCIT Election-mongerer**



Present: Brett (Page), Geoff (Dabney), Geoff (Ricketts), Marty (Blacker), Steve (Lloyd), Shumway (Fleming), Jeremy (Ruddock), Judy (Secretary)

The meeting begins with the IHC declaring "We need an IHC chair!" Geoff (Ricketts) asks, "Judy, do you want to be chair?"

Judy replies, "I don't want to be IHC chair....Then I'd have to be on ASCIT."

The Disco challenge this week is Dabney vs. Page in women's boxing. Time traveling gnomes report that Page will win on Sunday.

Geoff (Dabney) asks about the \$3500 from Tom "The Man" Mannion. Some houses used some of it for damage, but the tidy houses received the full \$3500.

Meeting closes, then adjorns.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Green

IHC Secretary

GETTY: New museum to open December 16

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search Institute, The Getty Conservation Institute, The Getty Information Institute, The Getty Education Institute, The Getty Leadership Institute and the Getty Grant program, all dedicated to the Fine Arts.

The Getty Research Institute for the History of Art and Humanities has been set up to explore questions about culture through these media. To this end they maintain a large (750,00 volume) scholarly library and occasionally publish works and translations along these lines. Related to this is the Conservation Institute, which focuses on projects to preserve monuments, artifacts and archaeological sites, sometimes to the extent of reburying the latter after they have been observed and analyzed. Their work has included an ancient Indian settlement in New Mexico, several fifth and sixth century Buddhist temples near Datong, China and the hominid footprints in Laetoli, Tanzania.

The rest of the Institutes are more concerned with education.

Naturally, the Education Institute is: its focus is on improving arts education in the schools, trough grants, politicking, and

... a garden designed by the artist Robert *Irwin ... will* feature a completely manmade stream...

conferences. They also are doing research as to what is the best way for art appreciation to be taught so that the students aren't bored sick. Together with this is the Information Institute, which is focusing on getting educational art sites on the web and otherwise in electronic form and to try to bring young people to it. There is also an emphasis on using electronic techniques to restore or recreate ancient and damaged artworks. The Leader-

ship Institute does its part with adult education, training museum managers modern practices and strategies.

Covering all of these fields is the Getty Grant Program, which has given away sixtyseven million dollars to date (described as "a small portion of the Fund's endowment") for research in any of the aforementioned fields. There is also an internship program for graduate students at the Center.

Admission to the museum is free, though parking is five dollars and reservations must be made in advance. You do not have to have a parking reservation to get in, and there are two bus lines which run to the museum. Extra efforts have been made to make the museum more accessible and enjoyable for college students.

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The Outside World

by Myfanwy Callahan

BAGHDAD, IRAQ - Iraq ordered all Americans working for the United Nations arms inspection team to leave the country within a week. They also demanded that flights searching for prohibited Iraqi military programs be halted. The U.N. immediately suspended the operation for the first time since the Persian Gulf War of 1991.

Zuwarah, Libya — President Nelson Mandela of South Africa bestowed his country's highest award on Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi for his support of the fight against apartheid. Nonetheless, he urged Libya to support the United Nations. Libya has been under a U.N. arms and air embargo since it refused to hand over two suspects for an international trial.

SARAJEVO, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA - The Muslim-Croat Federation is expected to destroy over 100 artillery pieces in expectation of a delivery of new howitzers from the United States. Washington promised to arm the fed-

eration dur-

ing peace

talks when it

was found that Muslim-led Bosnian Government Army was severely outgunned by the Serbian forces.

Washington, D.C. — As the Chinese President, Jiang Zemin's visit continues, President Clinton and President Zemin settled many commercial agreements, but still disagreed on human rights issues. Jiang Zemin defended what he described as China's historic preference for order over personal free-

New York - The Dow Jones plummeted 554 points on Monday after a similar crash in Hong Kong set off the world's markets for great losses. To prevent further losses for the worst drop this decade, the stock market was forced to close early. Over the next few days, however, the stock markets rebounded significantly.

Give blood!

