

arts & entertainment

bernstein on words

Winds blow 'Down East'

By Theodore M. Bernstein

Down East. About a month ago, your host borrowed an idea from William and Mary Morris's *Dictionary of Word and Phrase Origins* when speculating that Down East might have originated in the fact that people traveling from an important place—Boston, for example—to a less important one—some place in Maine, for example—would say they were going Down East.

That guess has been challenged by two readers. R.C. Tibbetts of Media, Pa., and Byard P. Bridge of Philadelphia say the term is traceable to the prevailing winds along the New England coast, which, they assert, are southwesterly so seafarers sailing

to Maine went downwind and spoke of going Down East or Down Maine.

Bill Morris, a native of New England, took account of that theory in his dictionary, but added that "a mariner friend assures me that there are no 'prevailing' winds on the coast."

Word oddities. Leatrice W. Abraham of Ardmore, Pa., asks about the literal and figurative meanings of watershed.

Literally, the word denotes a ridge or piece of high land that divides two areas that are drained by different river systems.

Figuratively, it means a critical dividing point or turning point between two courses of action or two phases of a situation.

Mind boggling movie orgy coming

"The Mind-Bogglin, Never-To-Be-Forgotten-Or-Believed Escape to Movie Orgy" is coming to UNL.

This three-hour film, touring college campuses, will be shown today at 7:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union Centennial Room.

It is sponsored by the Joseph Schlitz Brewing Co., and is being presented by the

Union Program Council.

The movie orgy is in its fifth year, having played on 235 college campuses to more than 250,000 students. It retains its popularity and appeal because of annual facelifting which adds new elements, but keeps old favorites.

Childhood TV characters, movie classics, cartoons, crazy commercials and bombshell bloopers are included in the movie orgy. It is bonanza for trivia freaks, nostalgia buffs and lovers of a good time. Loaded with clips that pop on and off the screen with comic madness, the movie orgy could aptly be called "A 2001 Splice Odyssey."

Correction

Monday's Arts calendar, Up and Coming, contained an error concerning The Lincoln Community Playhouse. *Godspell* will not play this Friday and Saturday as stated. The next production will open Oct. 10th.

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