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01. It will be mentioned so many times in this magazine you'll never want to see it again.

Okay, so you haven't stumbled on the official mag of David Letterman's late show, but you can't say we didn't try.

Don't mind us. We're just delirious from putting together another milestone hype issue. Our tenth.

Given its historic significance, issues from now, we've done what we could to make this the mother of all issues. Not just thanks to the bumper number of pages, nor because of the eye candy we're serving up in the form of Showbuzz's Vivien Tan and Pierre Png from PCK. And we're not blowing our trumpet for the first hypo to have ads and a fold-out cover either.

The reason this issue will be so cherished must be because there are so many promotions, freebies and prizes for you, our raison d'être, that you'll have to stop your jaw from dropping. In fact, the promos are so incredible, we would have shot ourselves for not giving them their due recognition on the inside back page.

Actually, we got so ahead of ourselves that we arranged for an exclusive Galaxy Quest screening 10 days before this magazine came out. If you've no clue what we're talking about, you obviously weren't among the 240 privileged hype readers who got a sneak preview of the latest and lauded Tim Allen, Sigourney Weaver spoof of Star Trek. Our thanks to Linette Lim of United International Pictures for helping us herald the tenth issue with such an amazing pre-

See, we didn't just bend over backwards this time, we're doing cartwheels as well. Hopefully you'll enjoy this issue as much as we have bringing it to you.

Ten to one, you'll find it hard not to.



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This is hype's 10th issue

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Promising to be a night of recognition is the second Dreamz showcase hosted by Ngee Ann Polytechnic's Film & Media Studies Society. Come July, the works of aspiring student filmmakers will play at the Octagon in an Academy Awards-like tribute. The annual event is designed to give student productions and the visions of their creators more exposure via a larger audience.

"Dreamz showcases videos made outside of school hours by students out of their own resourcefulness," explains Mohd Hatta, better known as Slice, the Vice-President of the FMS Society. "With Dreamz, everyone will be able to display their creativity on screen."

The tribute is intended to be a motivational boost for aspiring film-makers to enter the industry, as the awards are a show of appreciation and an encouragement for them to focus on their visual perspective. Already, last year's entry, I, from Cheong Yew Mun, a second-year Film, Sound and Video student was named among the best five short films in Singapore.

While you won't need to pull up in a stretch limousine to attend the gala event in support of our budding filmmakers, here's a chance to show off your glamour garb.

Come dressed in your best for Dreamz on July 28. Free tickets will be released for this event which takes place at the Octagon from 6pm to 9.30pm. Watch out for ticket information on the noticeboards at Blk 23.

dreamz video showcase east timor charity drive



"Service to others is rent for our time spent here on earth," said boxer Mohammed Ali.

Such is the philanthropic nature of the East Timor Charity Drive, organised by a group of Ngee Ann Polytechnic students.

The month-long charity drive will see students collecting clothes and shoes from around the island before they head for their final destination, poverty-stricken East Timor.

So if you have an oversized shirt or toe-cramping shoe in your closet, this would be a good time to make space for that new Gucci-inspired Spring-Summer collection and help the less fortunate at the same time.

The rationale behind the group's eagerness to help the people of East Timor is that they are among our closest neighbours and yet they suffer the turmoil of ethnic riots while we live in the comfort of our stable surroundings.

Working on the charity drive will also help the group fulfill the National Youth Achievement Award requirement of organising a charity event.

Play your part in helping our needy neighbours by dropping off your used apparel at one of the collection points around campus in July.

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The predatory reporter stalks through the car park in front of Blk 32, Marine Crescent to see if she can spot Pierre Png, who was to be waiting in his car for her. Unsure of what model to look out for, she scopes around for a car with its headlights still on.

Just then, a voice behind startles her, "Hurry up, hurry up!" She turns around to find Mr Png sitting in his white Honda SIR, the engine running and lights on high beam.

He'd been sneaky and switched off his lights so he could surprise her. The prey had become predator, the interview had already begun, only subliminally.

As they cruise towards the ECP, he demands, "Where's my test pad?" The arrangement was that he would drive all the way to the East to pick her up on the condition that she brought him a test pad.

"Why do you need test pad paper in particular?" she retorts. "I want to write a letter to my friend." "Then why didn't you ask for letter writing paper?" she asks, puzzled. "That paper doesn't have lines! I need the lines, if not my writing will go all over the place," he admits impatiently, as though she should be well versed with his personal flaws.

Pierre Png will be just as in your face next month. Not only will he reprise his role as Chu Beng in the third season of PCK, but you will get to see his debut as a lead role in TCS' upcoming drama-dy (a crossbreed between comedy and drama), Money.

The first TCS production to be shot on film, it will revolve around 24-year-old, Sonny Lim, who has just finished his National Service. The series will have him finding the answer to that all-important question "Where do I go from here?"

The production, though a work-in-progress, will probably be similar to **The Wonder Years** - a 80s Hollywood hit about how one boy survived the 70s, starring Fred Savage.

For someone branded shy and aloof, Pierre was surprisingly comfortable talking to "press" he would ordinarily try and avoid. Oddly enough, he had no qualms about saying exactly

what he felt when he felt like saying it.

In fact, when he was asked not to bother tearing one hour's worth of car park coupons, he was quick to reply in Singlish, "Eh, I very cheong hei [Cantonese for 'long-winded'], you know?" The fact that our interview took approximately one and a half hours truly testified to that.

Apparently, his new found lack of inhibition surfaced after the break-up with his girlfriend last year whom he had been dating for five and a half years. As the "megawatt" smile rapidly diminishes and the now glazed look in his eyes dominates, it is obvious that the topic of his exgirlfriend has not been resolved.

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But his sunny personality soon gets the better of him, and without warning, he starts waving his hands madly. With overflowing conviction, he begins to attribute his level-headed approach to life to his elder brother, who is 10 years older and married with two children.

"He never fails to surprise me with his logic and his outlook on life. He accepted himself for what he could achieve, instead of what was beyond his reach. He didn't have all the answers but he made do with what he had."

He also credits much of his positive outlook to an "encik" in the army who constantly spoke of "The University of Life". Pierre explains this to mean that the most valuable lessons in life come through varied personal experiences and not from a book.

A candid illustration of an eye-opening experience he had when he was 15 follows. "There was this girl who had a crush on me and she wasn't shy about showing it. I found her a real pest. But I thank God that I entertained her, because I saw the beauty in her after I found out why she still hung around me when she knew I wouldn't go out with her. She said, 'Hey, whatever I feel for you - if I don't give it to you, who do I give it to?"

"She was very mature and she taught me that you don't have to worry about being shortchanged. When you love someone, you give that someone your all. You'll never know when you'll get the next chance."

From how confidently he speaks, you wouldn't guess he had an unflattering academic record which included sitting for his 'N' levels followed by two attempts at his 'O' levels in Holy Innocents High. His great sense of humour is predominant as he quips, "I spent six years in Secondary school, the same amount of time people spend in Primary school."

He scoffs at the fact that not everyone agrees with his philosophy, "Against everyone's better judgement, I'm a one-woman man." And that's good news for the Female magazine readers who recently voted him Singapore's most gorgeous man. He still cannot understand how that happened. "I don't deserve it. I'm a little above average but that's about it," he explains

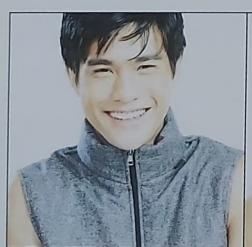
Trust him to be low key about his worth. He practically had to be pried to say that he was offered two roles in TCS 8 drama serials, one of which was **Knotty Liaisons** with Jazreel Low. And he was also approached for a role in the recent theatre production, **My Lonely Tarts** which featured Gurmit Singh and Kumar but his

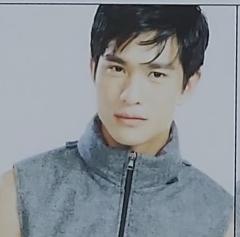
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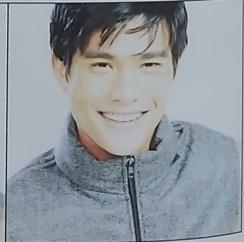
having unpredictable filming schedules for the third season of **PCK** and **Money**, made it difficult for him to accept.

