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NEW BOOKS for FEBRUARY

★★★★½ (4½ stars) Exceptional ★★★★ (4 stars) Excellent ★★★ (3 stars) Very Good ★★ (2 stars) Good ★ (1 star) Acceptable

Contemporary
CYPRESS POINT
Diane Chamberlain
Mira ★★★★

Joelle D'Angelo was a miracle baby, saved at birth by legendary healer Carlynn Kling Shire. Now, Joelle finds herself in need of another miracle. Over a year ago, Joelle's best friend Mara Sommers suffered an aneurysm while giving birth and was left with permanent brain damage. With his wife institutionalized, Mara's husband, Liam, who is also a coworker and dear friend of Joelle, has been raising their young son Sam on his own.

Some months later, in a moment of love, sadness and desperation, Joelle and Liam make love, which results in an unexpected pregnancy. Out of love for Mara and Liam, Joelle decides to find Carlynn to see if she can heal her friend.

Carlynn Kling Shire is coming to the twilight of her life and has long since retired. She vividly remembers the baby she once saved and despite her husband's reservations, decides to intercede to see if she can help. The week that Joelle was born produced both a miracle and a tragedy, for Carlynn also lost her twin sister, Lisbeth.

As Carlynn watches the love, pain and guilt swirling between Joelle and Liam, she realizes that revealing her own hidden past may help save their futures.

CYPRESS POINT weaves together two distinct and immensely compelling life histories to form a thoughtful and fascinating drama. Revealing the hearts of troubled individuals is one of Ms. Chamberlain's specialties, and it always makes for riveting reading. (Feb., $84 pp., $22.95)

Jill M. Smith

Contemporary (Paperback Release)
FINDING IAN
Stella Cameron
Zebra ★★★★½

Thirteen years ago Byron Frazer made a fateful decision. At only 21 years of age, Byron lost his wife Lori during childbirth. Emotionally devastated and without resources, Byron decided it was best for his infant son to be adopted by Ada Spring and her husband.

Little Ian is lovingly raised for 13 years and then, tragically, both his parents die within months of each other. According to Ada Spring's will, Ian is to be sent to Cornwall, England to live with her older sister Muriel Cadwell.

Having rebuilt his shattered life, Byron becomes a successful psychologist. From a distance, Byron has always kept an eye on Ian's welfare so when circumstances sud-

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CYPRESS POINT
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Set in beautiful Monterey,
Diane Chamberlain's
CYPRESS POINT
is the story of a healer
...and a man and woman
in desperate need of healing.
Also look for THE COURAGE TREE, now available in paperback!

"Chamberlain is skilled at exploring interpersonal relationships. And her timing for unleashing twists will keep any reader hooked for the duration." - *Naples Daily News*

"Diane Chamerlain has again gifted readers with an outstanding read."
-*thebestreviews.com*

DIANE CHAMBERLAIN
THE COURAGE TREE

YOUR GUIDE TO UPCOMING EVENTS, HOT TRENDS & OTHER FUN STUFF

front & center

BEINGTHERE

LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER? Not anymore. The mega trade shows may be winding down for the season, but there are still plenty of meetings and conventions to press the flesh, rub shoulders, do a deal or two — and maybe even take a minibreak. Here's a short list of upcoming

JUNE 12-16
5th Annual CDMA World Congress *Hong Kong*
TECH APPEAL:
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RATING SYSTEM
!!!! Get there
!!! Worth the effort
!! No big deal
! Fuhgeddaboudit

TALKING HEADS

"I believe this program helps to reduce any concerns that I might be selling at times when I have information that you don't have."Call it a case of insider-out trading. **James Crowe**, president and CEO of **Level 3 Communications**, posted an open letter to shareholders on May 19 announcing his plan to sell off a chunk of his holdings in the company he runs. Crowe said he'd sell 2,000 Level 3 shares a day for the next 250 trading days regardless of the stock's price. Crowe's intent was to calm concerns already raised after it was disclosed that Level 3 chairman **Walter Scott** had put a half-million of his Level 3 shares on the block in April. Crowe's openness didn't stop a temporary stampede from Level 3, whose stock price dropped almost 9 percent in trading that day sell off a chunk of his holdings in the company he runs. Crowe said he'd sell 2,000 Level 3 shares a day for the next 250 trading days regardless of the stock's price. Crowe's intent was to calm concerns already raised after it was disclosed that

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The IPO mcial drought warning, but companies are still lining up to file their IPO papers. Here's a quick look at telecom industry startups that have made IPO filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission .IPO mcial drought warning.

