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HOW THEY'LL FINISH

T-CAL

TEAM	W	L	T
Palma	4	1	0
Hollister	3	1	1
Salinas	3	2	0
Alisal	3	2	0
North Salinas	1	3	1
Alvarez	1	5	0

MBL

TEAM	W	L	T
Seaside	5	0	0
Monterey	4	1	0
North County	3	2	1
Watsonville	2	3	1
MVC	2	3	0
Pajaro Valley	1	4	0

MTAL

TEAM	W	L	T
Pacific Grove	6	0	0
Carmel	4	2	0
King City	4	2	0
Stevenson	3	3	0
Greenfield	2	4	0
Soledad	1	5	0
Gonzales	1	5	0

THE RANKINGS

OVERALL

- Palma
- Hollister
- Seaside
- Pacific Grove
- Gilroy
- North County
- Alisal
- Monterey
- Salinas
- Carmel
- King City
- North Salinas
- Greenfield
- Monte Vista Christian
- Watsonville
- Alvarez
- Stevenson
- Soledad
- Pajaro Valley

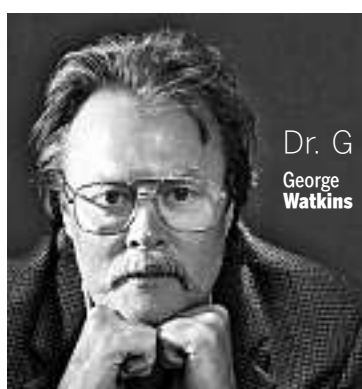
CAST

In order of appearance

Alisal	Rene Ruvalcaba
Alvarez	Steven Best
	Omar Betancourt
	Joey Alvarez
Hollister	Jesse Sanchez
North Salinas	Michael Del Real
	Fidel Perez
Palma	Brandon Pacheco
	Jeff Davis
	Andrew Reyes
Salinas	Michah Wilson
Monterey	Pete Nobel
North County	Reggie Topps
	Taylor Cutler
	Mark Mendoza
	Frank De La Torre
	Phil Flores
Seaside	Al Avila
	Raul Gomez
	Michael Avila
	Mason Foster
Carmel	Andrew Call
	Todd Harney
Gonzales	John Salado
Greenfield	Gordon Silveria
King City	Jerry Lopez
	Aaron Gomez
	Tyler Allred
	Tito Soto
	Matt McCoy
Pacific Grove	Chris Hardee
	John Tyndall
	Ryan Beck
Soledad	David Lopez
	Jordan Narvaez
	Frank Flores
	Chris De La Rosa
Stevenson	Taylor Gilbert

THE DR. G CRITIQUE

Judging each flick from the front row



Dr. G
George Watkins

STAR SYSTEM

- ☆☆☆☆☆ A smash hit
- ☆☆☆☆ A solid show
- ☆☆☆ A .500 future
- ☆☆ Hopefully, the popcorn's good
- ☆ Going straight to cable

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Lights. Camera. Action.

It's showtime for high school football. Every team in every season writes (playbook), produces (coaches) and acts (players) in their own version of what could be a full-length motion picture.

You don't have to be a football team from Texas to own the filming rights.

There's enough mystery and intrigue, laughter and heartache, tension and drama that could turn almost any movie about a team from Monterey County into a potential box-office smash.

Year after year, Salinas-area teams have produced their share of controversy, Cinderella stories, heroic feats, heartbreaking finishes, and yes, there's even been a few of those corny lived-happily-ever-after endings.

We've taken it a step further.

This edition of The Salinas Californian's annual high school football preview has matched all 20 area teams with a movie.

Some were a bit of a stretch, but others, such as "Jerry Maguire" (see Salinas High), were a natural fit.

The movie posters accompanying most of the team previews closely resemble the original ones, which are featured on each page.

However, the replica posters are not intended to be exact duplicates. In some cases, they may look nearly identical and in others you'll notice more of a departure as we added our sense of flair here and there.

Shooting the players was fun and exhausting, as usual. They're willing participants and open to direction, which makes things easier for us — and probably their coaches as well.

Remember that the names on the posters may not necessarily match up with the poster models. To see who actually posed for us, check out our "Cast" list here on Page 2.

