YET MORE MIXED REVIEWS

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SAME TIME NEXT YEAR tamer matinee! sexy! [R Prouser]
SAVE THE TIGER vets agree: hit! [M Callum]
SCENES FROM A MALL nameless clamor (F) [S Gartner]
SCENT OF A WOMAN now... a comet, fans! [K Rothrock] scan of wan note [MT Gruber] won't come as a fan [M Pash] came on fast, won [ML Welch]
SCHOOL TIES cool thesis [C Thompson] his coolest [M O'Reilly]
SCROOGE score! go! [J Sullivan]
SCROOGED score: dog [R Banner, J Severson]
SEND ME NO FLOWERS for women, endless [GH Wienecke]
SERGEANT YORK gee...rank story [J Vint]
SERPICO cop's ire [M McCarter]
SEVEN DAYS IN MAY save any mind? yes [R Flora]
SHALL WE DANCE ah, dances well [C Sarantakos]
SHAMPOO oops! ham
SHE DEVIL I shelved [E Nemmers]
SHE WORE A YELLOW RIBBON bore! a new bore! how silly! [F Thompson]
SHINING THROUGH rushing high - not! [JF Besnard]
SHIRLEY VALENTINE lively shiner, a "ten" [C Weiss]
SHOWBOAT was hoot (B) [G Collins] what boos! [J Smith]
SILENT MOVIE I love its men [NB Nordtvedt]
SINGLE WHITE FEMALE wham! (i.e., feel tinges) [M Wisnewski] eh...wise, elegant film [A Prakash]
SIXTEEN CANDLES last scene mixed [L Shepard]
SLEEPER er...sleep! [K Buckel]
SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY the new gem? hey, I slept in [TE Long]
SLEEPWALKERS reek! we'll pass! [AK Heronx]
SLEUTH hustle! [R Pivarnik]
SMOKEY AND THE BANDIT o, bad - and theme stinky [J Dudman] make bet on this dandy [J Yager]
SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS went, view'd; was fresh and honest [W Jones]
THE SNAKE PIT past hit! keen! [F Tlvin]
SNEAKERS ranks! see! [C Bright, C Nelson]
SNIPER ripens [P Weiner]
SOME LIKE IT HOT me like this, too [J Heston]
THE SOUND OF MUSIC fun! music soothed [R Prevade] do! to me, is such fun