Caltech is sponsoring a two-day blood drive and bone marrow donor program which will be held in the Winnett Student Lounge on Wednesday, November 12, 1997 between 10:15 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., and on Thursday, November 13, 1997 between 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Please contact Vilia Zmuidzinas via e-mail at hrdvez@hr.caltech.edu or at x6001 for an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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DAM VILLANI: MEDIA GUY



by Adam Villani

Boogie Nights

Paul Thomas Anderson's Boogie Nights is 100% imitation Scorsese, but you can do a lot worse than imitation Scorsese-like, say, imitation Tarantino. This tale of the rise, fall, and redemption of well-endowed porn star Dirk Diggler follows the classic Hollywood rags-to-riches story arc, but the excellent performances, stylish direction, and several eye-popping set-pieces keep the movie vibrant and fresh. Mark Wahlberg, whom you may remember as Marky Mark, is phenomenal in the lead. This movie will not only earn him a lot of newfound respect in the business, but also revive Burt Reynolds' career. Reynolds has real presence as the director and father figure of a troupe of porn actors that act more like a close family than most of the traditional ones you see in movies these days. The two-and-a-half hour running time could have been trimmed, but even during the slow spots, the audience can at least get a kick out of the wild '70s costumes and makeup. Julianne Moore (Safe), Don Cheadle (Devil in a Blue Dress), and William H. Macy (Fargo) are great in supporting roles.

The Ice Storm

This new film from director Ang Lee (Sense and Sensibility, Eat Drink Man Woman) is perhaps the best picture of the year to date. Kevin Kline, Joan Allen, and Sigourney Weaver play Connecticut suburbanites in 1973 experimenting with the new freedoms of the Sexual Revolution, but in doing so neglecting their true feelings, better judgement, and duties as parents. It's that last part that is the crux of the film, as the children

(most notably Christina Ricci and Elijah Wood) get lost amid changes both from adolescence and within society. Ang Lee has a way of making very complete movies, gracefully combining serious drama with black comedy; the photography is breathtaking and the screenplay is tight, intelligent, and original. Look for this to be a major contender at the Oscars in Spring.

What Happened to Groove Radio?

Those of you who were around last year may remember Groove Radio, 103.1 FM, as being one of the most innovative stations on the dial, showcasing new dance music not heard anywhere else. Not any more. After a year of poor ratings (no doubt substantially due to their abysmally weak signal) management fired program manager/DJ Egil Aalvik in August. Egil owned the name "Groove Radio," but the station didn't really change that much under new moniker "The Groove" and new PD Mohamed Moretta, or at least not until they decided to switch to a Top-40 format last month, heralded by an entire Wednesday with programming consisting of nothing but an endless 5-second loop of the Spice Girls.

Unsurprisingly, the lame new format brought in scores of angry letters, and within a week they proudly announced that "Groove is back" and switched back to the old format—sort of. You see, by the time the Groove came back most of the old DJs had been fired and the station had jettisoned much of what had made 103.1 special. Gone was most of the trip-hop, trance, and live DJ mixes, and suddenly "The Groove" meant almost nothing but mindless house music and disco flashbacks/rehashes. What had once been on the cutting edge was now a kind of low-rent Power 106. Oh well, there's always public radio.



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A.S. C.I.T. Minutes Minutes of the ASCIT BoD Meeting, 27 October 1997

Present (at some point): BoD, Brandon VandeBrake, Brett Tolman-Halbert, Autumn Looijen, Devi Thota, Maria Satterwhite, Ryan Clancey

(This week Itchy = Mike W. and Scratchy = Mike A.)Meeting opens at 22:10.

Alex Ihler won the election for VP/BoC Chair. Welcome to hell, mofo.

Dealing With Guests

Brandon - In the last election, the voting for the bylaw change was so close that ambiguity in the bylaws about how to deal with error made it impossible to determine whether the measure passed. The Excomm Secretary extraordinaire informs us that the Excomm decided not to decide about the problem and thinks we should just hold the election again. Great. It is decided that the next election ballot (for the newly vacated office of BoC Secretary) will also carry a bylaw proposal that clears up this problem. Brandon points out that the Excomm has several other bylaw change proposals. Kohl and Scratchy are going to put them together for consideration by the BoD.

Devi - Picks up the check for the ASME. Immediately contracts cholera.

Ryan - Handsome and engaging. A neo-Grecian figure of male beauty. A living Guess jeans add. A guy who can cook up some mean cheese sticks. He delivers the food for the meeting and jets off leaving a musky odor of desire in his wake.

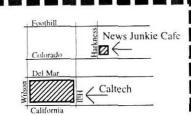
Autumn - Brings by some copies of the UCSB school newspaper to show that other campus papers have similar content/ad ratios. The BoD spends about five minutes looking at ads for strippers and Budweiser. Scratchy considers transferring. Autumn feels that tying such a ratio to the editors' salaries can only lead to reduced total income for the Tech and make layout headaches for the editors. The BoD agrees, citing the Honor Code as a reason to trust the editors to maintain the integrity of the paper. Lori suggests that the Tech could offer more financial incentive to potential writers to increase the volume of submissions.

