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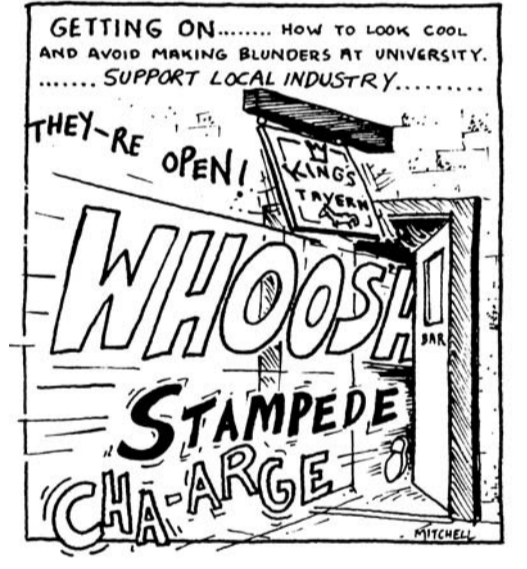
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CINEMA

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ONCE UPON A TIME IN MEXICO (18) Thu: 9.15
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Phoenix Picture House 512526
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 Murder, detective, steamy affair, uncertainty, etc etc

KRAMPACK (15) Thu: 2.20, 6.30
 Spanish coming of age drama

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LOVE, ACTUALLY (15) Daily: 2.00, 5.00, 8.15
 Romance of "four weddings" type. See review at dailyinfo.co.uk

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 Yorkshire Women's Institute bare all for a good cause.

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 Tarantino's return

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 Romance of "four weddings" type. See review at dailyinfo.co.uk

THE MATRIX REVOLUTIONS (15) Daily: 1.35, 2.30, 4.45, 5.30, 8.00, 8.25
 Number three.

THE TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE (18) Daily: 8.50
 "Brutal, nasty and quite demented" remake of horror classic.

MASTER AND COMMANDER (12A) Thu: 1.45, 4.55, 7.55
 Epic sailing drama

MEETINGS & LECTURES

Thurs 27th

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OXFORD HUNGARIAN SOCIETY / Szonja Komoroczy (doctoral student): "Comedies & Parodies in Yiddish in Hungary" / Oxford Hungarian Society / 8pm / Email: hungosoc@hungosoc.com / Web: <http://www.hungosoc.com> / McGregor Room, Oriol College, Oriol Square, off High St.

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SIR TIM RICE "IT'S ONLY WORDS" / Cameron Mackintosh Visiting Professor of Contemporary Theatre / 5pm / Bernard Sunley Lecture Theatre, St. Catherine's College

THIS HOUSE WOULD SURRENDER THE COLLEGIATE SYSTEM / With Lord Butler, Helena Puig Larrauri & the Union Presidential candidates / 8.30 / Oxford Union, Frewin Court, Tel: 01865 241353

STAGELIGHTS-GROVETHEATRE GROUP / Meet every Thursday, Old Mill Hall / New members always welcome / 8pm-10pm / Web: <http://www.stagelightsgroup.org> / Old Mill Hall, Grove

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GIGS

Thurs 27th

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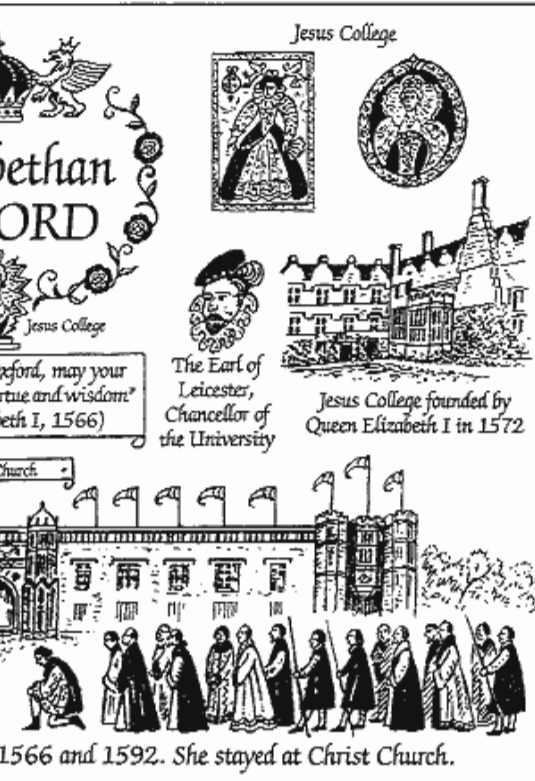
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Pegasus Theatre 722851
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Queen Elizabeth I paid two visits to Oxford, in 1566 and 1592. She stayed at Christ Church.

THEATRE REVIEW

KISS OF THE SPIDERWOMAN

Old Fire Station Theatre until Sat 29th

Cookie Jar's production of this play about a communist revolutionary and a gay man sharing a prison cell sparkles. The acting in this two-hander is polished, intelligent and witty: the production correspondingly professional.

The constraints of the piece are considerable. It is a bold director who takes on the challenge of making visually interesting the wringings of two unhappy men around their blank prison cell. This production, however, achieves a delicate balance between dramatisation and sensory deprivation. The stage presence of the two leading men is such that the audience remains gripped through long silences and periods of contemplation, and feels for them in their moments of embarrassment and shame.

The play is an understated work. Its power does not lie in its emotiveness or its horror, though both are present insofar as they must be when two persecuted men are thrown together. Rather, this is a portrayal of stoicism, affection and tension, all tinged with the desperation that lurks in every moment - the cooking of tea on a gas camping stove, the production of a rare slice of madeira cake, the shadows cast by the light outside the cell door.

The sum total is an expertly executed depiction of two complicated, ambivalent and quite different characters as they find in each other solace, rest and a way to cope. Beautiful theatre.

Andy Davies and Munzar Sharif, 26.11.03

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