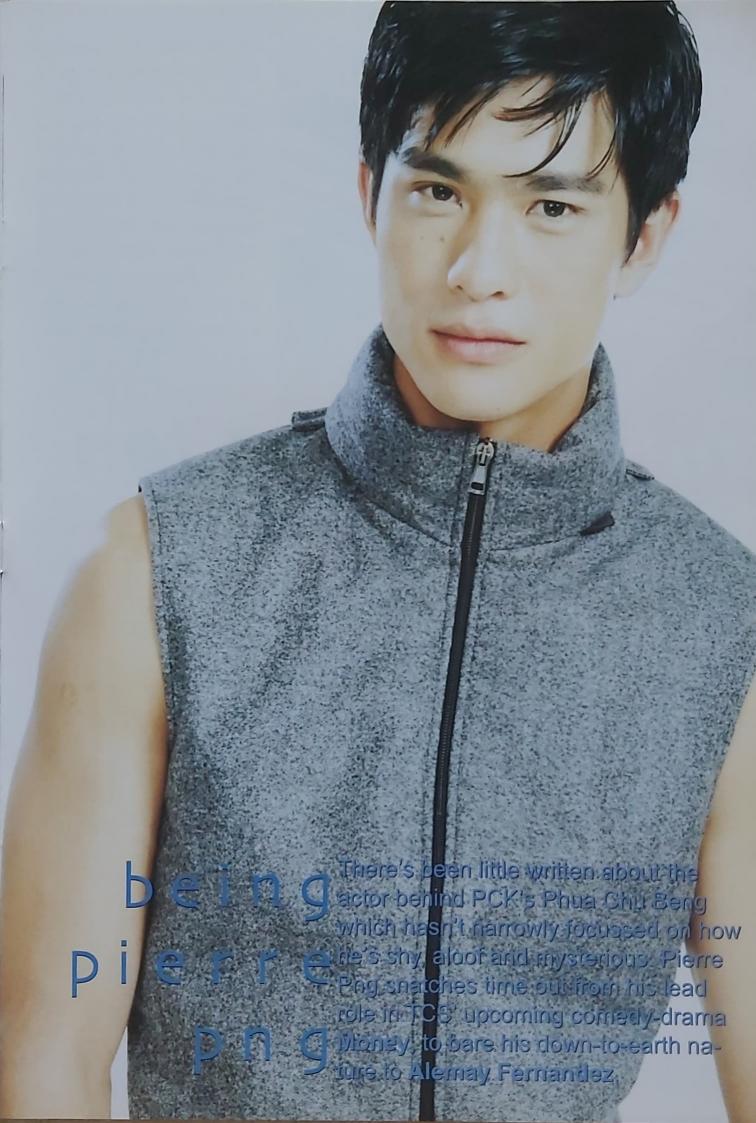
"I do hope to try theatre one day. I think it's a higher level of acting. You go through the whole change of emotions and you have only one chance to get it right. You can't keep reshooting the way it's done for television."

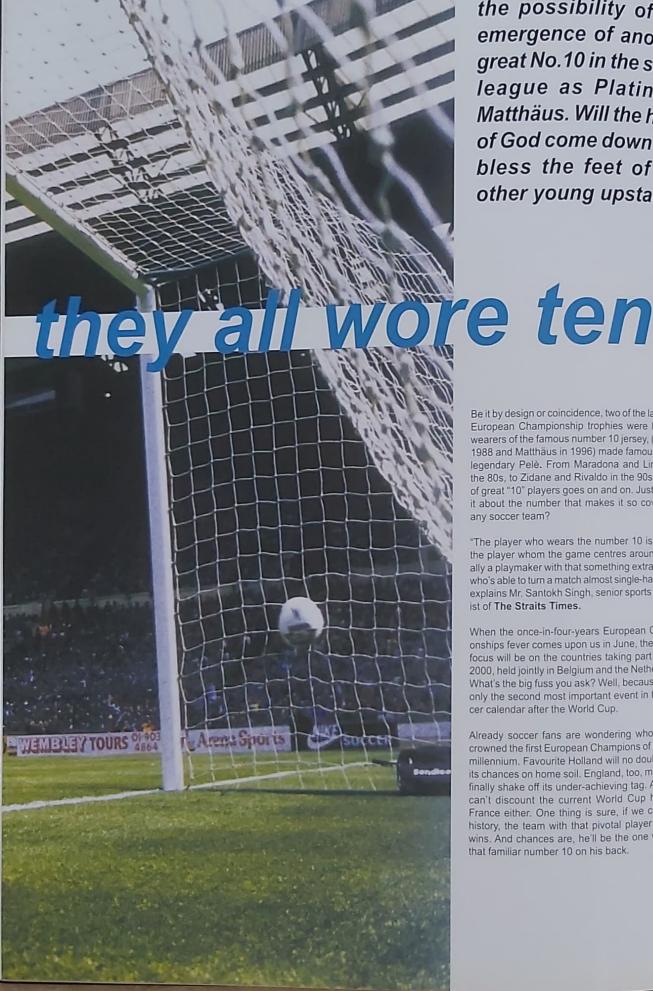
It remains to be seen whether this down-toearth personality will be able to meet the challenges of "superstardom". But judging from the way things are going, being Pierre Png might just be what the doctor ordered.











With the European Championships just around the corner, Darren Lai investigates the possibility of the emergence of another great No.10 in the same league as Platini or Matthäus. Will the hand of God come down and bless the feet of another young upstart?

Be it by design or coincidence, two of the last three European Championship trophies were lifted by wearers of the famous number 10 jersey, (Gullit in 1988 and Matthäus in 1996) made famous by the legendary Pelè. From Maradona and Lineker in the 80s, to Zidane and Rivaldo in the 90s, the list of great "10" players goes on and on. Just what is it about the number that makes it so coveted in any soccer team?

"The player who wears the number 10 is usually the player whom the game centres around. Usually a playmaker with that something extra special who's able to turn a match almost single-handedly," explains Mr. Santokh Singh, senior sports journalist of The Straits Times.

When the once-in-four-years European Championships fever comes upon us in June, the world's focus will be on the countries taking part in Euro 2000, held jointly in Belgium and the Netherlands. What's the big fuss you ask? Well, because this is only the second most important event in the soccer calendar after the World Cup.

Already soccer fans are wondering who will be crowned the first European Champions of the new millennium. Favourite Holland will no doubt fancy its chances on home soil. England, too, might just finally shake off its under-achieving tag. And one can't discount the current World Cup holders, France either. One thing is sure, if we can trust history, the team with that pivotal player usually wins. And chances are, he'll be the one wearing that familiar number 10 on his back.

For a sense of how the figure became so red hot, look back to 1958 when 17-year-old Edson Arantes do Nascimento, aka Pelè, burst onto the scene with a superb display of skills to help Brazil capture the World Cup.

He went on to be the only person to have won three World Cups as a player (1958, 1962 and 1970), and scored 1,281 goals in 1,363 professional games, probably the all-time record in soccer. That's a remarkable lifetime goal average of 0.93 per game, or almost one for every game!

No wonder London's, **Sunday Times** once wrote, 'How do you spell Pelé?' G-O-D.

Here's a sign of how amazing he was; a 48-hour armistice was once signed between rival factions in Africa so that both sides could go watch Pelè play a round of exhibition matches. When he retired from the national team on July 18, 1971, some 200,000 people grieved in the monumental Maracana stadium! It's no wonder London's Sunday Times once wrote, "How do you spell Pelè? G-O-D."

The trend had now been set. Zico, Hoddle, Valderama, Baggio were all stars in their own right, but each coveted the jersey number worn by the ultimate one, adding to the demand of the cherished number.

Many will argue that fellow "tenner", Diego Armando Maradona has earned his place up there with the legends. The uninitiated will perhaps remember Maradona as the overweight drug addict who was a trouble magnet. But those lucky enough to witness his skills will swear that they were the stuff of dreams and fantasies.

Tohari Paijan, coach of Tanjong Pagar United, remembers the glory days of the Argentine marksman. "Unlike Pelè who played alongside similarly great players in the Brazilian team, Maradona played in an average team and single-handedly won the World Cup for Argentina." Who can forget his slalom dash through a hapless English defense in 1986 as he ran from his own half and left no less than seven English players for dead? It is till this day arguably the most celebrated goal ever scored in any soccer match.

In the 1990 World Cup in Italy, the Argentinians were considered no more than an average side and not fancied to go far in the tournament. But the man contrived to carry his country all the way to the finals, where they lost to a powerful West Germany, while carrying an injury.

Our concern here in Singapore is that we're merely 10 years away from the 2010 World Cup dream that Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong publicly endorsed last year. Who will be the man to concoct our very own potion No. 10? Will it be the current man in the hot seat, Vincent Subramaniam? Or is it going to be Fandi Ahmad,

touted as a future national coach in the making? Does Indra Sahdan, the current owner of this jersey have the potential to bring glory to Singapore?

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Our local soccer pundits can't seem to agree, but the prognosis now is not good.

"Mokhtar Dahari was the best in the region as far as I can remember, not even Dollah Kassim came close," said Leonard Thomas, Editor of Kick-Off.

Santokh Singh, however, feels that, "Dollah Kassim used to wear the number 10 with great distinction. But I don't think there is anybody in the current Lions squad who is capable of making the number 10 his own. In my opinion, Gusta Guzarishah has the potential but he is too lazy..."