[Kohl - "I'll be back in five minutes." He splits.]

Strangely enough, Mic is not here with another compensation schedule proposal. Autumn has developed one of her own, though. Therein, the editors'

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Tis the season of the year

and drawing near signs clear when goblins and tricksters appear midterms and other well underway of classes

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and act not by compulsion where you need to reason

Tis the season

with its hard and corrugated skin, the season of Halloween the orange pumpkin

(not that tin is so hard, but at least it is rhymin') antions, also had its pulp turn hard as tin through the students machin-

hitting the ground with a flash go green that spectators would all have a grin anxiously everyone is awaitin' for it to fall

Alas the famous experiment has failed agin rom the humpty dumpty careen but what is one to glean

of yet another impish gobleen?

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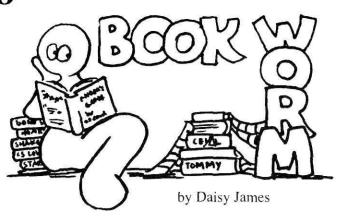
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Ribbons

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Books about girls who want to be ballerinas must be a staple for the 10-14 range. They tend to the inspiring, with the young heroine overcoming great odds to become a star. Ribbons isn't quite like that.

The girl, Robin, does have the requisite extraordinary talent and love for the art but the actual dancing takes a back seat to a story which is really about family life. Robin is forced to give up dancing lessons because her mother needs the money to bring their grandmother over from Hong Kong. Robin is resentful, especially because the grandmother is not a very sympathetic character. Naturally, they work out their differences, but the book ends on a slightly less hopeful note than you would expect; not everything is left perfect.

As far as style goes, Yep is

obviously an accomplished writer and makes no major missteps, although the mother ends up coming across as a bit too cruel at times (insisting that the children give their Christmas money, their only present, to helping their grandmother). The prose does not exactly sparkle, but it doesn't drag either and there is no feeling of the writer showing off. Overall, a strong book.

Mrs. Pollifax, Innocent **Tourist**

by Dorothy Gilman 00000

I shouldn't like these books so much. They're completely mindless, relying on insane coincidences and a silly world view. Still, I can read one in an afternoon, at a rate of about four times as fast as I can do any of my Hum reading. They're light, engaging books that get your attention and hold onto it.

I'm using the plural because this is the latest in a long series starring Mrs. Pollifax. She is an elderly widow who, on discovering that she didn't have much left to live for, decided to join the CIA (The Unexpected Mrs. Pollifax). By one of those coincidences she got a job as a courier and began her new career. The last several books, and this one, have not originated with assignments, but rather with old friends or ubiquitous coincidences. That is a fairly poor plot device, but one that you can forgive Gilman for, since none of her stories are really believable. There is too much belief in mysticism, too many moral absolutes for this to be enjoyable without a healthy suspension of disbelief.

There are a lot of spy novels on the market, and most of them are pretty much alike. What sets this apart from them is not so much the unusual protagonist but rather Gilman's ability as a writer. She does not pile on the adjectives or drown the story in suspense but tells it in a charming, clear fashion.

it to flash." The flash was da

scribed as "an extremely brigh spot of blue light, centered exactly on the pumpkin and about five feet in diameter."

In hopes of producing an other blue flash, Dabney Hous President Geoff Matters, Social Vice President Monty Fowlkes and other Darbs have kept the pumpkins submerged in LN (provided by the Deans' Office for several days.

"It's a delicate experiment and we've had difficulty getting a blue flash the last few years, said Matters. "I don't think the pumpkins were cooled lon enough, and their hulls were to thick. This year, though, you' better bring your sunglasses.

A relatively new part of the tradition is chanting, "Throw Rich next!" Rich is Rich Zitol an undergraduate who was ver involved with the pumpki drop. The year after he grade ated, Darbs threw a pumpking headed dummy off the roofi response to the chant. The dummy fooled at least on student, graduate Dabney's RA.

"I thought it was a person said Byron Philhour. Philhon hints that he will not be attend ing this year's Pumpkin Drop

The Pumpkin Drop was no the first of Dabney's pumpki experiments. Several years be fore the pumpkin drop began Darbs used a vacuum pumpi evacuate the inner chambers several pumpkins, and the plugged the hole with gui The result? Most pumpking were either too heavy or to fragile, but several of them a tually floated.