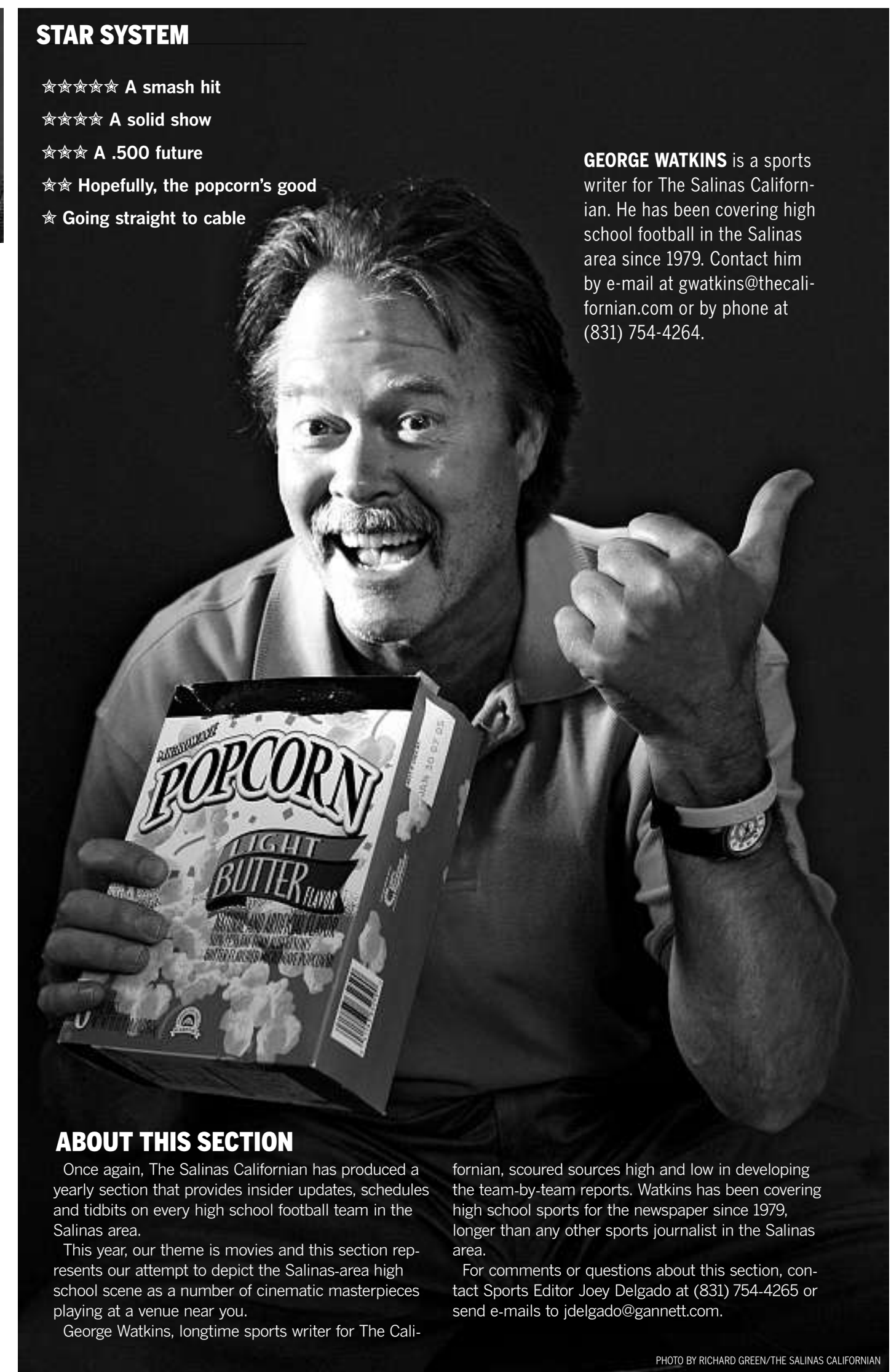
You should also note that the headlines above each team preview are built off a line from the movie they're connected to.

Other touches include:
■ SCHEDULES — Listed under "Selected show-times."

■ MOVIE RATINGS — Stars for every school. The system is explained on the accompanying photo on Page 2.

■ HEADLINES — The top headline for every school is a play off a line from the movie we tied them to.

■ STARS, CO-STARS — We tell you who the big names are



ABOUT THIS SECTION

Once again, The Salinas Californian has produced a yearly section that provides insider updates, schedules and tidbits on every high school football team in the Salinas area.

This year, our theme is movies and this section represents our attempt to depict the Salinas-area high school scene as a number of cinematic masterpieces playing at a venue near you.

George Watkins, longtime sports writer for The Cali-

fornian, scoured sources high and low in developing the team-by-team reports. Watkins has been covering high school sports for the newspaper since 1979, longer than any other sports journalist in the Salinas area.

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for every team, as well as award the title of "director" to every school's coach.

■ CRITIQUE — I offer you my opinion of every team's chances in the "Watkins Wrap."

The coming year

This season promises to be a five-star thriller. I'm giving it two thumbs up.

Especially now that three teams from Northern California have a chance to be crowned state champions.

The long and winding road to a state title is the first of a two-year run

by the California Interscholastic Federation.

This year there will be three state champions — the number may eventually be increased to five in later years — based on three divisions.

The breakdown is Division I (large school 1,750 or more enrollment), Division II (medium school 1,001-1,750 students) and Division III (small school, enrollment less than 1,001) state title games.

The three Northern California schools will play three Southern California teams Dec. 16 at the Home

Depot Center near Los Angeles.

The selection process could be as interesting as the games.

Only section champions will be considered.

The four Central Coast Section champions (Open Division, Large School, Medium School, Small School divisions) — covering an area from South San Francisco to King City — will be placed in a pool with the 46 other statewide section champions.

From there the 10 section commissioners will whittle the field down to six —

three from the north and three from the south.

Meanwhile, for those of you who can't get enough football, The Salinas Californian will have video highlights from Friday games available for viewing on our Web site.

We'll hit as many area games as time and distance allows.

But for a full preview of what each team has in store for you, start flipping the pages of the 2006 high school football guide.

Then on gameday, grab your popcorn, sit back and enjoy the show.

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MAKING THE PLAYOFFS

- 11 leagues overall, top two in each receive automatic berths;
- 10 at-large berths available, primarily based on strength of schedule.

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