



# 'Pumping Iron' lacks muscle

Does art imitate life or life imitate art? For more than 400 years people have admired the muscular youths Michaelangelo painted on the Sistine Ceiling. At Gold's Gym in Venice, Calif., we find men trying to fashion their bodies toward that same idealized form.

"Pumping Iron" (PG) is about this curious subculture of body builders who strive to mold their flesh into mounds of bulging muscle groups.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, ex-Mr. Universe and Mr. Olympia, even compares his body building to the sculptor's art. He is concerned with proportion, pose, definition. But what the sculptor and painter add, quickly with clay and color, the body builder acquires from the inside out, through months and years of strenuous weightlifting and exercise.

With all this devoted effort, why don't the living models look as beautiful as the painted ones? The painted models are distinguished by their grace, their poise, and most of all by an aura of effortless ease that surrounds them.

**WHAT WE ARE** aware of among the body builders is the effort—the straining, grunting, sweating effort. In the long shots, their forms are breathtaking sights. In the close-ups, they are grotesque convolutions of bulging muscles and taut, twisting veins.

In a semi-documentary fashion, the movie tells the story of the preparation, psychological tension and suspense as these men train and compete for the world amateur and professional body building contests, Mr. Universe and Mr. Olympia. The principal contenders are revealed in autobiographical sketches. Each talks about his childhood, his interest in body building, his ambitions, and even his plans for psyching out opponents.

There is not enough individual distinction among the group to keep the movie from being exhaustingly repetitious. To watch each competitor train is to watch the same thing over and over. Once the initial strings of viewer curiosity have been satisfied, the storyline is inadequate to sustain interest. But a greater failing is the absence of candor, which the movie promises by its style but does not deliver. Is everyone as straight as pictured here? No one even utters one little swear word. Neither drugs, sex nor money are ever an issue, even a problem.

**SCHWARZENEGGER** compares the sensation he gets when the blood flows to his veins, and he's pumping iron, to an orgasm. Other than that, sex, either heterosexual or homosexual, doesn't appear to be of interest to anyone.

Louis Ferrigno swallows a variety of pills, but no comments are made about that or the controversial use of drugs in body building. Very little is said or shown about the quality of men's lives. No one seems to have a job except for Mike Katz, the schoolteacher.

The closest one gets to any insight is from Schwarzenegger—sharper, more articulate, more humorous than the others. He discusses his sexual highs in training, his paternal role as a champion and how he uses it to misadvise anyone who becomes too threatening, and his single-mindedness and determination that make him a winner.

He relates, without embarrassment, that he did not attend his father's funeral, because he did not want to "mess up" his mind with any outside emotions or distractions two months before the Mr. Universe and Mr. Olympia competition.

"Pumping Iron" purports to reveal the subculture. It spotlights some ripping muscles, but not the waves underneath. One gets the feeling that there's been a lot left out.

## GLIMPSES

**AIRPORT 77 (PG).** A disaster film that combines air and sea operations by crashing a 747 into the ocean and then trying to raise the plane or lower the ocean—something like that.

**AUDREY ROSE (PG).** Trauma of parents with 12-year-old daughter who may have been reincarnated. Fine performances from newcomer Susan Swift as the daughter and Marsha Mason as the mother.

**BLACK SUNDAY (R).** Slick thriller of inflated terrorism from a blimp at the Super Bowl. Robert Shaw and Marthe Keller are the capable adversaries. Fine acting by Bruce Dern as berserk pilot.

**THE EAGLE HAS LANDED (PG).** World War II suspense-adventure story about a group of German paratroopers who attempt to kidnap Winston Churchill. Michael Caine, Donald Sutherland and Robert Duvall star.

**FELLINEI'S CASANOVA (R).** A lavish and lengthy production that abounds with grotesqueries, one of which is Donald Sutherland's strange make-up, as Fellini interprets Casanova's memoirs.

**FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG).** Jane Fonda and George Segal in a mappy social satire about an unemployed engineer and his wife who turn to crime when he can't find a job and they flunk welfare.