Other legendary Tens

Zinedine Zidane, one of the game's best, he was voted European and World Player of the Year in 1998. Having ushered Bordeaux to the UEFA-Cup final and the French team to the semi-finals in Euro '96, Zidane moved to Juventus which he helped win the World Club Cup. Zidane was voted the best player of World Cup '98 as France won the title against Brazil in the final, thanks to two headed goals he scored.

Rivaldo is a talented forward with a magical left leg. He was part of the group that won the bronze medal in the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. This year, he was crowned both European and World Player of the Year.

Roberto Baggio has been a man to watch throughout the 1990s. He spent five seasons with Juventus winning the Serie A, Italian Cup and UEFA Cup as well as being voted World and European Player of the Year in 1993. Baggio's best World Cup was in 1994 in the United States. After a slow start, he woke up in the second round, scoring twice against Nigeria, then once against Spain

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in the quarterfinal, and twice again in the semifinal against Bulgaria. In the final against Brazil, he missed a penalty in the shoot-out which saw Brazil win the World Cup for the fourth time.

Gary Lineker is known widely as football's gentleman. In his entire professional career, he didn't receive a single yellow card. With 48 goals in 80 internationals, he failed to equal Bobby Charlton's record for England by just one. Lineker was also elected English Footballer of the Year in 1986 and 1992.

Zico's change of pace, body-swerves and dynamic shooting resulted in a hat-trick against Bolivia which clinched him a place in the finals, After 1,047 senior games, including 74 for Brazil, the man, born Artur Antunes Coimbra, eventually retired in 1990 and was appointed his country's Sports Minister.

Lothar Matthäus chalked up some of the greatest successes in world football. He played a record five World Cup Finals (1982, 1986, 1990, 1994, 1998). Matthäus scored four goals from his midfield position en route to winning the World Cup in 1990. He was voted European Player of the Year that year and Player of the Year in Germany as well.

Michel Platini's goals helped Juventus win three Italian titles in four years as well as European honours. He skippered France in the 1984 European Championship, and his nine goals included two hat-tricks, a French record. In 1985, he won his third European Footballer of the Year award and converted the penalty that beat Liverpool in the ill-fated European Cup final.

Ruud Gullit, captained the Netherlands when they captured the European Championship 1988. He was voted European Player of the Year that year. Gullit was part of the great AC Milan side, along the effervescent Marco Van Basten, which dominated Europe in the late 80s.

Gullit became the first foreign manager to win the English FA Cup when Chelsea won it in 1997.





What do you get when you marry curiosity with sheer luck? US\$95,093.35 in the bank. In May 1995, Patrick Combs was one of thousands who received a letter which told of a "get-rich-quick" method of making money. This letter also came with a sample cheque for US\$95,093.35. According to Combs, "Everything about the cheque looked real except for the words 'non-negotiable for cash' printed in the top right hand corner."

Even though he didn't believe the cheque was genuine, Combs decided to bank it into his account, just to see what would happen. To his surprise, the bank cashed the cheque!

Read more about Combs' incredible US\$95,093.35 adventure, serialised into nine parts, at http://

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Welcome to The Centre for the Easily Amused! Find out how to make chocolate Easter bunnies in three easy steps (you have to catch the bunny first . . .) or terrorise Tbone, the virtual Fish, in his stress relief aquarium.

Then there's the Mirror site. You can't help cracking up when you click on the link. Or you could send The Internet Police" after your friends for being online too long. There's no end to the ways to bring a wry smile to yourself at this

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website.

Not only does The Centre for the Easily Amused provide hours of entertainment, it's also famous for its numerous links to similar sites. Some of the games and links may take a couple of minutes to load, but they're definitely worth the wait. So log on, ease the tension and enjoy this thoroughly useless yet extremely addictive site which is waiting to tickle you at

www.amused.com

However, magic isn't all there is to this intriguing website. Its owner, Robert Simeon Fay, also enjoys photography and has included a photo gallery on the site. With easy navigation and pages that load quickly, you can be sure of a good time at Simeon's World of Magic at http://

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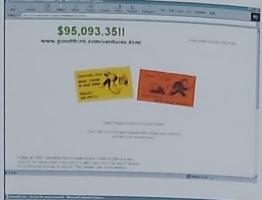
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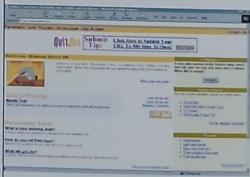
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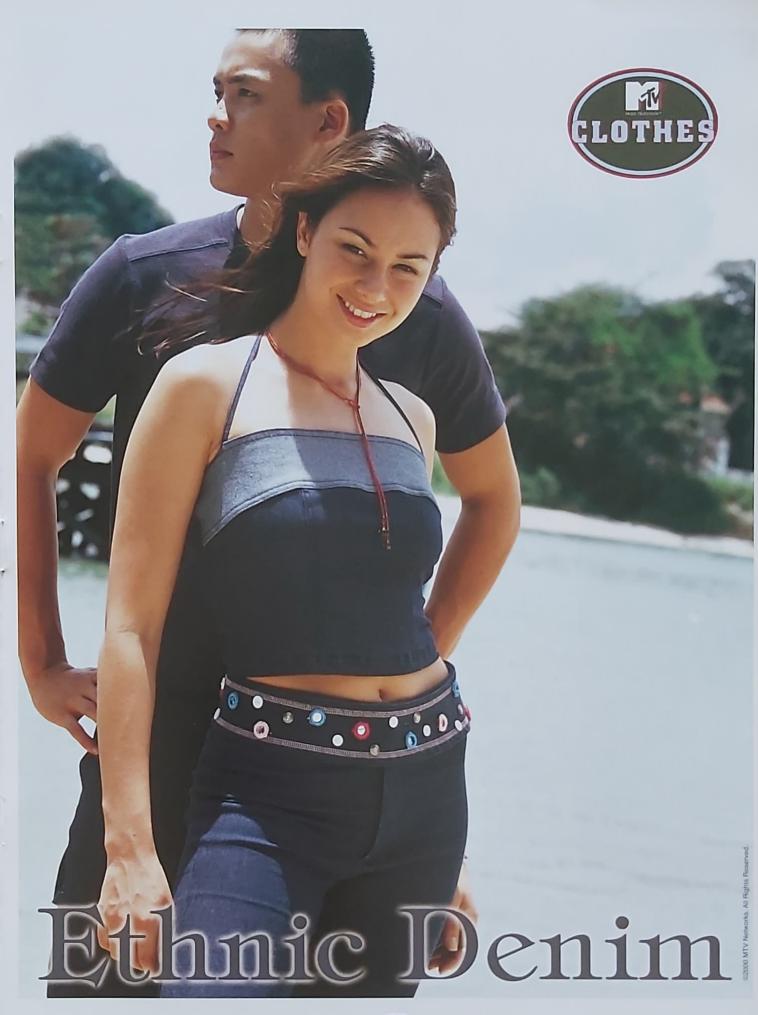
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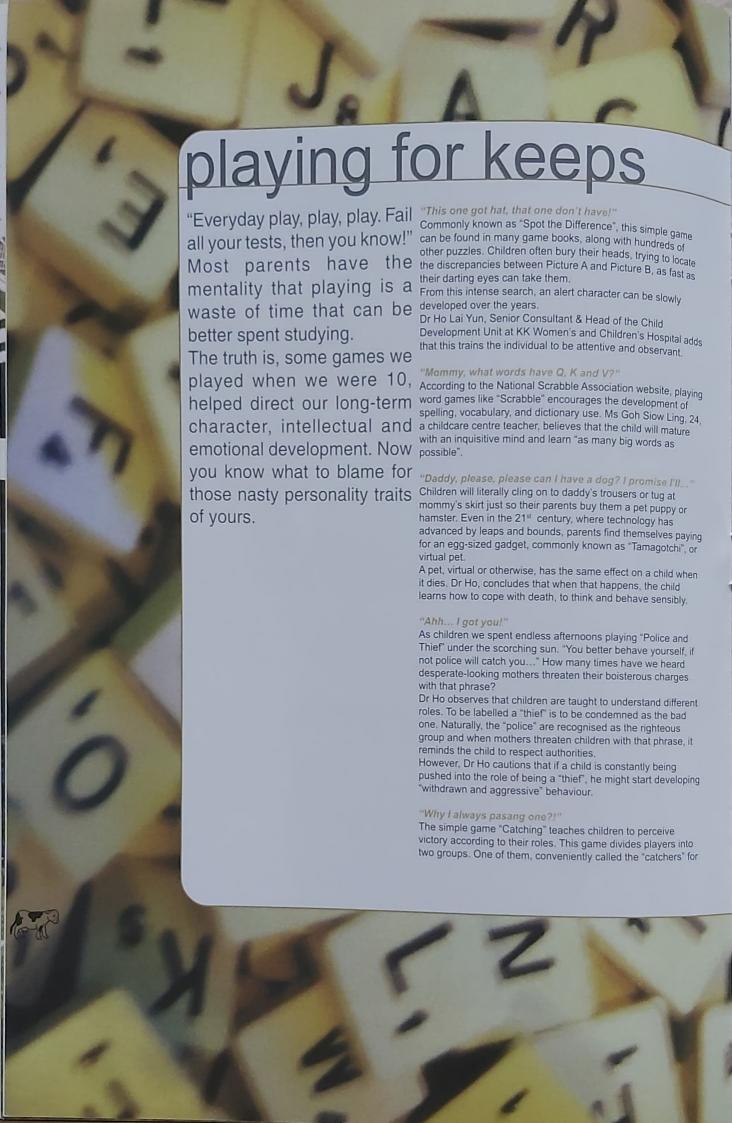
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their role of having to capture the people from the other group, experiences success when someone from the opposing team is caught. On the other hand, the ones desperately running till they turn blue see winning as the ability to never be caught by the "catchers". Because players switch sides eventually, they learn to adjust their strategies accordingly.

