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- 4 Annual Elections & General Meeting**
K-88th Street
- 16-18 Annual Kolping Ski Trip**
Mount Snow
- 20 Full Board Meeting**
K-88th Street
- 24 Last day to submit materials for April Bulletin**
- 31 KOH Clean up**
Kolping-on-Hudson

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- 1 Palm Sunday**
- 6 Good Friday**
- 8 Easter Sunday**
- 14-15 KOH Clean up**
Kolping-on-Hudson
- 17 Full Board Meeting**
Kolping-on-Concourse
- 21-22 KOH Clean up**
Kolping-on-Hudson
- 28-29 KOH Clean up**
Kolping-on-Hudson

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- 5-6 KOH Clean up**
Kolping-on-Hudson
- 13 Mother's Day**
KOH Mass, Dinner



Join us this Sunday!

Mass, Communion Brunch, Annual Elections & General Meeting

March 4, 2007

All members, friends and their guests are requested to join together on Sunday, March 4, 2007.

Mass at 9:45 am: St. Joseph's Church, 404 East 87 Street, NYC
Brunch following Mass: Kolping House, 165 East 88 Street

The cost of the dinner will be \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children under 12 years of age. Our menu will consist of sauerbraten, noodles and red cabbage, followed by dessert, coffee or tea.

We will also be electing new members to our Board of Directors, so we hope you will be joining us on this important day.

We anticipate many members will attend to join together with old friends and celebrate the end winter and the approach of spring.

Please make your reservation by calling Ann Horan at her home (914) 737-2026 or on her cell phone (914) 391-2142 or call the Kolping House, (212) 369-6647 as soon as possible.

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John G. Noonan
Albert Sartorius



MISSION STATEMENT: We, the members of the Catholic Kolping Society of America, extend the vision of our founder, Blessed Adolph Kolping, by promoting the development of the individual and family; we foster a sense of belonging and friendship through our program of spiritual, educational, charitable and social activities.

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Milestones & Passages



Everyone could use the power of prayer now and again. If you or anyone you know is in need of prayer, please let us know and we will be happy to include them within the "in our prayers" list. Please call Ann Horan (914-737-2026) when you know of a member who is ill, in the hospital, or has passed away. We want to be sure to remember them.

Please keep **Walter Weigand** in your prayers.

Hilda Voegele wrote to inform us of the death of **Bernard**, her husband. Bernard was a New York Kolping member since 1928. Our prayers and condolences go out to Hilda and Bernard's family.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN MARCH:

Hildegard Augart, Christian Aviles, Charles Aviles, Jr., Robert Berge, Rosemarie Best, Michael Breen, Karl Buscher, Gabrielle Caruso, Mary Dennis, Hilda Doyle, Gloria Fernandez, Manfred Gallwitz, Robert Garcia, Kristina Gruno, Catherine Hickey, Tyler Hierspiel, James Kelly, Charles Kennedy, Marilyn Kozynoski, Daniel Larkin, George Lewis, Elizabeth Lorenzen, Barbara Mallon, Betrice Marriott, Miriam Mazzarella, Cecelia McGlew, Erik Melita, Lonie Moraitis, Arthur Neff, Jr., Mark Nieshalla, Steve Ochonek, Elfriede Orlowski, Jorge Paris, Mae Purcell, Jenna Richardson, Albert Sartorius, Jennifer Scheuermann, Michael Scheuermann, Franziska Schmidt, Alex Schmitt, Inge Schmitt, Marine Silvestri, Karen Staub, Maria Strobel, Hendrik Van Asselt, Samantha Van Asselt, and Ferdinand Zipprich.

SPECIAL MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS:

We hear Maria Reuber had a most happy celebration for her 80th birthday on February 4. Many friends and family (even some from Germany) joined in wishing Maria happiness and good health—as do all of us at Kolping too!

Happy Birthday to Helmi Pinner, she will celebrate her 70th Birthday on March 7th.

Special greeting to two VIPs here at Kolping: Jorge Paris, our Kolping on Concourse manager and Jennifer Scheuermann, our Kolping online expert.