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will all the people saying that JJ LaBelle would be doing that Nobel thing, she would've gotten a mention in the category. So we'll just call these "preliminary results" and give you the full results next week. We promise. Cross our fingers, er, hearts.

The Polling Committee

Food

Thai

best: Prez Thai, Rice noodles w/

worst:Sasoned cilantro balls Chinese

best: Dim Sum worst: Dim Sum

Food service entree

best: chinese, anything at Avery,

spaghetti

worst: thai, hamsters

Food service ice

cream flavor

best: sweet

Coffeehouse shake

best: edible worst: putrid

Hamburger

best: McDonalds, Wendy's worst: Burger King (2)

Italian

best: Pasta worst: Pizza

Mexican

best: Quesadillae worst: Chimichangas

Pizza

best: Fraedo's, Anchovies worst: Pineapple

Sandwiches

best: Subway, Dagwood worst: Prison

Caffeinated beverage

best: Pepsi, Cream Soda, coffee

worst: Mountain Dew, coffee white

Shopping

Best music store: Tower, Needle in a Haystack

Best used clothing store: Goodwill, Aardvark's

POLL RESULTS Entertainment

Local band

best: Snotty Scotty & Hankies, Stinging

Mosquito

worst: Stale Urine (2)

Movie theater best: AMC

worst: ASCIT Movies

Radio station

best: KROO, 96., KAOS worst: KPWR, KRTH, KUNT

Romantic composer

best: Wagner, Beethoven worst: Wagner, Hayden

Superhero

best: Spawn, Dean Jean Paul Revel, Sand-

worst: Steel

Tech feature

best: Dilbert, In this issue worst: Samson, DC

T.V. show

best: Babylon 5 (2), South Park

worst: Babylon 5

Best use for the cheesy Flubber mouse pad curerntly in Tech OUT box prize for poll; make it disappear

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Best way to flick

Games

Most sleep-inducing class-

room

070 Moore, 22 Gates (2)

Professor most likely to pop the Nobel action

some non teaching dude

best: Ge1, of 97 worst: Chem 3a, of 99

On-campus building (architecture)

nicest: south houses(2), Beckman ugliest: Keck (3), north houses

Toilet

best: women's lounge in Gates, L.D. in

worst: non existant 1st floor sloan, Jorgensen

Comic you would most like to

see in the Tech

Dilbert in order, Dilbert

Textbook

best: Tommy

worst: Mechanical Universe

Best hair color (and person it

was on)

Rainbow, Josh

House T-shirt

best: Ruddock, Modern Art Symposium

(Blacker). Ricketts

worst: Blacker, Fleming Jersey (2)

Best excuse for not graduating in 4 years

"I wasn't here."

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salaries are set in a simple per flat payment that is an increase over the last schedule. This pay increase reflects the increased workload among the editors now that the Tech handles its own digital image processing.

The **BoD** votes 8-0-0 to approve.

Brett - Is way too sexy for the

Officer Reports

Baldeep - Is making progress on the web based used book market idea. Right now security is a major design issue. Also busy flaking on the UROH. The BoD may or may not be eating soon in a house near you.

Kiran - Is thinking about maybe doing something. Kohl

thinks that he should design a logo for ASCIT. If anybody's got any bright ideas then send em to Kiran. Any seniors interested in being their house's senior representative should contact our beloved Senior Class Treasurer/Secretary - Kiran Shekar (kshekar@cco).

[Kohl returns, looking significantly more relaxed.]

Adrienne - The ASCIT Halloween party is still Saturday, Nov. 1 at 21:00. There will be stuff. The jazz/wine/cheese thing at the Red Door has been moved to Friday, November 7. Kohl sets Adrienne to work organizing a list of all registered parties for the year so that the bartending can get sorted out ahead of time.

Itchy - Is going to an ARC meeting in 45 minutes. If you have any opinions about having frosh on grades third term or about the core then mail Itchy (westover@cco). There is some sort of JPL Halloween event at

Disneyland this Friday.

Lori - The schedule is set for the Dean's visits to the houses. Lori talked with Rich Fagen about the sad state of the computing clusters in the student houses.

John - The BoD may have to hire someone to prepare this year's taxes. Our bookkeeper may or may not be trained in the appropriate tax codes sometime soon. The cost will be about \$500. Kohl wants John to develop a form that we can distribute to potential donors to the (non-profit) ASCIT cause.

