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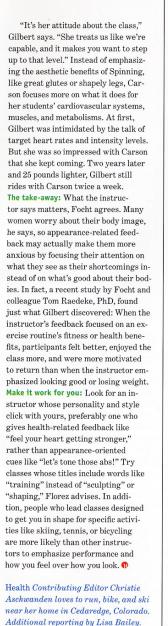
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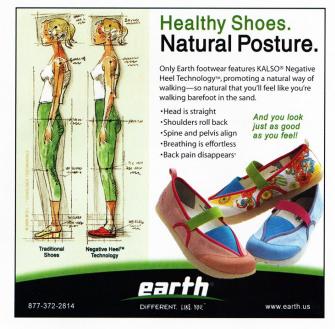
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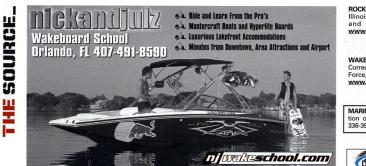
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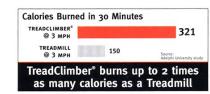
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I just wanted to say how much I have been enjoying your magazine lately. I am a long-time subscriber and an avid home theater enthusiast. I like your new format and, most recently, enjoyed the article on headphones in the February issue. Keep up the good work and thanks for giving us such a cool magazine each month.

> Kristin (Via E-mail)

WHERE'S MY HIGHER-FI?

I noticed the omission of the Higher-Fi feature in the latest issue. I know it's small, but I do enjoy that every bit as much as the DVD reviews and the Reference Corner section. Keep up the great work.

Jeff Haynor (Via E-mail)

Due to space constraints, we had to cut Higher-Fi that month (March 2005). Sometimes that happens. When it does, check out our Website, as often the reviews will end up there instead (www.hometheatermag.com). -GM

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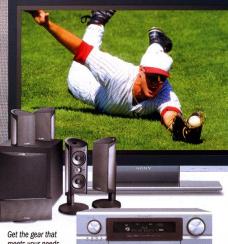
In looking through your magazine, I see a lot of articles and such relating to different formats for movies on DVD, i.e., 1.85:1, 2.35:1, etc. My question is, how can I view these properly on a display and not end up with space at the top and bottom of a 16:9 screen? I know that stretching will do the trick, but you end up losing part of the picture or distorting it to some degree. Is there a technical solution, or is this just one of the problems inherent in DVD production? Great magazine with lots of good info, by the way. **BOb**

(Via E-mail)

There was (and is) a belief that, once everyone had a 16:9 TV, we wouldn't have to deal with letterbox bars anymore. Nope! 16:9 (1.78:1) was a compromise between one of the more common movie aspect ratios (1.85:1) and TV (1.33:1). Therefore, other than HD programming, nothing is 16:9. This means that almost every movie you watch on DVD should have small letterbox bars at the top and bottom. In reality, most movies are cropped to 16:9, and the amount of picture lost is inconsequential. Wider-aspect movies (say, 2.35:1) will have big, fat letterbox bars at the top and bottom of your screen. What do you do to watch these correctly on your TV? Nothing. That's the correct aspect ratio, what the creators of the movie want you to see. Don't zoom, don't crop, just watch. Also, by zooming in on the image, you're going to take a big hit in apparent resolution. 480i on an HD display looks fine, but, if you're zooming in so that all you see is 363 or so of those lines, the image suddenly isn't so sharp. If all you watch (and I mean all) is 2.35:1 movies and you have a plasma, you may want to turn your contrast down so you don't burn in the center of the screen. If you have a front projector, on the other hand, you can buy a screen with a masking system and block off the parts of the screen that have the letterboxing.—GM



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Noticing that the sound seemed to improve the longer the Montages were played, I clocked close to 150 hours before resuming my critical listening. The difference was notable: a wider, more open soundstage, smoother, more detailed highs, and none of the harshness I'd previously heard.

MUSIC PERFORMANCE For those used to the more laid-back sound of MartinLogan's electrostatics, the Montages will be a surprise. They're more than capable of the dynamic punch that rock music often de-

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mands. On the power pop of Fountains of Wayne's Welcome Interstate Managers, the Montages delivered the palpable impact of the upfront drums and rhythm guitars on the opening track, "Mexican Wine," while vocals were presented without graininess or harshness.

