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What's News?

Summertime in the Bay Area tends to make the work week four days on either end. With a changing world and a sluggish economy working less supports a healthier society.

For those who schedule time off to be with your families and friends we at No B.S. celebrate you and encourage more family time to prevail. Your kids think it's cool when you show up to their piano recitals and soccer games.

What's the point in wasting your life looking down at the Bay Bridge when you could have been sailing under it? So, this summer plan to finish your day early and call your favorite courier to get it there before 5. Then, round up the family turn off your cell phone and go for a sunset sail!

...Chow for Now

Restaurant Reviews

Villa Romana

731 Irving Street (SF)

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Since 1955, Villa Romana has been known as the "comfort food" connection of the inner sunset. With a wide variety of Italian fare it's hard to find anything on the menu that doesn't look appealing to the "carb-luvah." Their pizza is tops- thin crust cooked to perfection with subtle spices reminiscent of a trip to Naples.

But wait, how about a little fried calamari to wake up the tummy?...Not such a good idea. Grease is the word, and Mayo from the jar for dipping didn't quite make the grade. The Caesar salad fell short as well, with croutons from a box and dressing from the bottle.

Spaghetti and Meatballs were pretty good but the noodles were overcooked. The eggplant parmesan was "tangy" but the sauce was way too salty. Finally, for dessert we tried the Zabaglione- warm, fresh and light it helped ease the pain of a mediocre meal.

Overall, we recommend the Pizza, a martini and dessert and you'll hit a triple.

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When Minutes Matter... The Summer Movie Letdown

Go Libre!

It a'int all bad, first off. And by that I mean the state of summer movies. Don't believe what the critics are saying. They get paid to watch movies, and they're still so *critical*. Strange, eh?

I won't even touch Dan Brown. It's a love / hate thing, like the country's obsession with the Dallas Cowboys used to be. You just can't reason with those DaVinci people. They're just so excited that Christ may have been as horny as they were, or that horniness is holiness, or that...well...I kind of got lost there. Suffice to say, it's been called the adaptation that bored the nation, and never, it's been said, has anyone failed so miserably adapt a successful story into a movie. Whatever your take, *The DaVinci Code* is still raking in the bucks. So let's move on.

X-Men 3: The Last Stand could have waited for a better director. It had great potential, a solid story built upon two prior successful movies, but still it falls flatly into the "*well it wasn't that horrible*" camp. Don't be afraid of this film, though, if you're out and craving 75ft movie magic and explosions and don't feel like braving the drive through Richmond. Especially if you're someone like me, who gets more excited about affairs between mutants who never existed than between dusty old messiahs who might have.

So...that leaves: *Poseidon*, *The Fast and the Furious 3*, *The Lake House*, that *Garfield* crap that no one without kids has ever heard about because they're too scared to promote it to anyone over the age of five, and *Nacho Libre*. Forget the first four. Go watch *Nacho Libre*.

The guy who made *Napoleon Dynamite's* has made a second movie. In the words of Stan Lee: *Nuff said?* Get out and see it for yourself. It's not bad. No one believed in the first one, and no one still believes in this one. Yes, it's true that it's not as good as *Napoleon Dynamite*. But it's like a second album, everyone has to stumble a bit before they can find their footing. And I believe Jared Hess is here to stay. As every critic has so bluntly pointed out, *Libre* lacks the sweet sincerity of a story so obviously close to home as *Napoleon* was. But it is entertaining, and lush. And what does one expect from their summer movie? It's a hot day, or, in our case, a cold and foggy one... Really, it don't have to be art, right? For those who still doubt, I've got seven words for you: Jack Black, Oaxaca, Mexico, and tiny feral midgets...Nuff' said?

Trivia

#1 – Famed Scotsman, Sean Connery, recently announced his retirement from film. With all that time on his hands, grooming his pony-tail might get old. What did he announce that he intends to do with his time, instead?

#2 – Mothers of Invention frontman Frank Zappa made his television debut on the Steve Allen show playing what "instrument?"

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DR. ZAPPA SAYS HAPPY 4TH EVERYBODY!!!

Last month's trivia answered:

- Honda's Asimo robot drew record crowds in Turkey, where he shook hands with the completely human prime minister there.
- Think remakes are just for our desperate generation? Think again. Ben Hur was so cool he got three movies made about him. One in 1907, and one in 1925, but it wasn't until 1959 that Charlton Heston clutched that role tight to his breast and dared anyone to "rip it from his cold dead hands..." Ok, stay calm, Chuck, nobody wants it more than you...

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