Company	Filing Date	Offer Amount
AVICI SYSTEMS (AVCI)	5/18	$115 million
CORVIS (CORV)	5/4	$400 million
FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS (FRPT)	5/11	$230 million
FLASHCOM (FLCM)	5/12	$125 million
FORMUS COMMUNICATIONS (FMUS)	5/5	$250 million
KMPG CONSULTING (KCIN)	5/5	$1 billion
TELERGY (TLGY)	5/10	$250 million
VELOCOM (VELO)	5/12	$300 million
VINA TECHNOLOGIES (VINA)	5/5	$80.5 million

POLICY WONK CORNER

Sharks vs. Jets. Bloods vs. Crips. And now, Nerds vs. Wonks. Washington, D.C., is bracing this week for an invasion of khaki and Birkenstocks, why with Internet telephony free-dom fighters planning a June 11 show of force in the nation's capital to voice their collective ,ostensibly propos-ed to prohibit the imposition of access charges on t from sub-committee review to passage in May. Why access charges ont from subcom-mittee review to passage in May. Why atee review to passage in May. Why sage in May. Why access charges ont from subcom-mittee review to passage in May. Why atee review to passage in May. Why

STANDARDS TIME

Cable Television Laboratories — a k.a. CableLabs — hasn't had a lot of success meeting its own timetables for finalizing standards and certifying compliance of equipment to deliver advanced services to cable subscribers. But this month, CableLabs is battling to meet a JULY 1 deadline imposed from the outside, by the FCC to come up with a standard for cable set-tops so that those devices can be sold through retail stores directly to conek in June to review results. to consumers. In late May, CableLabs started a second round of compliance testing for its OpenCable set-top standard. The plan is to finish compliance tests on JUNE 23 and to use the last week in June to review results.The plan June to review results.The plan is to finish compliance. tktktk tktk ktktktkuse the last week in June to review results.The plan June to review results.The plan is to finish ktktktkuse the last week in June to review results.The plan June to review results.The plan is to finish. week in June to review results.The plan June to review results.The plan

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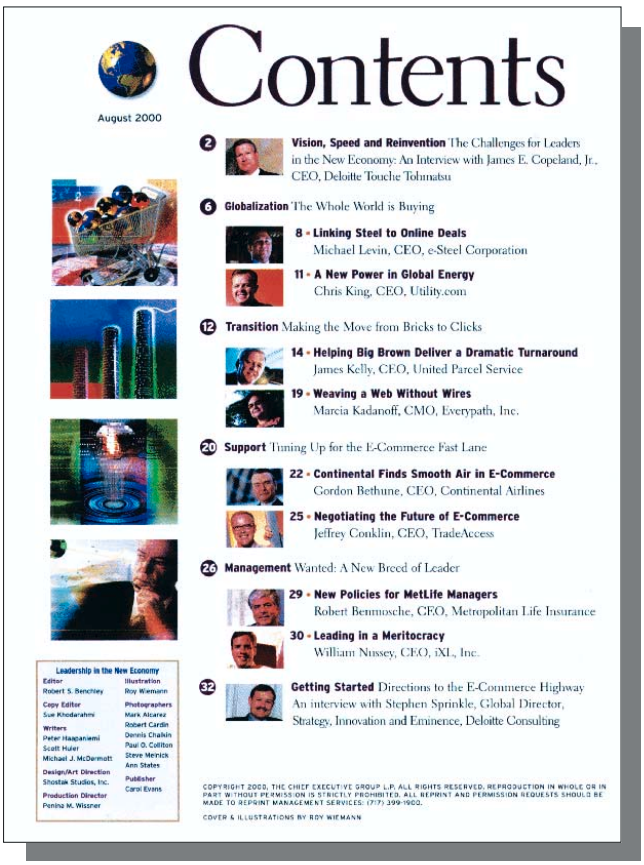

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