"Ave. I thought '2' is here?"

Often we find ourselves inventing games to eradicate boredom. Marcus Lim Kai Jie, 22, an undergraduate at the National University of Singapore reminisces, "....when all the toys are kept and a deck of cards is in sight, creative juices start flowing and the game "Memory" is easily invented. Place all 52 cards on the table face down and get each player to locate a pair of similar numbers. If the player manages to do so, he gets to keep that pair and get another turn." The winner is the player who collects the highest number of pairs. The author of Mind At Play- The Psychology of Video Games, Elizabeth F. Loftus, Professor of Psychology at the University of Washington established that elementary games like these are useful in aiding a person's memory power.

"Die again.

It's 8.30 am on Sunday. Mommy shrills like a "live" alarm clock, complaining that you should clean up your room, which looks like a hurricane spat it out. You had the biggest fight with your best friend but don't know why the quarrel started. Due to your procrastinating attitude for the past week, you busted three deadlines and now, lying on your messy bed, with a colossal headache, you wonder what your problem is.

Try playing "Tetris", recommends Dr Ho. The computer game, which gets players to arrange irregular blocks as neatly as possible, is a great way to train a person to be more organised. He draws the analogy of obstacles in life emerging as suddenly as the blocks appear on the computer screen, believe it or not. This indirectly allows the person to acquire management skills on how to cope with difficulties in life.

"Zero-Point!"

We have to get into groups for games like "Hopscotch", "Five Stones" or "Zero-Point". Mrs Clara George, kindergarten teacher at Church of Our Lady Star Of The Sea Child Care Centre, points out that by putting children into groups, "they actually learn how to co-operate as well as patiently learn how to take turns."

"Can I change more tokens?"

There's a reason why we happily surrender our week's allowance to slots of those stimulating games at arcades.

No doubt striving to get to the next level when playing games like "Bubble Puzzle" and "Daytona" is uppermost in everyone's mind. Nobody likes to be stuck at Level One. According to the other author of Mind At Play- The Psychology of Video Games. (Geoffrey R. Loftus, a cognitive psychologist and expert in computer applications, computer games are programmed in a way that they create "intrinsic motivation". When the person clears a round and makes it to a more sophisticated level, subliminally one is achieving a goal. This feeling of success always makes one feel better about oneself.)

"Doctor, doctor ... I ... "

How else can one improve? Recall playing role-playing games like "Doctor and Patient" and "Master and Servant"? Dr Ho observes that role-playing activities assist in the child's social and language skills. During an interview with hype, full-time actress, Selena Tan feels that play acting emphasises her desire to play more than one role. She admits that through those exercises, she aims to be "more than one thing in this one life."

Same game, different name

Cutting edge technology has revolutionalised so many aspects of our lives. But in the sphere of games, it just seems to have changed the rules a little.

We used to play hopscotch. Now we attempt to jump rhythmically to the beat of Dance Dance Revolution until our hair is in a mess. *Goh li* (marbles) was a popular favourite. Today, we gladly slot 50-cent coins into the Bubble Puzzle game machine in order to play with those coloured balls continuously. Those puzzle books were real value for money and contained many "Spot The Difference" games. At arcades today, \$1 will buy a game of Photo Hunt. Cheap thrill.

We were always seen clutching 70-cent plastic water toy guns while trying to hide behind a raintree when playing "Police and Thief". Now, we experience the impact of the virtual bullet, but for \$8 a game at Laserquest.

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feature

"Sailing"

Orlando, Florida-based 'N Sync, famous for hits like "Tearing Up My Heart", will definitely be more recognised among teenagers of the 21st Century than singer Christopher Cross. However, Cross's version of "Sailing" cleaned up at the 1980 Grammy Award presentation and won Song of the Year. 'N Sync cover of "Sailing" will more likely earn comments like "...sailing? Sailing where?"

"All Out Of Love"

80s adult contemporary pop group, Air Supply, attributes its two million album sales of their debut, Lost In Love, to this lovely ballad. The melancholic sounding song was then remade by OTT- Over The Top. Not only did it not climb to the top of any chart, the band of four also disappeared from the music industry since the release of their last single- Story of Love in 1997.

"Words"

Boyzone, which has captured the hearts of millions of ardent female fans everywhere, successfully did a remake of the 1968 hit by the Bee Gees. They achieved their first number one hit in December 1996 with "Words", taken from the album, A Different Beat. At least they were honest about why they scored.

"More Than Words"

The guys from Extreme, who are well-respected in the rock scene, took fans by surprise with their acoustic ballad, "More than Words". This hit from the album, Extreme II: Pornograffitti made it to number one around the world, after its release in August 1990. Given its heart-warming lyncs, the original is a popular sing-along at the beach. Unfortunately, Westlife's take on the song is pretty much unnoticed and will stay largely unheard.

"Baby Can I Hold You"

Released in April 1988, this number written by Tracy Chapman, can be found in her self-titled album, which ranks number 10 in Rolling Stone's "100 Best Albums Of The 80s" survey. Boyzone released their version of the hit single in November 1997. However, according to Yahoo! Music, Chapman armed only with her acoustic guitar was voted more popular, with a rating of 4.5 out of 5 as opposed to Boyzone's score of 3.7.

"How Deep Is Your Love"

One of the most enduring acts in pop history-the Bee Gees released "How Deep Is Your Love" in 1977. It quickly soared on charts around the world, with more than one million copies sold. While the Bee Gees kickstarted their success with that number, Take That disbanded with this tuneful song from the album, Take That - Greatest Hits.

"Eternal Flame"

Women reign in this battle between the Bangles and Human Nature. This orchestral ballad done by the Bangles, went on to number one on the Billboard charts and became the fifth biggest selling hit single for 1989. On the contrary, you probably have to scan the Top 10 list of pirated CDs to find Human Nature's version.

"I Have A Dream"

ABBA's smooth vocals saw this song, from their sixth album, make it to the U.K. Top Five. Westlife, however, is learning too much from mentor group, Boyzone. Both should stick to producing/writing their own songs and having their own dreams.

"Set Adrift on Memory Bliss"

This soothing tune by P.M. Dawn hit number one on Billboard's pop, R&B and dance charts. But when the Backstreet Boys attempted to remake what sold millions worldwide for P.M. Dawn, it failed to reach a single Top 10 chart anywhere. Taken from their second album, Backstreet's Back, released in late 1997, it turned off many Backstreet fans who pray they would just stick to producing infectious originals like "Larger Than Life" instead.

"More Than a Woman"

Penned by the Bee Gees, this song from the Saturday Night Fever soundtrack was a smash no smaller than the movie. Despite the song's earlier popularity, 911's Lee, Jimmy and Spike are unable to gain as much recognition as the Bee Gees, who have to date sold more than 110 million albums and singles worldwide.

to cringe or not to cringe?

cringe?

Does history real

Does history really repeat itself? Our parents must be experiencing double deja vu whenever they tune in to Perfect 10 or Power 98. Gone are the days they had to turn to Gold 90.5 for classic songs like "Sailing" or "How Deep is Your Love", thanks to teeny bopper boy bands who keep getting inspired by dad's and mom's idols.

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Don't go trotting about town in footwear that just doesn't cut it. Shoes aren't just there to protect your soles from nasty gravel bits. They're apparel oozing with personality, style and confidence (well, depending on which shoes). So get a load of our picks and enhance that gait of yours.



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Edward O Hare, a 16-year-old just out of an all boys' school, takes centrestage when he becomes the assistant to famous children's author, Ted Cole. The book takes a provocative edge when Edward becomes the lover of his employer's wife, Marion. All hell breaks loose when Marion decides to leave Ted. Edward and her daughter to pursue her own life. All in an ingenious plot by Irving, although his lack of interest in the surroundings often leaves too much to the imagination, so that the reader is evitably led to the 17th cenin want of detail.