If you know someone celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary, please let us know so we can include it in the Bulletin. Please email either me at editor@kolpingny.org or Ann Horan at amth@optonline.net.



WELCOME TO THREE NEW MEMBERS OF OUR KOLPING FAMILY!

Freddy and Christine Schukat are proud to announce the birth of the newest addition to their family. Christian Thomas Schukat was born on January 25th, 2007 at 7lbs 11oz, 19 1/2 in long.



Proud parents John P. and Sylvia Reitter together with proud big brother JP Reitter III would like to announce the birth of our twin boys: Max Joseph Reitter born on February 3, 2007 at 8pm weighing at 5.9lbs and 18.5 inches long and William James Reitter also born on February 3, 2007 at 8pm weighing at 5.7lbs and 18.5 inches long. Although they arrived almost a month earlier than anticipated, both mom and the babies are doing fine. Proud grandparents, John and Elizabeth Reitter are delighted to add these two to the five other grandchildren they currently enjoy!

2007 DUES

REMINDER

This is the last month to get reduced rate on dues.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR RENT

For Rent in Mahopac—one bedroom apartment. Warm, inviting, freshly painted, spotless apartment in a private residence with off road parking for 2 cars. Located in a park-like setting, with separate private entrance. Living room with lots of sunlight. Kitchen with brand new appliances. Large bedroom, large bathroom. Lots of closets and storage. Utilities and cable included. No smoking, no pets. Security and reference required. Rent: \$975 per month. Call Anthony Restivo 845-628-7035.

FOR SALE

2 Bedroom Apartment for Sale by Owner Mitchell Gardens. "C Line" with sunny, spacious layout. Lots of upgrades to this mint and immaculate high floor, corner apartment. New kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances. New bathroom with top-of-the-line fixtures. Enormous walk-in closet for her, and huge closet for him in master bedroom. Finished wood floors, new base moldings, tile window sills...too much to list... Call 347-306-2000

DISNEY CONDO FOR RENT

Kolping Member has 3 BR / 2 Bath condo for rent in 5-star community only 3 miles outside of Disney's Main Gate. Affordable and convenient. Please visit our web site at www.bestdisneycondo.com or call Gary & Terri Ostroff at 516-837-3804.

Submit your classified ad (free for members!):

All members are invited to submit advertisements for items that they want to sell, give away or own. The ads will expire after one month unless other arrangements are made. We reserve the right to charge a fee in the future, if needed, to cover expenses. Email your classified ads (or any questions) to: classifieds@kolpingny.org or mail them to: Ingrid Resmaier, Kolping Classifieds, 6 Green Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563. Ads can be posted directly on the web site: www.kolpingny.org. Please include a description, contact name, phone number, and/or email address.

Kolping News

Kolping Ski Trip. The response this year has been great...all 25 of our rooms are booked. Now all we need is some snow!

Reminder to KOH room renters. The first half of your room deposit is due. If we haven't heard from you we will assume you are no longer interested in renting. If there are any members who are interested in renting a room for the 2007 summer season, please call Heidi Umland (718-805-0552) or Ann Horan (914-737-2026). Your names will be placed on our waiting list.

Kolping-on-Hudson Spring Clean Up. Don't forget...March 31st is the first clean up day at Kolping-on-Hudson. You bring your strength and physical powers and we will give you lunch and good fellowship.

Kolping-on-Hudson Reminder. With the start of our summer season at KOH, please remember we are the perfect spot for your parties—First Communion, Graduation, Birthday, and even Weddings! Call our manager Heidi Umland to book your date at 718-805-0552. Our house on 88th Street is also available for rentals. Call our manager, Ernst Endrich at 212-369-6647 for those dates.

The National Lenten Project 2007

The Kolping Project for 2007 is underway. This year the project is for the benefit of our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Slidell, Louisiana. Our Lady of Lourdes was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in August 2005. The parish was initially inundated by a seven foot wall of water. To add insult to injury, the church was collapsed by a category 5 tornado. This parish of 2300 families with 600 children in the school and 300 C.C.D. children is now using twenty-six modular buildings for the school. Obviously our resources cannot rebuild the church or the school, but we can help purchase supplies and furniture for the school.

NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH OF SLIDELL, LOUISIANA RECOVER FROM HURRICANE KATRINA

___TV & DVD/VCR	\$200.00
___Copy Machine	\$100.00
___Computer Printer	\$100.00
___Scanner	\$100.00
___Computer Desks	\$ 50.00
___Bookcases	\$ 50.00
___CD/Tape Player	\$25.00
___Bible Story Videos	\$15.00
___Saint Videos	\$15.00

Make your check out to: Catholic Kolping Society of America
Mail your check to: Kolping Lenten Project, P. O. Box 14, Okeana, Ohio 45059-0014. Thanks for your help. —Walt Amrein

The New York Lenten Project 2007

The New York Board has chosen the Minorite Church restoration—the one that Father Kolping was assigned to—for our 2007 Lenten Project. Kolping is in charge of this church—restoration and upkeep. More information to come in the next issue of the *Bulletin*.

Stories of Interest

Mystical March Has Arrived By Jack McGee

Here we are fellow readers in the month of March. March, the month of mystery. March, the month of the unpredictable. March, the month that according to tradition, "comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." Many readers are inclined to fluff it off with a "so what?"

A look at the secular and/or the liturgical calendar brings a few items of mystery to mind, especially if you are a person who reads about events and then asks the question "why?". At times the answer is quite basic. At other times it makes us delve deeper into the "why?".

On Saturday, March 3, we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Katherine Drexel. Katherine is one of the, shall we say, "newer saints in the church". She came from a rich family. Correction, a millionaire family. Her father was a successful banker. He died and left her a fortune. Now comes the question, "so what?"

At the time of her place in history, there was no school system to educate Native American women (Indian) nor Afro-American women. Katherine asked Rome for permission to establish an order of nuns to open schools and to educate these women. Americans in certain parts of the country were shocked and mystified, and prejudice quickly arose. Her dedication to minorities, her religious faith, her ideals, and her belief in doing her creator's work was her way of life. She left a legacy of dedication to minorities.

On March 17th, the Feast Day of St. Patrick is celebrated with much glee, especially here on the east coast. As a child he saw his Ireland invaded. He saw himself captured and enslaved. Escaping and joining the Catholic priesthood, he returned to Ireland to preach and to convert the pagan Celtic tribes that inhabited the country, to his Christ crucified.

In 1848 the horrible potato famine destroyed the sustenance of Irish life

and brought mass starvation, millions of dead and many emigrating—leaving their homeland merely to stay alive. The dead were just abandoned, whether in their homes or on the side of the road. Others begged for food while their neighbors, not so far away, looked the other way. Those lucky enough, set sail for Boston, New York, etc., where, when looking for a job, read signs, "No Irish need apply". And the rest is history. Parades and various cultural events take place and the color for the day is shamrock green.

On March 19th, the Church commemorates The Feast of St. Joseph, the patron of The Catholic Kolping Society. St. Joseph is often called "the forgotten saint". He is briefly mentioned in the four Gospels, except for his marriage to Mary, the Christmas story, the flight into Egypt,

the return to Nazareth, and when he and Mary went looking for the 12 year-old Jesus after a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, when they thought He was lost.

And so, with a mention of March 25 and the Annunciation remembrance, we conclude the month of March since we are now officially in the season of spring, as of March 21. We invite everyone to volunteer (whatever free weekend one may have) from March 31, Saturday, until Mother's Day, May 13th, toward getting Kolping-on-Hudson in shape.

Our daffodil display during these months will welcome you after this long absence since last September (or so) when we said "auf wiedersehen". And so, with victuals for all volunteers, with refreshments, "see you Saturday" will be our spring slogan. And until then, God Bless.

LENT 2007

Lent is the penitential season of the Church's year. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Lent has six Sundays. The sixth is called Passion or Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. It commemorates the Lord's passion and death on Good Friday, reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil and ends with evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Then the joyful Easter Season of 50 days begins.