[8 Gulfian]
SOYLENT GREEN
SPARTACUS
SPELLBOUNCE
SSSSSSSS ssss
STAR! rats
STARDUST MISS
STAR TREK: Everyly
STAR TREK: Shelter
hair - no
STAR TREK: revives!
STAY TUNED
STAYIN' ALIVE
STORMY WEATHER
ST. ELMO'S FIRE
STEEL MAGNOLIAS
Mohrman, small [R Collaboro]
THE STING
A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE
interested, I
THE SUBJECT
SUNSET BOULEVARD
SUMMER OF '42
SUPERBOY
SUPERMAN
SWEET CHARON
TAKING CARE OF BABY
TALK RADIO
TANGO AND CASH
TAP apt!
TEACHERS
TEENAGE MAD
Arison]
TEEN WOLF
TEQUILA SUNRISE
THE TERMINATOR
B Hebert
rate him
TERMS OF ENDER
from me
THE TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE what a movie
THANK GOD THAT DARN CAT!
THREE AMIGOS
Aronson]
THREE DAY MIRACLE
[8 Gulfian]
[B Guilfoyle] it does so much fun [P Cifern]
SOYLENT GREEN stolen energy [KR Schulze]
SPARTACUS a "cuss" part [C Thornton]
SPELLBOUND blonde, plus! [GH Wienceke]
SSSSSSS sss! sssss! [B Graham]
STAR! rats! [D Eberhardt, J Nesmith]
STARDUST MEMORIES s.o.s.! it's murder! tame! [L Picarella]
STAR TREK: THE MOTION PICTURE o, mutter "Shatner"...o, rip ticket [D Everly]
STAR TREK VI: THE UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY retired chunky-to-rotund cast revives!* [J Givens]
STAY TUNED nasty duet [M Tabak]
STAYIN' ALIVE I, a vain style [JA Simpson]
STORMY WEATHER seem worth a try? [GH Wienecke]
ST. ELMO'S FIRE set for smile [R Brightly] lesser motif [J Yonus]
THE STING sight: "ten" [P Vane] hit, gents
A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE nice treat! sad, sere dream [L Picarella] interested? a scream, dear [I Doherty]
THE SUBJECT WAS ROSES o, was just best - cheers! [D Sandler]
SUDDEN DEATH end as the dud [B Parietti]
SUMMER OF '42 muse **** form ** [B Morton]
SUPERBOY yo! superb! [S Bailey-Keller]
SUPERMAN nap serum [T Harke] super, man
SWEET CHARITY a cherry twist [G Sarantakos]
TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS fun is back! so grin at...see! [S Liss]
TALK RADIO a dark toil [F Patton]
TANGO AND CASH nag: had no cast [C Thornton]
TAP apt! [K Newcomb]
TEACHERS he rates "C" [RW Vance]
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES neat? man, true lint - just age ten [J Aronsen]
TEEN WOLF TOO oo - not! (we left) [R Brightly]
TEQUILA SUNRISE quiet sins a lure [P Angiollillo]
TERMS OF ENDEARMENT for me, T means "tender" [N Wetter] net end: tears from me [AB Brucks]
THE TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE it has ax scenes - what a scream!* [C Young] what a mean, crass excess! a hit! [J White]
THANK GOD, IT'S FRIDAY fit? a dog, trash, dinky! [L Shepard]
THAT DARN CAT ah, rad act! TNT! [R Chaney]
THREE AMIGOS a mirth - go see! [S Pollock] hal go see it, Mr. [R Warner]
THREE DAYS OF THE CONDOR hey, Redford's one hot act!* [N Dickinson]
THREE MEN AND A BABY hereby mandate ban [M Callum]
THE THREE MUSKETEERS must seek three there! [A Solfavi]
THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE oh, dull theme (I girly moron) [A Gordon]
THROW MOMMA FROM THE TRAIN frame Mom, harm? not worth it [T Incantalupo]
THE TIME MACHINE theme: cinema hit [A Raffaelli]
TO BE OR NOT TO BE boo! on to better! [L Picarella]
TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD morbid? killing? OK act! [JL Eddy]
TOKYO JOE too jokey [S Lubick]
TOO MUCH SUN 'm so uncouth! [G Wyas]
TOP GUN go punt! [J Piscenza]
TOP HAT apt? hot? [R Pivarnik] hot tap
TORA! TORA! TORA! sorta rotator [MM Kirkpatrick]
TOTAL RECALL call tale "rot" [P Tricamo]
A TOUCH OF CLASS such a fool cast! [K Stevenson]
TO SIR, WITH LOVE so vile? worth it [K Moran]
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TOYS o, sty [B Levenson]
TRADING PLACES strange, placid [L Picarella] least-grand pic [J Yonus]
TREASURE ISLAND true, sand is real [F Thompson]
A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN stay? no - "reel" boring work [H Deveroff]
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TRON not "R" [J Dudman, CB McIntire] rot'n
THE TROUBLE WITH ANGELS worst teen tale (glib, huh?) [L Picarella]
TRUE GRIT "gut-err" [T Eisele]
TRUTH OR DARE hot ruder art [J Fishman] oh, rude tart (R) [M Amara] hard torture
TWIN PEAKS: FIRE WALK WITH ME aw, we think film's weak tripe [S Kirycki]
whew! rent a weak film? skip it! [R Prevade]
TWO FOR THE SEESAW sweet show of rate [GH Wienecke]
UMBERTO D dumb role [S Murkin]
THE UGLY AMERICAN unethical, my rage [M Callum]
THE UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF BEING ee -- three in a long babbling fuss [C Edwards]
UNIVERSAL SOLDIER drivef! is so unreal[K Hall] slanderous, vile [A Thrasher] invalid...sure loser! [T Allman] a loss, reviled ruin [N Kelly]
UNLAWFUL ENTRY unruly (left wan) [M Callum]
USED CARS assured "C" [R Brightly] scared us
USED PEOPLE speed up...olé! [JL Eddy]
UNFORGIVEN no fun-giver [G Gardner, WH Oldach]
UNTAMED HEART hum...rated a "ten" [S Sternberg]
VIDEODROME odder movie [J Schumacher]
VIVA LAS VEGAS Elvis saga - a "VV" [F Wiemiller]
WALL STREET swell treat!
WAYNE'S WORLD "yawns"! le word? [LR Hildreth] dern! way slow [F Grubb] slow yawner (D) [K Schuster] nerdy as "wow"! [P Bourgoin]
THE WAY OF ALL FLESH hate flashy fellow [C Thompson]
WEST SIDE STORY so sweet, it's dry [G Losan]
WHAT ABOUT BOB? ...but what a boob! [C Bright]
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO BABY JANE? war! Joan: "Behave, Bette!" happy end [L Tolan]
WHAT PRICE GLORY? gory peril - watch! [S Goldman]

WHAT'S SO 
[ D Adams]
WHEN HARRY 
[ D Adams]
WHERE THE 
[ D Adams]
WHITE NIGHTS 
[ D Adams]
WHITE NIGHTS 
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WHISPERS IN 
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WHO'LL STOP 
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suspense:
THE WOMEN
THE YEAR OF THE 
[ B Van Hees]
DEEP ELLUM: 
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YELLOWBEARD 
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YOUNG EINS 
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YOUNG FRANK 
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it's rank 
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funny! Get 
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YOUNG TOM 
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ZORRO, THE 
[ B Van Hees]
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HAPPY TRAILS

This is the second in a series of $24.95 Facts on File books devoted to regional slang; the first, Whistlin' Dixie, was reviewed in the Nov 1993 Word Ways. Robert Hendrickson has again assembled approximately 3500 words or phrases, this time relating to the American west, with brief definitions and citations. There is little overlap with Blevins' similar dictionary, reviewed in the Feb 1994 Word Ways.

The book is full of oddities like augerine (an imaginary beast that burrows through irrigation ditch banks), jimpsecute (court a young lady) and ripsnitious (smart, lively). Humorous exaggerations abound: quicker than hell could scorch a feather, rolled out flatter than a blue corn tortilla, so poor his shadow has holes in it, looks like he dove off a three-story building into a waffle-iron. But are these truly common western expressions?

The strangest entry of all: under sand, Hendrickson alleges that an Indian girl, wishing to avoid being raped, "hoisted her skirt and jammed the dirt into herself"!