Charles Dickens has often been referred to as the genius of modern-day writing. This classic is one of his more acclaimed works, set before the French Revolution in both London and Paris. Dickens used his novel as a medium for social protest, describing the appalling oppression of the lower class. Dickens masterfully points out how the aristocracy had exploited and plundered the poor until they were driven to extreme measures which intury French Revolution.

Jane Austen manages to wring more drama out of morality than what most other writers can draw from shipwreck, battle, murder, or mayhem. She implicitly criticises the social stigma against unmarried women in the 18th century, when marriage was the only route for a woman to ever leave the parental roof. Jane Austen manages to hide her discontent with the realities of her own life under the mirth and hilarity in this book. Unfortunately, this book is not quite an easy read, as Austen has a tendency to ramble on and on, like many writers of 12-year-old Nicholas was living a normal life in Dublin when his father abandoned him and his mother to pursue a life as a painter. Suddenly, Nicholas' life gets thrown into waves of tragedy. His mother commits suicide and dad burns himself alive together with his paintings. A grown Nicholas makes his way across Ireland to purchase his father's last surviving painting. The winds of change begin to blow and it seems, all is well again. In this debut novel, Williams paints a powerful portrait of his own Ireland, full of miracles and magic. Unfortunately, most of the time, he concentrates too much on describing the environs and skimps on characterisation.

Readers are drawn into the lives of five likable but very different women who meet at a \$4,000-per-week health spa and end up tangled in a frog march through the fat farm's regime. These ladies feed off each other's adventures in food deprivation and rigorous exercise, getting inextricably linked in the process. Their friends, lovers, adulterers, a fortune-teller and even a murderer are objects of scrutiny in Gutcheon's stylish new comedy. An absolutely hysterical book that must have been written for anybody who's ever wanted to lose weight. Typical American slang floods the book and at some points, Gutcheon's jokes becomes so American that they're barely understandable to us.

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Ten small toes all washed and warm . . . Nine soft friends in a quiet room... In line with this issue's theme, here's a breakdown of books with titles numbering 1 through 10.

Six Million Really Die? David Irving

The Nazis had no gas chambers and Adolf Hitler never plotted to exterminate the Jews. Those are the claims in David Irving's book on the 1940s Holocaust. A good read if you're pro-nazi, otherwise it's a rather bitter pill. Irving gathers evidence from accounts and literature mainly from Germany so his book is presumably biased. But if you believe the eyewitness accounts, gathered mainly from German soldiers, you'd agree that most of the evidence does back up his claims. Still. one can't help but wish he didn't throw cold hard facts in your face and insist you swal-

Available only at Amazon.com

06 The House Nathaniel Hawthorne

> A mysterious death in the Pyncheon family leaves the house in dust and decay, until Clifford and Hepzibah return to claim their blood right and the curse that lingers in the House of Seven Gables. This almost operatic plot has been told in a language that has the painstaking precision of architecture. Still the extraneous prose in this tale makes the classic a chore for many of today's impatient, plot-oriented readers. Hawthorne seems to derive agonizing pleasure in going on and on about one subject and then jumping to a completely different one altogether. So unless you're a great fan of his books, like Scarlet Letter and The Marble Faun, this book is a lullaby. Written in flawless 19th century prose, Hawthorne drags the reader through 21 chapters of old English dynasties, fortunes and mansions.

O7 The Eight

Katherine Neville

Katherine Neville's debut novel is a post-modern thriller. The lead character, Catherine Velis is on her way to a computing job in Algeria. Before she leaves, a fortune-teller warns her of grave danger ahead. Just as mysteriously, an antique dealer offers her an obscene sum of money to recover the pieces of an old chess set, lost for centuries and rumoured to be in Algeria. This rivetting account by Neville, of Catherine's Indiana Jones-style adventures and historical puzzles, is perfect for Agatha Christie fans. Neville takes her readers through amazing swashbuckling adventures in the mystical realms of Algeria with her vivid descriptions.

08 Cloud Nine Luanne Rice

> family ties and love so strong it's life sustaining. Both beautifully written and well plotted, Cloud Nine is a moving tes-

Given a new lease of life after She poached from poachers, successfully battling cancer, lied to liars, and swindled 37-year-old Sarah Talbot is in- swindlers, for the sake of half tent on living life to the fullest. a million dollars worth of mari-Re-opening her bedding juana. What started out as a shop, Cloud Nine, is just the vow made in the 60s- to live first step. Rice takes readers in peaceful fellowship and on an emotional, tear-jerking never cultivate pot for the trip of reconciliation, mended sake of money- turns into a web of deceit and mayhem spun by Cal Morgan. While this autobiography is amusing, Morgan's view of her life tament to the eternal power of is sadly still stuck in the days of free love and flower power.

10 Foolish

Cal Morgan

Fortune Hunters













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This boob-tube hipster bikini from Wahine with its detachable strap will give you the golden tan without all the ugly tan lines. And of course, it will make you the object of attention. \$89, from FiveForty at Pacific Plaza.



Lose the squinty eyes with shades that actually do the job and make the style. \$10, from 77th Street at Far East Plaza.

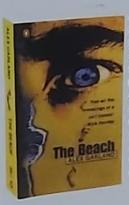
choices get a tan!

With the horrendous workload and exams behind us and the glorious June holidays ahead, it's time to skip down to the beach for that tan you've always wanted. hype scours the shops for all things necessary for a fantastic sun-drenching experience.

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Take a load off your feet, slip these on and you'll never want to take them off. \$6, from Boutique De Pali at Far East Plaza.



Immerse yourself in paradise.
Revisit scenes of Leonardo
DiCaprio frolicking on pristine
sand by reading the novel by Alex
Garland, on which the movie The
Beach was based. It details an
American backpacker's search for
a magical beach in Thailand. An
extremely addictive book, and just
as well, because that will keep
you entertained while your skin
soaks up the sun. Available at all
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Nothing beats a chilled bottle of Evian water when you're under the hot sun. After all, it's cheap, healthy and when you're done, totally recyclable. Available at all supermarkets.





Just the functional carry-all you need for stowing away the towel, water, lotion and what-have-yous. Throw everything into this tie-dyed straw bag from Paperdoll, Scotts 0101 at \$49.



Baseball caps just don't fit the bill for the beach. So, go for glamour with a straw hat. And why not, for only \$3.50, from Sin Huat Hing at Lorong Mambong, Holland Village.



Spread them out beneath you or wipe yourself dry after splashing in the sea. Whatever it is, these towels are just what you need. Stylish and fluffy, get one at \$22.50 from Esprit.



in yer face art after 10pm The Singapore Arts Festival 2000

Late Night Series promises a veritable feast for the senses, that won't have you nodding off bored. What's more, all four events kick off on Thursday, so you can get an early start to your weekend.text>jacqueline jeremiah

200 bottles of ashes will be lined up at the Sculpture Square but no worries for the necrophobic, since they don't hold the powdery remains of persons past but momentoes from around the world. For this exhibition-cumperformance, participants from Singapore, Norway and America have burnt their favourite things or anything that constitutes a memory for

Enshrined in each bottle is a story which will be told through performances by movement-based artists (think wide, loud and communicative motion) from the newly-formed Performance Collective Asia group. The sterile façade of the set and the clinical backdrop offer a clean canvas for the tapestry of detail to be revealed.

Ashes will be displayed at the Sculpture Square (near Action Theatre and Singapore Calligraphy Centre) from June 8 to June 11. Performance starts at 10.30pm.

subterrestials

What better setting than a claustrophobically low-ceilinged, underground tunnel of an old, unused Chinese restaurant to stage Subterrestials. The Arts Fission Company presents a very different kind of dance, thanks to a fascinating new concept by 21-year-old Indonesian choreographer, Elysa Wendi.

Using dance, installation art and still photography, this exciting and mesmerizing collaboration will involve the audience in a multi-faceted artistic landscape.

Subterrestials will be performed at Clarke Quay from June 15 to June 18. Show starts at 10.30pm.

alice in wonderless land

Inspired by the original Lewis Carroll tale, and every bit as magical and mind-boggling, this reinterpretation of the classic fable tells the story of a girl who falls into a hole. When she arrives at the end of the tunnel and finds herself in Wonderless Land, events transpire that bring her into a period of reflection.

This modern fairy tale explores the theme of women and their various intimate relationships. A play by local Luna_ld Productions, the story will be told in song, music and movement, as well as text and imagery.

Alice in Wonderless Land will be staged at Zouk from June 8 to June 11 from 9.30pm.

Tickets to all events above are priced at \$15 and are available at Sistic outlets. You can also call the Sistic hotline at 348-5555 or visit the website at www.sistic.com.sg. For more information, please call the Festival hotline at 837-9589 or visit the website www.msn.com.sg/artsfest.asp.

true deep blue

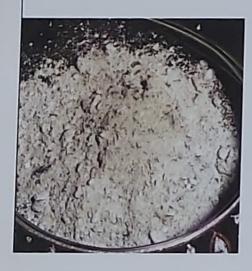
This play showcases a multi-disciplinary collage of talents who will keep you awed and inspired right from the start of the show. The creative exploration uses unconventional stage techniques to look at obsession and control in our urban environment.