Scratchy - There will be another election as soon as possible. We need to fill the BoC Secretary position and consider some bylaw changes. Nominations for the former are this week. Scratchy can't seem to get in touch with Rich Fagen to talk about a new computer for ASCIT. Maybe I'll just eat worms.

[For some reason, Kohl chose this moment to swear in Scratchy and Alex as ASCIT Directors.]

Alex - Badgers Scratchy about getting the election nominations started. Scratchy tricks Alex into eating a stick of dynamite and then drops an anvil on his head.

Kohl - Is working on getting the Alumni Association President to meet with the IHC. The BoD will be meeting with David Baltimore in less than two weeks. The BoD members should have a good start on their respective bureaucratic handme-downs by next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 23:44.

Respectfully submitted,

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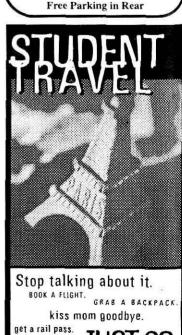
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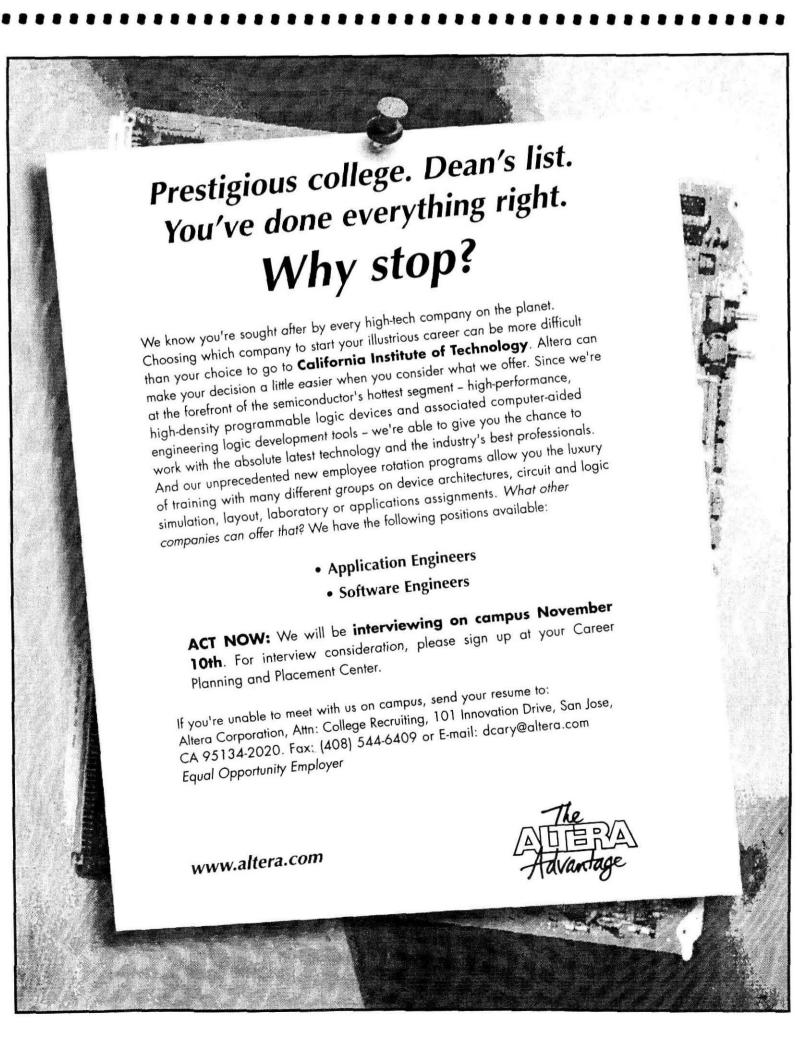
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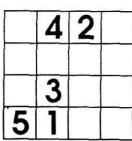