Traditionally the Lenten season is a time of penance throughout the Catholic Church. Lent is a season in which prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity and almsgiving are emphasized. Fast and abstinence are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

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Stories of Interest

Thomas Nast *submitted by Martin A. Kelly*



The saying "One picture is worth 1,000 words," was never more evident than in the life of Thomas Nast (1840-1902). He was a crusader in the fight for right and justice in an era of corruption and governmental abuse. His weapons were not the sword and lance, but his pen and drawing paper.

Nast was born in Landau, Germany in 1840. His father was a trombonist in a regimental band. Apparently sensing the political unrest in Germany, his father took early retirement and emigrated to New York City in 1846.

Inheriting his father's feelings for equality, Thomas used his artistic genius and incisive mind to awaken the American people to the evils that had to be corrected. The problem was that the majority of America's immigrants were illiterate yet they formed a sizeable part of the population. Nast's easily-understood caricatures, published in the popular "Harper's Weekly" surmounted this difficulty.

Nast rose to national stature in 1863 with his satirical caricatures about the Civil War (1861-1865). President Lincoln recognized Nast as "the best recruiting sergeant for the Union Army". Nast's etching clinched the 1864 election for Lincoln.

With the return to peace, Nast leveled his sights on the monstrous political machine that dominated New York City. With a series of devastating drawings, he exposed the graft, extortion, nepotism, influence peddling and other forms of corruption perpetrated by the Tammany political club.

The head honcho fled to Spain for asylum. The Spanish authorities used a sketch of Tweed in one of Nast's cartoons to identify him for extradition.

In the latter part of the 19th Century, the American mindset changed and there was less need for an ombudsman with a pen, and Nast's fortune ebbed. Out of gratitude, President "Teddy" Roosevelt appointed him ambassador to Ecuador in 1902. Nast died later that year.

Although little remembered today, Nast lives on in some of the symbols he fashioned for American institutions. For example, the elephant representing the Republican Party was one of Nast's conceptions; as were: the donkey for the Democratic Party and the jolly old elf for Santa Clause.

WORDS WORTH NOTING

submitted by Jack McGee

The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. *Sirach 27*

Lord help me in my weakness. Then I will have the strength to be patient. *St. Francis of Assisi*

Anyone can be a Pope; the proof of this is that I have become one. *Blessed John XXIII*

Everyone is wise until he speaks. *Irish proverb*

Constant complaint is the poorest sort of pay for all the comforts we enjoy. *Benjamin Franklin*

A home-made friend wears longer than one you buy in the market. *Austin O'Malley*

The most beautiful act of faith is the one made in darkness, in sacrifice, and with extreme effort. *St. Padre Pio*

Generosity is giving more than you can, and pride is taking less than you need. *Kahlil Gibran*

Half the world is composed of people who have something to say and can't, and the other half who have nothing to say and keep on saying it. *Robert Frost*

I want to preach not the doctrine of ignoble ease, but the doctrine of strenuous life. *Theodore Roosevelt*

A classic is something everybody wants to have read and nobody wants to read. *Mark Twain*

Virtue is a state of war, and to live in it we have always to combat with ourselves. *Rousseau*

"Die Spitzmädchen"

submitted by Martin A. Kelly

Oma sat in the parlor in her rocking chair, doing some knitting. Her precocious 8-year old granddaughter enters.

"Oma," the child greets her with, "I know how old you are: you are 64".

"Oh," says Oma. "Where did you learn that?"

"On your driver's license that's lying on the table," the child replies.

"And what else did you learn?" Oma asks.

"Well," answers the granddaughter. "you weigh 140 lbs and you got an "F" in sex."

What's Happening in New York This Month?

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The Metropolitan Opera Friday evenings at 8pm. Monday to Thursday evenings, two hours before performance time, orchestra seats, valued up to \$100, are sold at the box office for \$20. If interested, call 212-362-6000 for an evening's performance. And just as an aside, the ticket line starts to form long before that two hour opening.