On Kelly Joe Phelps's 1997 Roll Away the Stone, the speakers faithfully reproduced his husky baritone voice and 6- and 12-string acoustic lap guitars. On his slideand-vocal rendition of "When the Roll Is



In the highly stylized martial-arts movie Hero, the system superbly handled complex sounds without smearing or muddying individual elements.

Called Up Yonder," I could distinctly hear the slide's slightly discordant opening glissando before Phelps's deep voice and richsounding acoustic guitar took over. The midrange was clear and present, keeping the competing guitar and vocal lines clearly delineated even when they were in the same register.

For multichannel listening, I turned to the DVD-Audio version of Porcupine Tree's atmospheric album, *In Abstentia*. On "Sound of Musak," the upfront vocals and lead guitar were reproduced accurately and clearly, while the acoustic guitar and backing vocals in the surround channels sounded natural and detailed. The Dynamo sub kicked in with surprising impact.

MOVIE PERFORMANCE Soundtracks were where the MartinLogan system really shined. In *Alien vs. Predator*, it proved capable of handling both subtle and overthe-top effects to create a highly immersive home theater experience. In the scene where the building's stones begin shifting in a jigsaw motion, the speakers realistical-

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WIRED

Some time ago I wrote regarding an electrical problem with my '68 Mustang. My letter appeared in the July '01 issue. After replacing many components-including the ignition and headlight switch-to no avail, I stripped the insulation off the wiring harness from the battery to the ignition switch. I believe I finally found the problem. About 20 inches from the starter solenoid/alternator connection points is a four-wire splice. It is the only nonterminated point in the 14290 harness assembly. I cut open the splice and found it in perfect condition. However, adjacent to the splice one of the wires was badly corroded. There was no external indication of any damage in the vicinity of the splice, i.e.: The wrapping tape was solid and the bundle no different from anywhere else in the harness. I believe the initial wire had a defect that heated and cooled over the years until the corrosion caused the wire to become nonconducting on an intermittent basis.

I spliced around that point and it performed without failure for some time. Ultimately I elected to replace the entire assembly to add a factorynew harness for a tachometer years ago. It also seemed like a good idea to have a bit more insurance. So far there has been no recurrence of the problem.

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hensive cutting techniques, Kueffner gave them an up-close-and-personal glimpse of his shear artistry. "It's all about cutting the hair to create a flattering head shape," he stressed while demonstrating the importance of sectioning hair properly so it's balanced.

After performing their own hands-on haircuts on models, the class turned their attention to equipment, focusing on the comb. "Much of men's hair is too short to pick up with your fingers so your comb becomes your hand," says Kueffner. "Use the big ones for the big work and the little ones for the details."

From there, Kueffner discussed clipper-over-comb, free-hand clipper work and razor techniques that add texture. He then offered the group one final piece of advice: "If you combine tools and techniques, you'll be well prepared to create infinite styles for men." —KELLEY DONAHUE

Opposite page from top: Beauty pros in The Master Series Course practice techniques on models; student Shannon King brushes up on his scissors-over-comb technique; the Menswork Academy features open-air environment to promote creativity. This page: American Crew's Kurt Kueffner gets graphic; tools of the men's trade **Helpful Calculations**

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(Ad cost + (catalog cost x # inqs) +
 (subsequent catalog cost x # inqs) margin) / # of new buyers

Helpful Calculations

ROI (margin – variable exp – mktg exp) / marketing expense

ROS (margin – variable exp – mktg exp) / sales

Know your target For example: Not all car guys are the same!

Bigger usually IS better, but it costs more. Smaller can be more efficient.

Right-hand page opposite edit is premiere placement.

Front of book is usually more desirable than the rear

With few exceptions, rates are NEGOTIABLE

Choose magazines with other direct response ads

Ask for and take discounts Agency Frequency Volume (multiple titles with the same publisher)

TEST Size Creative Program Use different keycodes and 800#s for better tracking

Allocation

Decide how to deal with results in a multi-channel world

1-Step: Did the magazine drive the online or phone sale or did something else?

2-Step: What drove the catalog request? Does magazine get credit or does the catalog?

Questions

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