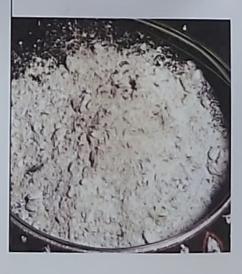
Jeffrey Tan, who wrote and directed this play, interprets the colour blue as security and peace, and sets his three protagonists to find true deep blue. The Singaporean guys struggle in their search for serenity given their hectic lifestyles.

Step into the Guinness Theatre, and you will be engulfed by everything blue, from décor to dancers, visuals to actors.

And just a word of caution: before you step in, you'll have to remove your shoes and hang them up on the huge panel by the door. So to avoid embarrassment, make sure you leave those "holey" socks at home.

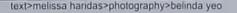
True Deep Blue will be staged at the Guinness Theatre, Substation from June 8 to June 11. The show starts at 10.30pm.





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"When the lift starts its ascent, it reinforces that feeling of me being trapped. There's no escape. I can see myself dying in this steel cage. It has become so terrible that my life has changed drastically, I need to find jobs that steer away from lifts. All I can say is that this isn't a rational fear and it is affecting my life." adapted from the Anxiety Panic Internet Resource. Specific Phobia at www algy com/anxiety/phobia.html

Most people can name at least some situations they fear; like crossing a busy street. This apprehension is reasonable as there is a potential danger of getting run-over by a reckless or distracted driver. However, when fear becomes abnormal or irrational, it becomes a phobia.

Phobia vs Fear

A phobia as defined by Professor Ko Soo Meng, an associate professor at the Department of Psychological Medicine in the National University Hospital of Singapore, is an irrational fear because it is out of proportion, involuntary and often leads to anticipatory anxiety and avoidance behaviour. Both fears and phobias cause psychological (mind) and physiological (body) changes. But with phobias, the emotional and physical reactions are intensified, so that phobics are terrified of an object or situation, even when they are in no real threat of danger.

Fear alone does not distinguish a phobia; the element of avoidance must also be clear. This is when they hinder everyday activities. Some of us would have experienced a panic attack at some point in our lives. But according to Dr Lim Hsin Loh from the Psychiatric Clinic in Mount Elizabeth Hospital, a person should only start being concerned when this panic interferes with their functioning in terms of work, social life and personal well-being.

Are you a Phobic?

In an online issue of **Heathline Magazine**, Dr Timothy W. Kellar identified some symptoms associated with phobias as shortness of breath, a dry mouth, heart palpitations, sleeping difficulties, blurred vision, shakiness and sweating.

If these sound drastic and remote, you may be surprised to find that approximately 6% of the Singapore population suffer from a phobia, according to Professor Ko. And this is already a relatively low figure compared to the 10-15% in Western countries. Yet, the estimation is somewhat conservative as a lot of phobics avoid seeking psychiatric help due to the stigma involved. In society, phobics are perceived as mentally unstable and over-indulgent.

What kind of phobic are you?

Mental health professionals group phobias Into three different categories: specific phobia, social phobia, and agoraphobia.

Specific phobia

Also known as simple phobia, this is the most common of the three. It is an unreasonable, persistent fear of a particular object or situation. Typical specific phobias include being afraid of closed spaces, storms, germs, clowns and spiders. Some peculiar phobias would include a fear of bicycles, clouds, hats, and paper. Specific phobia is more common among women and usually originates during childhood.

Insisting on anonymity, 25-year-old Singaporean, Paul (not his real name) suffers from blood phobia (hematphobia or hemophobia). The sight of it makes him faint. So far this doesn't sound too

weird. But his fear is so extreme he refuses to wear anything red because of the resemblance. Even a red pen would set him thinking that he is writing in blood.

Social phobia

Such sufferers are terrified of situations that involve people, such as giving speeches or when talking to a superior. Dr Lim mentioned that the odds of one suffering from this phobia is 13.3% of all phobics.

Says Professor Ko, "Phobics are afraid of possible scrutiny by others in a social situation and think others are interpreting them in a negative way."

Only 2.5% of the phobics who suffer from social phobia find that their problems start during adolescence when they become more socially aware. Social phobia is almost equally common for both the sexes.

Agoraphobia

In the movie Copycat, Sigourney Weaver portrays an agoraphobic shrink who placed herself under house arrest after a psycho scared her into seclusion.

Agoraphobics fear being in places in which escape might be difficult or embarrassing. This tends to affect those who are 20 years and older and is more common in women. Men are less affected as society expects manliness and great courage of them. While social phobics avoid parties for fear that people might judge their appear-



ance, an agoraphobic shuns social situations for fear a sudden panic attack might cause them to lose control over their bodies in the midst of the party. Some stop using public transportation while others shy away from shopping malls and supermarkets. Others simply can't bear to step out of their homes.

Trying to get past this

Treatment for all phobics is straightforward. According to experts, it's a matter of people confronting their fears and looking past the stigma associated with phobias.

Behaviour/Exposure Theory is when the phobic is gradually and constantly exposed to the feared object or situation, the fear of which he or she will overcome over a period of time. It enjoys a success rate of 80-90%, according to Professor Ko. Patients are also taught relaxation techniques or put under hypnosis.

Dr Lim states that drugs are a less effective option, which is why anti-anxiety drugs are only prescribed for a short period and anti-depressants are reserved for the terminally depressed.

Although there is no Institute of Psychiatry in Singapore specialised in dealing with phobias, help is available from counsellors, social workers, family service centres and general practitioners. One can also turn to government and private psychiatrists at various hospitals and clinics.

Sadly, the support of a self-help group is not an immediate option as Professor Ko's department has tried in vain to set one up. Who knows, they may have stumbled on yet another phobia...



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cosybay

A lighthouse illuminated in blue and yellow, which not only has a full view of the Kallang Basin but also a little "San Francisco" bridge, beckons.

Cosy Bay is a 9-month-old beer house which sits at the end of the pier with a 4-storey lighthouse as the main attraction. But there's a prerequisite to enjoying your meal up there—you need to spend a minimum of \$25. Before you protest, the reason for imposing this rule is because the poor waitresses have to climb all the way up to deliver a drink!

The food here is of the snack bar variety. Calamari, samosas, chicken wings and top shell are the bestsellers. Prices are reasonable too. \$8 gets you 5 wing segments or enough top shell to feed 4 to 5 per-

sons

During happy hour, \$15 gets you a beer and \$4, one housepour. After that, they're \$18 and \$5 respectively. So if you're looking for a relaxing time, while enjoying a breathtaking view and a perennial breeze to soothe souls, try a meal with a difference at Cosy Bay.

Cosy Bay is moored at 50, Tanjong Rhu Lane. Open Sundays to Wednesdays from 5pm to midnight, Thursdays till 1am and Saturdays from 4pm to 1am. Tel: 344-8302. Flash your hype promo slip (on the editorial page) and for \$11, you'll get a special set and choice of a soft drink, juice or coffee. Get a further 10% off the rest of your orders till the end of the year.



fivefootway

Picture this: A wooden signboard, red lanterns, black-and-white prints of Pagoda Street and Chinatown in the 1900s and ebony chopsticks with red-tipped ends in porcelain chopstick holders.

This year-old bistro houses two Keith Haring-gone-Picasso styled wall murals dazzling the senses with a myriad of colours. Jazz tunes and a menu with a rojak combination of Italian, Western and Chinese meals complete your experience. The homemade sambal is highly recommended and concoctions like "Banana Blended Kopi" and "Mango Skinny" (low-fat yoghurt mixed with

any four fruits of your choice) are delightfully refreshing, perfect for those lazy afternoons.

FFW is located at No. 31, Pagoda St. (beside Sri Mariamman Temple). Sundays to Thursdays (11am to 11pm), Fridays and Saturdays till midnight. Tel: 226 7215. Your hype promo slip entitles you to choose from 3 main courses (\$7.90-\$9.90), soup/salad (\$2.90-\$4.90) and coffee/tea (\$2.70) for \$10.

Enjoy a further 10% off the rest of the menu till the end of the year.

treats for ten

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An oasis in the desert. This is what Zing Bar & Café brings to mind since its electric blue and chrome presence stands clear out from the red, orange and brown of other shops in Far East Square.

The use of fingers to dig into their fine array of snacks is greatly encouraged, but cleanliness freaks can use the decorative toothpicks

encouraged, but cleanliness freak can use the decorative toothpicks provided. Its menu boasts a wide variety of fingerfood from samosa to fried tofu and an even wider variety of non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages.