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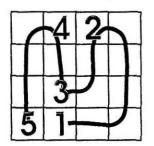
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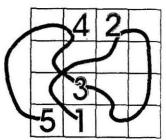
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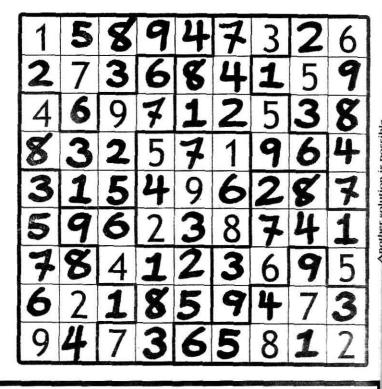
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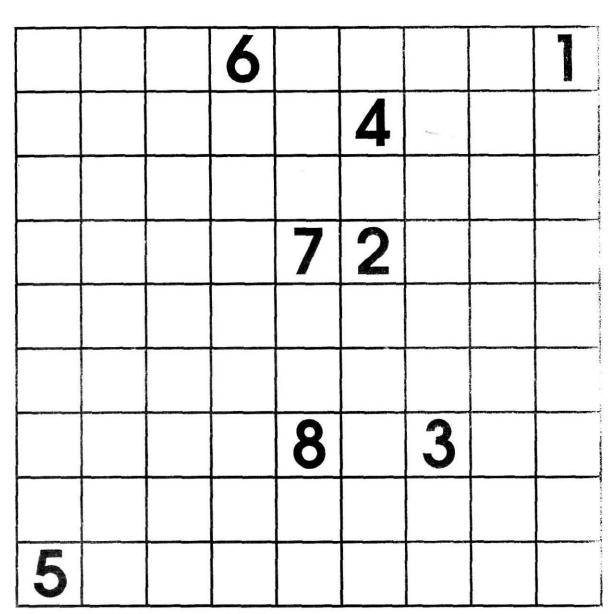


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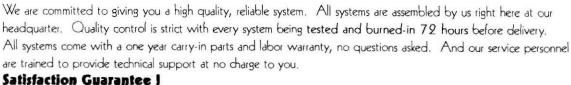
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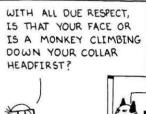


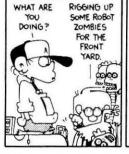




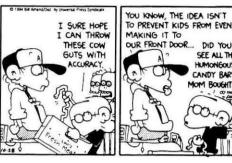


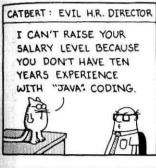




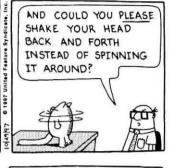


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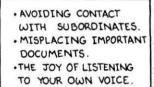
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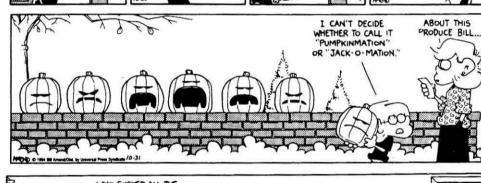


















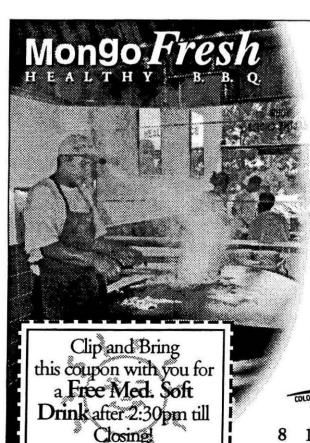






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* The Caltech Women's Center is in need of work/study students, one person to do computer and web work and two for general office work (mornings and/or noontime). Salaries are competitive with other campus offices. Call Beverly at x3221 and make an appointment for an interview.

* The Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Discussion Group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 7:30 pm until 10pm in the Health Center lounge. This is a confidential meeting and does not imply anything about a person's sexual orientation-only that s/he is willing to be supportive in this setting. The group usually discusses a particular relevant topic and then moves on to the general discussion. This week seismologist Kate Hutton and staff scientist Shelley Diamond will talk on the interaction of sexual orientation and becoming and being a scientist. Refreshments will be served. If you would like more information, please call x8331.

Caltech Ballroom Dance Club is offering Beginner/Intermediate West Coast Swing classes every Thursday until November 6th, taught by an instructor from Let's Dance LA. Costs \$25 for the five weeks. Classes are 7:30 pm to 9 pm with refreshments and open dance time following each session. For more information, see our posters and our web page: http://www.caltech.edu/~ballroom.

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Events

*The Coleman Chamber Concert Series is featuring the Ysaÿe Quartet with Janos Starker, cello, in Beckman Auditorium at 3:30 pm on November 2nd. A limited number of free tickets are available for Caltech students.

* "A Conversation with Beverly Sills," the sixth annual James Michelin

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denotes a new announcement.

Distinguished Visitor's Lecture, will take place in Beckman Auditorium on November 4th, at 8 pm. Admission is free.