March 3 Die Zauberflöte (Mozart's Magic Flute—German)

March 23 Die Agyptische Helena (Richard Strauss— German)

March 10 Simon Boccanegra (Verdi's opera—Italian)

March 30 Turandot (another Zeffirelli masterpiece— Italian)

March 16 La Traviata (a Zeffirelli masterpiece—Italian)

The Metropolitan Opera on Radio WQXR-96.3FM Saturday afternoons at 1:30, March 10th at 12 noon.

March 3 Simon Boccanegra (Verdi)

March 24 The Barber of Seville (Rossini)

March 10 Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg (Wagner)

March 31 Die Agyptische Helena (Strauss)

March 17 Faust (Gounod)

New York City Opera At the New York State Theater. Matinees Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 1:30. Evenings at 7:30, except Saturday at 8pm. Tickets \$16, \$25, \$37 and up.

The Pirates of Penzance. A new production of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta sung in English.

March 3(M), 3, 4(M), 7, 8, 10(M), 15, 16, 17, 18(M), 20, 21, 24, 29, and 31(M)

Madame Butterfly. Puccini's opera of unrequited innocent love in Japan.

March 11(M), 14, 17, 23, 25, 27, and 31

The Lady of the Lake (La Donna del Lago). A seldom heard Rossini gem.

March 24, 28, 30, and April 1

German-Affiliated Happenings and Events

Gemuettlichen Enzianer • Bayerischer Bauernball • Saturday March 31, 2007 at 8:00PM

At the Polish American Hall in Port Washington. Featuring the music of the Kapelle Fellas and Schuhplattler Entertainment throughout the evening. Admission includes sandwich platter, chips, coffee and cookies, unlimited wine, soda, domestic and imported beer. Adults: \$28; 6-12: \$14; 13-20: \$20; under 6: Free.

For information and reservations, call: Richard Killian at 516-599-0789 or Rosemarie Hein at 516-488-6551

German-American Social Club of Peekskill • Mahopac St. Patrick's Day Parade • Sunday March 11
German-American Social Club of Peekskill • St. Patrick's Dinner/Irish Step Dancers • March 17 or 18
11 Kramers Pond Road P.O. Box 395 Putnam Valley, NY 10579, 845-528-5800. For Reservations, Directions or Information on Club Events Call: 914-603-3373 or 845-628-9283.

Church Events

ZION ST. MARK'S, 339 East 84th St., Manhattan (between 2nd & 1st Aves.).

Saturday, March 24 at 3:00 PM "WEIT IST DER WEG". The glistening beaches of Bahia, the whispering coconut groves of Salvador.....this is Freddy's easy-going world. He finds the orphan Janni and meet physician Anita. Freddy's life changes dramatically. Starring FREDDY QUINN, INGEBORG SCHOENER, Ann Savo, Leon Askin, and others.
From 2:30 PM coffee and cake.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH IN YORKVILLE. Every first Sunday of the month, the Holy sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated in German at St. Joseph's Church of Yorkville, 404 East 87th Street at 9:45. Confessions before Mass. For information call Julia Winter at 212-534-5625. For information regarding counseling and sacraments in German, please contact Rev. Emmanuel Nartey at 212-289-6030.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH

53rd Street and Fifth Avenue. Tickets for sale at door.

Friday, March 23 at 7:30pm **J.S. Bach's SAINT MATTHEW PASSION**

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

65th Street and Central Park West. Free will offering.

Sunday, March 4, 11, 18 at 5pm **Chorales and organ concerts by Buxtehude and Bach**

Sunday, March 25 at 5pm **Music to commemorate the Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

CHURCH OF CHRIST AND ST. PETER

120 West 69th Street. Tickets for sale at door: \$30. Students and Seniors: \$15.

Sunday, March 18 at 3pm **Beethoven's "Missa Solemnis".**

Chorus, soloists, orchestra and organ.

THINGS TO DO...PLACES TO GO...INFO TO KNOW

THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDENS

Located in the Bronx, The New York Botanical Gardens is sponsoring this year's Annual Orchid Show until Sunday, April 8th. In addition to the exhibit itself, thousands of unusual orchids will be on sale.

TUTANKHAMUN AND THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE PHARAOHS

Now on exhibit in Philadelphia. For information, call 1-888-600-KTUT. Now through September 30.