A selection of main courses, such as "Roast beef with pepper sauce".

are also available for the famished despite the small-sized kitchen. Zing is located at 7 Amoy St, #01-01, Far East Square. Open weekdays from 10am to midnight and Saturdays from 5pm to midnight. Tel: 533 3383. It offers 3 deals till the end of the year when you produce your hype promo slip. Minimum age requirement of 18 applies. Fingerfood (\$5++) and one housepour (\$7++) at \$10 nett, onefor-one housepours throughout the night at \$10 nett, and a further 10% off anything else you order from the rest of the menu until the end of the



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pasta@thenet

Pasta@the.Net should be hailed a "cyber-restaurant" rather than the oftused "cybercafe". Only 6 months old, this outlet's extensive range of food, not only caters to computer users at their terminals but also to those who'd like to enjoy a meal outdoors. The cheery yellow and blue outfit, houses an open-concept kitchen. From here, customers in the tiny country-styled dining area can catch a whiff of food as it's being cooked. The breezy al-fresco dining area is just the thing for those who are keen on people-watching. It's also a good alternative if you seek a quiet respite from the frenetic interiors. The floating candles in stained glass bowls placed on every table give the establishment a sense of romance. Net a friend along to 68 Orchard Rd, #01-32/33, Plaza Singapura. Tel: 336 7949. Opening hours: Weekdays (11am to 10.30pm)/Weekends (11am to 1.30am). You'll get 2 sets from a selection of sandwiches and "The Net" sundaes worth \$21.60 for \$10 nett when you produce your hype promo slip (till the end of the year).



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- Stina Nordenstam

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Transient, fusion or just plain weird. Merz delies labelling with a vengescribed as a blend of

albums should have gotten

By the time Eiffel 65's latest hit makes another revolution on your disc y ○ U player, you're about ready to retch. But as much as you try, you just can't seem to find the time or the taste to do anything about your aural deficiency. Enter hype, with five beautiful albums you've probably never heard of, but just simply have to have.

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The Red Book is at #01-09/10 Orchard Hotel Shopping Arcade. Tel: 733 7667. Open from 11.30am to 2.30pm, 6.30pm to 10.30pm daily. 10% off everything on the menu. Valid till Jun 30 2000, except for eve of Public Holidays and Public Holidays. Brewerkz. Beer and weets are rousually meutioned in the same breath but this specious German restaurant cum microbrever, has dule a fee delectable desserts. Invite all your 40 cassmates but you will have to talk at the top of your voice as loud rock music fills the place. If you do not want to keep shouten, a short round of pool or darts while waiting for admits the a better idea. Chef Eduardo Vargas Flan, is buildly recommended. If

Find Brewerkz at #01-05 Riverside Point (opposite Clarke Quay). Tel: 438 7438. Opening hours are: Mondays to Thurdays noon to 1am, Fridays, Saturdays and eves of Public Holidays noon to 3am, Sundays and Public Holidays 11am to 1am.

Lips Café. Top off the sensor limitation femthe latest music videos courtesy of MV by dulging in Death By Mud Pie, a generous wedge of chocolate ice cream topped with warm chocolate fudge. The Death By Chocolate Cheesecake is another must-try, whether or not you are a chocoholic. If you belong to the latter camp, Blueberry Cheesecake with Blueberry Ice Cream is a better choice. Then, wash these addictive desserts down with either the Peach Passion Freeze or the Iced Blended Mango Delight.

Drop by Lips Café at #05-03, Orchard Cineleisure. Tel: 733 0010. Opening Hours: Sundays to Thursdays noon to 11pm, Fridays noon to 3am, Saturdays and eves of Public Holidays noon to 3am. Enjoy 10% off desserts. Valid till Jun 30 2000, except for weekends, eve of Public Holidays and Public Holidays.

Café de Amigo. In this cosy French restaurant with a blue-white vertically striped door, you can find apple pie in the form of crisp, light and flaky filo pastry top the thinly-sliced French green apples and vanillar a-cream. The slightly tangy Crepe suzette fille with ainbow dice" of red and a een peppe 3, with riresh lemon, orange juice at Grant planner inquor is another pleaser. A party of 20 can still find privacy in the function room. Do try their reasonably priced main courses such as pan-fried baby salmon or chicken chop with black pepper sauce.

Café de Amigo is found at #02-38, Specialist's Shopping Centre. Tel: 835 0238. Open daily from 11am to 11pm. Order any four lunch main courses and get an apple pie or crepe suzette free. Valid till Jun 30 2000. 05

Harry Ramsden's. This pink-walled fish and chips restaurant offers a whole host of specialties including that British staple, Bread And Butter Pudding Their traditional English dessert Steamed Ginger Pudding, somewhat like a ginger sponge cake, is aromatic but some may be put off by the strong ginger taste. Choose either warm custard or vanilla ice cream to accompany it.

Harry Ramsden's is at 2nd Stadium Road, Tel: 447 3333. Open daily from 11am to 11pm. Enjoy 10% off all items. Valid till Jun 30 2000. 75 Peanut Soup (Clementi). A cheap place to alisfy your sweet tooth \$3 gets you a who ping hangyua and \$2, 8. This branch of the Golden Mile food Cent stall also on the stall also on the session of the

75 Peanut Soup (Branch) is found at Clementi Ave 3 Blk 445 #01-181. Open from noon to 9pm daily, except Mondays. The main stall is located at Golden Mile Food Centre #01-75. Open daily from 11am to 9.30pm. Get two extra tangyuan when you order a \$3 bowl and one extra tangyuan for a \$1.50/\$2 bowl.

Hong Kong Zone. A worthy place to a lit for Hong Itong desserts and drinks such as the Coffee-Teamixture uanYan Steamed Egg Custard and Hot Lemon Cola in of-Tea us is three types of tea leaves, both Chinese and English, together alth freshly ground coffee beans and boasts a full-bodied, slightly bitter taste. A hint of ginger juice perks up the Egg Custard which is light. Owner and chef Mr. Li recommends the Hot Lemon Cola which, though less sweet, apparently doubles up as a flu remedy. Read the latest celebrity gossip in Hong Kong entertainment magazines placed on a well-stocked magazine rack while relaxing in the casual setting with Cantopop music. There is a glass casing on every table, displaying pictures of stars like Aaron Kwok. Forgot your table number? Look to the playing card on your table.

Visit Hong Kong Zone at B2-34, Plaza Singapura. Tel: 333 9130. Open from noon to 9pm every day. 10% off all items except set meals.

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115 Desserts is located at #02-115, Chinatown Complex on Smith Street. Open from 9am to 6.30pm, except Tuesdays. Order four bowls and get the fifth one free. The Big Apple Coffee. Hide from the scowching heat and spend a lazy afternoon rubis New York theme café. Sip a second of the control of the c

Big Apple is at 6, Duke's Road Tel: 466 1977. Opening Hours: Mondays to Thursdays noon to 11pm, Fridays, Saturdays and eves of Public Holidays noon to 2am, Sundays 11am to 11pm. Get 10% off all items except Student Meals. Valid till Jun 30 2000. Marché. Busting cooks helpful servers and hungry snop-weary customers fill this Swiss marketplace if you are looking for an inexpensive in troduction by the long uses at forms the desses section for the ring the desses section for the ring the desses section for the ring for-one cook at a 120 mm averyday. To colonia as a ryday. To colonia as a ryday.

Marché is at #B1-03, The Heeren. Tel: 737 6996. Open daily from 11am to 11pm.













movies

flicks Love. Fear. If movies inspire them in the you tenth degree, they clean up at the box office. Fare like these, however, are not meant to be sa-voured with someone Watch else. Here are Eliza Goh's choices on alone what to pick up for repeated viewing.



tighten your fists in fright Devil's Advocate

Keanu Reeves plays a young lawyer, employed by a wealthy enigmatic lead attorney, John Milton, played by Al Pacino.

Under Milton's legal firm, much like the cast of The Practice, Reeves defends scums of the earth who commit everything from murders to animal sacrifices. Things begin to get uncannily out of hand when Milton rapes his wife and a colleague gets murdered.

Nightmares, the supernatural and politics are cleverly interwoven with superb, yet subtle horror effects, evident throughout the two-hour long show. A disturbing film with strong religious undertones, it might offend or traumatise some. But the true strength of the film lies in its brilliant dialogue which sets one reflecting about the ingenuity of the scripting.

this will really frighten

The Sixth Sense "I see dead people," says an 8-year-old boy. Imagine facing a kid who is haunted by his paranormal powers. What do you tell him?

This time (fortunately), instead of trying to save the world, Bruce Willis plays a psychologist who tries to treat the trauma Cole Sear has from his supernatural ability to see ghosts. Dr Malcom Crowe takes on the boy given his unresolved guilt from the suicide of a former patient who was not treated.

As with the best thrillers, this eventually leads to a harrowing and unexpected end. Its chilling scenes will keep your goose pimples standing long after the show is over. A definite must for Xfiles fans.

a movie that will leave

you smitten City of Angels Meg Ryan is a surgeon, Maggie who sees her patient die in a failed operation. The experience vapourises her confidence. Seth (Nicholas Cage), a restless angel in Los Angeles, wills himself to restore her frayed emotions after witnessing the entire event. Against all the rules of angelhood, he succumbs to her charms.