* "Gamma Ray Bursts: Dying Cries from the Deep Universe" will be discussed by Professor Shrinivas Kulkarni on November 5th at 8 pm in Beckman Auditorium, as part of the Earnest C. Watson Caltech Lecture Series. Admission is free.

* There will be a special screening of Flammen im Paradies, directed by Markus Imhoof, on November 5 in Baxter Lecture Hall at 8 pm. There will be an introduction, and a discussion afterward, with the director in attendance. Admission is free.

*Einstein in his Cultural Context will be presented by Dr. Gerald Holton, Professor of Physics and Histry of Science, EM at Harvard University on November 6, 1997 at 4:00 pm in Baxter Lecture Hall. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served.

The Distinguished Speaker Series of Southern California is moving into its second season. The events will be held at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium on eight different dates, at 8 pm. On November 6th, Ann Richards, the 45th governor of Texas, will be the first speaker, followed by Tommy Lasorda on December 11th, Colin Powell on January 21st, 1998, Dominick Dunne on February 26th, Elizabeth Dole on March 12th, Jean-Michael Cousteau on April 8th, and Maya Angelou on May 13th and June 10th. For more information, contact (800) 508-9301.

Knott's Scary Farm is celebrating "25 Years of Fears" on weekends, 7 pm until 2 am between October 3rd and November 1st, with rides, shows, mazes, and themed "scare zones." Advance ticket purchases are recommended, as evenings frequently sell out. For more information, call (714) 220-5200, or visit their web page at http://www.halloweenhaunt.com.

Shipwreck '97, the Queen Mary's annual Halloween extravaganza, will take place from 7 pm to midnight on weekends from October 10th to November 1st. This event features a tour of the allegedly haunted ship and dancing deejayed by several LA-area radio personalities. On October 31st, there will also be a costume contest. Tickets are \$13 per person. For more information, contact (562) 435-3511, or visit their web page, http://www.queenmary.com.

For most Caltech events listed, further information can be obtained by calling 395-4652, or (888) 2-CALTECH, or by accessing the Caltech website.

Fellowships and Scholarships

Paper applications for the NSF Graduate Fellowships are available from the Fellowships Advising Office in Room 25 in the SAC. Applications can also be accessed, completed, and submitted through the web. The NSF FastLane Graduate Fellowship Program's web page is located at http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov. Both the paper and FastLane system include the Women in Engineering and Computer and Information Science Awards. Note that U.S. citizenship or permanent residence status is required. The application deadline is November 6, 1997.

The Howard Hughes Predoctoral Fellowships in Biological Sciences, for seniors and first year graduate students, have a November 12th application deadline. Complete applications and instructions can be found on the web at http://fellowships.nas.edu.

The John Gyles Education Fund is offering financial assistance to students who are Canadian or U.S. Citizens. A minimum G.P.A. of 2.7 is required for eligibility. Criteria other than academic ability and financial need are considered in the selection process. Selected students will receive up to \$3,000. To receive an application, send a stamped (U.S. \$.32), self-addressed, No. 10 envelope to: The John Gyles Education Fund, Attention: R. James Cougle, Administrator, P.O. Box 4808, 712 Riverside Drive. Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada E3B 5G4. The remaining filing date for mailing applications in 1997 is November 15.

Chateaubriand Fellowship Program, 1998-9, for graduate students in science and engineering, interested in working in French university. For more information, write th The Embassy of France, Office for Science and Technology, Chateaubriand Fellowship Program, 4101 Reservoir Road, NW, Washington, DC 20007-2176, or see their web page at http://www.chateaubriand.amb-wash.fr. Applications are due December 1, 1997.

* The National Science Foundation (NSF), in conjunction with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), welcomes applications to the 1998 Summer Programs in Japan and Korea. All qualified graduate students in science and engineering, including the biomedical, agricultural, and social sciences, are urged to apply. The postmark deadline for applications is December 1, 1997. For more information on the Summer Programs, including eligibility requirements, program descriptions, and application materials, access the NSF/Tokyo Homepage at http://www.twics.com/~nsftokyo/ summer98.html

The Josephine de Kármán Fellowship Trust is pleased to announce the availability of ten fellowships in the amount of \$7,000 for 1998-99. All studies must be carried out within the United States and expended within the United States. Fellowships are open to students entering their senior undergraduate year and graduate students entering the terminal year of a Ph.D.

program in Fall 1998. For application information write to: Fellowship Committee, Attention: Judy McLain, Secretary, Josephine de Kármán Fellowship Trust, P.O. Box 3389, San Dimas, CA 91773, or visit the Financial Aid Office. Applications must be postmarked no later than January 31, 1998.