**NETWORK (R).** Fierce satire attacking the television industry and mass media generally. Top performances by Peter Finch, Faye Dunaway and William Holden in fast-paced, gritty humorous film.

**ROCKY (PG).** Human-worth and exciting drama combine in this stirring film about a no-name boxer who gets a chance at a title bout. Acting accolades to entire cast and especially Stallone as Rocky.

**SLAP SHOT (R).** A comic and cutting look at the violence of professional hockey and the loneliness and shadow lives of the players and their wives. Paul Newman as the seasonal player-killer looks beguilingly as he offers every obscenity in the book.

**A STAR IS BORN (R).** Long-winded and unnecessary remake with Barbra Streisand and Kris Kristofferson as rock stars (rather than movie stars) whose careers head in different directions. Eat up it.

**BAGGERTY ANN AND ANDY (G).** Animated musical story of the misadventures of some daring dolls. A little saccharine but entertaining for preschoolers and early grades.

**MOVIE RATING GUIDE**  
G General audiences; all ages admitted.  
PG Parental guidance suggested. All ages admitted.  
R Restricted. Adults must accompany person under 18.  
X No one under 18 admitted.



## Band plays The Raven

The Jim Schwall Band will open Tuesday for a two-week stay, through May 8, at The Raven Gallery in Southfield. Show times are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday at 9:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday at 9:30 and 11:30 p.m. The band includes Schwall on lead guitar, Sharon Smith on keyboards, Craig Takahara on bass and Lee Sims on drums.

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# Song celebrates Colorado's peak

By JONI BRADLEY

When Catherine Lee Bates wrote "America the Beautiful" she may have been visualizing the nation with the beauty of Colorado Springs' Pikes Peak.

As a matter of fact, she was standing on top of the 14,110-foot-high mountain, Pikes Peak, when she wrote the song, according to Joe Chisesi, one of four Pied Pipers of the Pikes Peak Region.

Chisesi was in Birmingham last week as part of a community-funded effort to promote the beauty and advantages of Pikes Peak Country and to pass along some traveling tips.

Pikes Peak Country consists of five communities, Manitou Springs, Canon City, Florence, Victor and Colorado Springs. These areas all have clean air, green grass and a pleasant temperature that allows one to wear light clothing, Chisesi said.

THIS SUMMER will provide three special events, beginning on the Fourth of July with a Race to the Clouds, featuring top drivers in their effort to get an automobile to the top of the steep mountain. Pikes Peak, in a race against time.

Pikes Peak Best Rodeo is one of the country's largest rodeos, with proceeds extended to the families of servicemen killed in action. This event runs through the first week of August. Pikes Peak Foot Marathon Race is more taxing to the runner than the popular Boston Marathon, said Chisesi. This race begins at Manitou

Springs and continues up the Pikes Peak mountain and back down the mountain. Three men who are older than 70 years usually enter and succeed in the venture every year.

Other attractions include a 76-year-old railroad, Pikes Peak and Manitou Springs Railroad, with a train of cars worth \$1 million each; Manitou Mountain, with the world's sharpest incline grade, and the Garden of the Gods Campground that featured the first American Easter Sunrise Service.

Michigan drivers may enjoy the two-day ride, 1,200-mile trip to Pikes Peak Country because of the specially low gas rates in the State of Colorado, according to Chisesi.

"WE WERE HIT first with the gas embargo back in '73 and '74. Therefore, we have eliminated the problem and have adjusted to paying a lower rate for our gas, no higher than \$3.9 cents per gallon for regular gasoline," Chisesi said visitors may save energy and money by bringing only half the luggage ordinarily carried, driving on a half tank of gas and in general bringing as little as weight as possible.

Furthermore, travelers can help hotels offer lower rates by not using an excessive amount of air conditioning or leaving on lights and television sets.

Chisesi said there is an old saying in the Pikes Peak Region, "We wish you well from Pikes Peak Country where the air is pure, the sky is blue and the mountain sprinkled with snow."

# Canadian star back at Stratford

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