VIDEO CONTEST

The Christophers are sponsoring a video contest for college students. Use your creativity to interpret the theme "One person can make a difference", on film or video in 5 minutes or less. For information visit the web site www.christophers.org/contest.html or write to The Christophers, 12 East 48th Street, New York, NY 10017 for contest rules and entry form. Prize: \$3,000.

411: USE IT ALL THE TIME ON ALL PHONES!

Cell phone companies are charging us \$1.00 to \$1.75 or more for 411 information calls when they don't have to. Most of us do not carry a telephone directory in our vehicle, which makes this situation even more of a problem. When you need to use the 411 information option, simply dial 1(800)FREE 411, or 1(800) 373-3411 without incurring any charge at all. This is the kind of information people don't mind receiving, so pass it on to your family and friends. This works on your home telephone as well.

DID YOU KNOW....

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

Stage and Screen

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON BROADWAY

THE PRODUCERS will be closing this summer. Rumor has it that the original "boys" Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick "might" return so that the production may close in a blaze of glory.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST will close on July 29th. The Disney's feel that after 13 years on Broadway, the show has run its course. The Lunt-Fontanne Theater will not remain dark for long, however. On November 3, the doors will open again when previews will begin for a new musical **THE LITTLE MERMAID**, with an official "Great White Way" opening on December 6. The musical's story is based on the 1989 movie, to which a number of new songs have been added.

MARY POPPINS although sold out for weekends, is advertising "tickets available" for weeknights, to which has been added "Tickets from \$20". And with Easter vacation just a few weeks away, those in school might consider buying their tickets now.

INHERIT THE WIND the great play about evolution and the Bible opens March 19.

THE CIRCUS opens at Madison Square Garden on March 31 and continues until April 15. You may speak with the performers and see the animals one hour beforehand, all part of the admission ticket.

ELTON JOHN will be at Madison Square Garden on Sunday, March 25 at 8pm.

CURTAINS a new musical comedy will open on March 22. David Hyde Pierce, TV's brother on "Fraser" is in the lead.

HIGH 5 has opened a new season of tickets for \$5. If you are 13 to 18 and currently attend high school, they have tickets for assorted Broadway shows, theaters, dance programs, ballets, New York City Opera, films, Carnegie Hall, and on and on. Check out www.high5tix.org online, or call 212-Hi5-TKTS. If you don't wish to go alone, you may purchase one extra ticket for \$5 for a friend or member of the family. Drop by the office if you wish: 1 East 53rd Street on the 5th floor.

NEW FILMS FROM HOLLYWOOD FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

BLADES OF GLORY Will Ferrell. Figure skating.

I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE Chris Rock.

THE NAMESAKE An Indian family moves to New York from Calcutta. Problems assimilating.

NANNY DIARIES Scarlett Johansson. A Park Avenue nanny???

ZODIAK Trying to unravel the identity of San Francisco's most infamous serial killer.

300 Persia in the year 480 B.C. 300 Spartan soldiers-vs-the Persian Army.

PRIDE The first Afro-American swim team.

REIGN OVER ME Adam Sandler in his first serious mode.

MEET THE ROBINSONS Animated. Dysfunctional family with a child inventor.

WILD HOGS Four middle-aged men are tempted to "hit the road". Tim Allen.

PREMONITION A housewife has problems.

BLACK BOX With a World War II theme.

SHOOTER Never double-cross a Marine Corps sniper. Mark Wahlberg.

THE WIND THAT SHAKES THE BARLEY Fighting the Irish Civil War from some years back.

DEAD SILENCE Horror movie.

THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 Another attack by mutants.

HOLLYWOOD RETHINKS ITS FILM RATINGS. The original rating system was set up in 1960. Current critics believe the system needs an update. The names of the new rating board members will be kept confidential, for the time being. There will be more consultations with school groups, parent groups and members of congress for a demystifying explanation of the rating process. In this new reshuffling of the board, representatives from the Roman Catholic Church and the Protestant National Council of Churches may be invited to join.