The American Society of Naval Engineers is offering \$2,000 undergraduate scholarships and \$3,000 graduate scholarships for the academic year 1998-99 to students who are interested in naval engineering. Applicants must be U.S. Citizens, must demonstrate a genuine interest in a career in naval engineering, and must be applying for either their last year as an undergraduate or co-op undergraduate program, or one year of graduate study leading to a designated degree at an accredited college or university. The deadline to submit applications is Feburary 15, 1998.

Graduate Fellowship for Women and Minorities in the Physical Sciences, the National Physical Sciences Consortium offers awards to graduating seniors who are female or a member of a minority group for Ph.D. level study in Astronomy, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geology, Material Science, Mathematical Sciences, Physics and subdisciplines of these fields. Email npsc@nmsu.edu or call (800) 952-4118 to request an application which is provided in diskette format.

The Asian/Pacific American Association for Advancement, Inc. (4A) is accepting applications for their 4A San Francisco Bay Area Scholarship Program. 4A will be selecting three recipients who will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Eligible students must be Asian/Pacific, U.S. Citizens or permanent residents, and must be enrolled full-time as undergraduate or graduate student.s Applicatns will be evaluated based on their scholastic discipline, personal achievement, and community involvement. AT&T, Lucent Technologies, and NCR employees and their children are ineligible to apply. Applications are due April 15, 1998.

The Sunkyong Group of Korea and LeaderShape Inc. are sponsoring the "Global Leaders of Tomorrow" essay contest. Entrants must be undergraduate or graduate students atthe time their entries are submitted. Essays may be written from one of four perspectives: Business, Government/LAw, Science, or Media/Communications. Three winners will be selected in each of these four categories. First prize (1 per category) is \$2,500 plus a one week trip to Korea. Second prize (1 per category) is \$500 plus one week at a LeaderShape training program. Third prize (1 per category) is \$500. The dealine for entries is April 15, 1998.

The ACIL Scholarship Alliance is offering scholarships for students majoring in the physical sciences: physics, chemistry, engineering, geology, biology, or environmental science. Awards are based on academic performance, career goals, leadership, and financial need, and are typically \$1,000-\$2,000. To apply you must be a junior or senior in undergraduate study, or a graduate student. Applications and all supporting documents are due April 15, 1998.

The American Women's Club in Sweden will be awarding a travel gram for study and research in Sweden. To qualify you must be a woman, age 18 or over and an American citizen. You must also be accepted for a period of study or research at a Swedish educational institution or agency and show evidence of financial need. The completed application and all supporting documents must be received by April 15, 1998.

The Jewish Vocational Service is accepting applications for scholarships from the Jewish Community Scholarship Fund. The scholarships are designed to provide financial assistance to Jewish students who are legal residents of Los Angeles County, attending college on a full-time basis. Applicants must have a 2.5 minimum G.P.A., must be a sophomore or higher by September 1997, and must be able to document significant financial need. The deadline for submission of completed applications is April 15, 1998.

The American Electroplaters and Surface Finishers Society is offering scholarships to undergraduate juniors and seniors and graduate students who are interested in careers in the electroplating and surface finishing industry. Undergraduates must be full-time and must be majoring in metallurgy, metallurgical engineering, materials science or engineering, chemistry, chemical engineering, or environmental engineering. Applications must be submitted by April 15, 1998

The Jewish Family and Children's Services offers financial support for Jewish individuals and their families. Individuals may apply for up to \$5,000. Special scholarships are available for study in Israel. To be eligible, students must have financial need, have at least a 3.0 GPA, and be residents of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin or Sonoma counties, or the Bay Area. There are no deadlines—applications are accepted throughout the year and are available in the Financial Aid Office.

Graduating seniors with at least a 3.6 GPA should consider applying for the Churchill Fellowships which provide a year of graduate study at Churchill College, Cambridge University. Students are able to earn a degree, certificate or diploma during their tenure at Cambridge. Applicants can come from any area of engineering, mathematics, physical, or natural sciences. The award covers tuition, fees and & living allowance. A travel grant is also available to cover airfare to England Applicants must submit a two to four page essay. For more information contact the Fellowships Office.

Note that on all the fellowships listed above you can get help with your essays or clarification of questions from the Fellowships Office. For infoplease contact Lauren Stolper a lauren_stolper@starbasel.caltech.edu To make an appointment, call x2150.

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