Seth willingly gives up immortality for the brutal yet beautiful chaos of life, packaged with the physical and mental senses he lacks as an angel. Maggie, though initially confused, angry and bewildered by her vulnerabilty to Seth, eventually falls for this man without a past.

A heart-thumping romance with an ironic end. Be ready to get your emotions all wrung over by the end of the show. And for others, pack in the tissue boxes.

packed tender

loving care Jerry Māguire

Jerry Maguire (Tom Cruise) was the top agent at Sports Management International (SMI) until he zealously insisted that SMI care for its clients by having fewer of them. He was then unceremoniously fired.

Stripped of job and selfrespect, Jerry starts from scratch with his only client, American footballer, Rod Tidwell (Cuba Gooding Jr). Inspired, Dorothy Boyd (Renee Zell-weger), a wistful 26-year-old single mother, decides to quit SMI for an unstable future with her new boss, Jerry.

Through their struggles together in the sports industry, Dorothy falls in love with the attractive but noncommittal bachelor.

An altogether heartwarming picture, the favourite scene must be when Jerry returns to Dorothy after leaving, with that unforgettable one-liner, "You complete me.

heightens your poold pressure

The Exorcist Forget about bringing one friend, you should take an army, plus pillows and blankets to gnaw at or hide behind during the hair-raising

After toying with an Ouija board, Regan MacNeil (Linda Blair) starts to behave hysterically. She performs grotesque acts like sexual mutilation with a crucifix, murdering a family friend and imagine-turning her head 360 degrees to her mother. saying, "Do you know what she did, your cunting daughter?" Her overwrought mother finally takes her to an exorcist for treatment.

A horror film, which opened on Boxing Day in 1973, it displays a bold script, excellent directing and cinematography on top of the outrageously gruesome scene, which had ambulances waiting outside the cinema when it was first

get bitten by the lovebug

You've Got Mail Under respective pseudonyms, NY 152 and Shopgirl, Joe Fox (Tom Hanks) and Kathleen Kelly (Meg Ryan) find themselves confiding in each other, via email, everything except their actual identities.

Soon, Cupid's arrows strike them both, despite their not knowing how the other looks. Complications arise, however, as they are actually rival booksellers, trying to edge the other out.

You experience frustration and anticipation at the same time while watching this movie because you'll be rooting for them to discover each other's real identity, and despite their conflicting business agenda, to fall in love

have you forgotten the rules in...

e a A friendly tip: Never watch Scream alone if you'll get a scare from a shadow outside your window. Instead, squeeze yourself among friends for security and don't invite anyone who shrieks when the murderer merely flicks his fingers.

This nerve-wracking thriller, directed by suspense master Wes Craven, revolves around a small town plagued by a psychopath who stalks his victims, taunts them with trivia questions, then ruthlessly rips them to bloody shreds.

Though the standard horror fare, this show, however cliché, will still keep you on the edge of your seat. Just pray that while watching Scream, your phone or doorbell doesn't ring because the show is so filled with suspense that such sudden

looks are potent The Truth About

Cats and Dogs Abby Barnes (Janeane Garofalo) is a vet and successful radio talk show host. She dishes out witty and useful advice on her

programme and one day helps a befuddled photographer, Brian (Ben Chaplin), solve his problem of a rollerskating dog.

Brian wants to thank her personally. The dowdy Abby however, insecure about her looks, turns down the date. A persistent Brian finds her at work when Noelle (Uma Thurman), Abby's attractive and vivacious neighbour, was coincidentally visiting. An escalating series of comic and romantic crises arise after the panicked Abby introduces Noelle as Abby.

The show salutes true love when Brian chooses the real Abby, after discovering the false identity. A great show to watch with your special someone.

Mop up that drool, boys. 10 years ago, the Queen of Showbuzz would have chosen walking her dog

over going out with you.

Vivien Tan talks girly talk with Jacqueline Jeremiah.

"Oh no, I look like Barbra Streisand gone wrong!" Vivien Tan groans inwardly before singing snatches of "Papa, can you hear me?" in a pseudo-Streisand voice.

Seated cross-legged in the make-up room at Caldecott Hill, Vivien looks every bit the flawless face you see primetime on TCS5. Minus the Gillian Anderson wig she's put on for Wednesday's edition of Showbuzz, of course. But don't let the beauty, or how gamely she launches into impersonations, blind you to her brains. This femme fatale who makes guys drool and turns women an unflattering shade of green, is a marketing graduate from Australia.

That was when she began modelling. She even took six months off school to go overseas and shoot a mini-series and model. On the other hand, she agrees, "Youth is wasted on the young. With our hindsight, if we go back and do things, we'll tell ourselves that we would have studied a lot harder. I think I would have applied myself in university a lot more."

However she continues, "Whatever you do or leam in school becomes a part of you and it makes you the person you are, so if you make a mistake and say, you took the wrong course, you still get positive experience from school. You don't really need to regret something."

Sour ding off from personal experience, you wonde? Just 10 years ago, Vivien was ready to take on the world, and aspired to be a "high-powered executive wearing five-point suits with matching cillettos, ready to step on any worm that got in the way".

These days, she welcomes the change in her workday reality, co-hosting Showbuzz, modelling and planning for a career in internet marketing.

It's not that she's wimped out and chosen the path of least resistance either. If anything, her battle with water phobia shows her underlying gung-ho and grit. *Once when my sister and I were at Port Dickson, she was stung by a jellyfish just off the beach. Of course, seeing her flailing around in the water and her arms going wild, screaming and crying for my dad made me terrified to get back into the water. So after that incident, I would only get into the water if it was no deeper than thigh-high.

But when she turned 21, she decided to take her scuba diving license to overcome her aquatic phobia. "My instructor thought that was absolutely mad, because if you have a fea of sharks, you don't jump into a tank of sharks to overcome that."

An annoyed hairstylist chides Vivien for her exuberance during the interview, but that hyperactivity is yet another trait that has carried over since her childhood.

In high school, she filled her days with ballet, tap dancing lessons, choir practices and musical performances. She also made time to play hockey and even sail. Considering her busy schedule, there was naturally no time for boys. She recalls that she had a circle of close girlfriends and was more interested to take her dog for walks than go out on dates.

nality



"When one of the girls, Eileen, got herself a boyfriend, we were like 'You got yourself a boyfriend? Why did you do that for? Why do you need a boyfriend when you have us? What's going on? Get your hormones back in order again," she remembers with laughter.

These days, relationships to Vivien aren't so much a laughing matter. She reflectively intones, "I think our journey in life is about relationships and at the end of our life when we're lying on our death bed, the things that we look back at, are the relationships we created. Not so much how many houses or cars we left behind, because we can't take those with us."

While she candidly confesses that she's involved in a deep and loving relationship, the chatterbox clams up resolutely when it comes to details of her beau.

And no, despite the palpable onscreen chemistry between her and co-host David Yee, he is not the lucky one.

In fact, he claims credit for introducing the two to each other.

Various sources have also shed a little light on his identity. The word is that he is an American Chinese who works at a top accounting firm in Singapore, and that they have been together for few years.

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FIVEFORTY 9 Scotts Road, #03-06, Pacific Plaza ppen: noon to 9.30pm promo: 10% discount storewide (for items el: 738 4668 above \$20), till June 30 2000.



food

211 Holland Avenue, #04-01, tolland Road Shopping Centre tel: 469 0704 open: 9am to 11pm daily promo: \$3 nett for a smoothie or an iceblended (new on their menu) in May. \$30 nett for a jug of vodka 7-up/ oj/ribena and a pizza in June.

Silkroads Cafe 32 Pagoda Street tel: 225 5011 open: 11am to 10pm (Mon to Sat) 11am to 6pm (Sun) promo: 10% discount on a-la-carte till Dec 31 2000.



entertain ment

Brannigans et chijmes 30 Victoria Street, Chijmes, #01-21/23 tel: 339 9103 open: 5pm to 1am (Sun to Thurs) 5pm to 2am (Fri & Sat) promo: happy hours one-for-one housepours for \$10 nett (5pm to 9pm).10% off total bill (after 9pm) 10% off all items on dinner menu until Dec 31 2000.

Culture Club 39 Boat Quay tel: 536 3280 open: 5pm to 1am (Sun to Thurs) 5pm to 3am (Fri & Sat) promo: 10% discount on all drinks (except promotional items). Till Dec 31 2000.

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get 10% off. Till April 10 2001.

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Mad Monks 20 Upper Circular Road, The Riverwalk tel: 536 3280 open: 5pm to 2am (Sun to Thurs) 5pm to 3am (Fri & Sat) promo: 10% discount on all drinks (except promotional items). Till July 31 2000.

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Fri-Sun, Cover charge waived, 10% off bar prices (all night). Till Dec 31 2000.



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