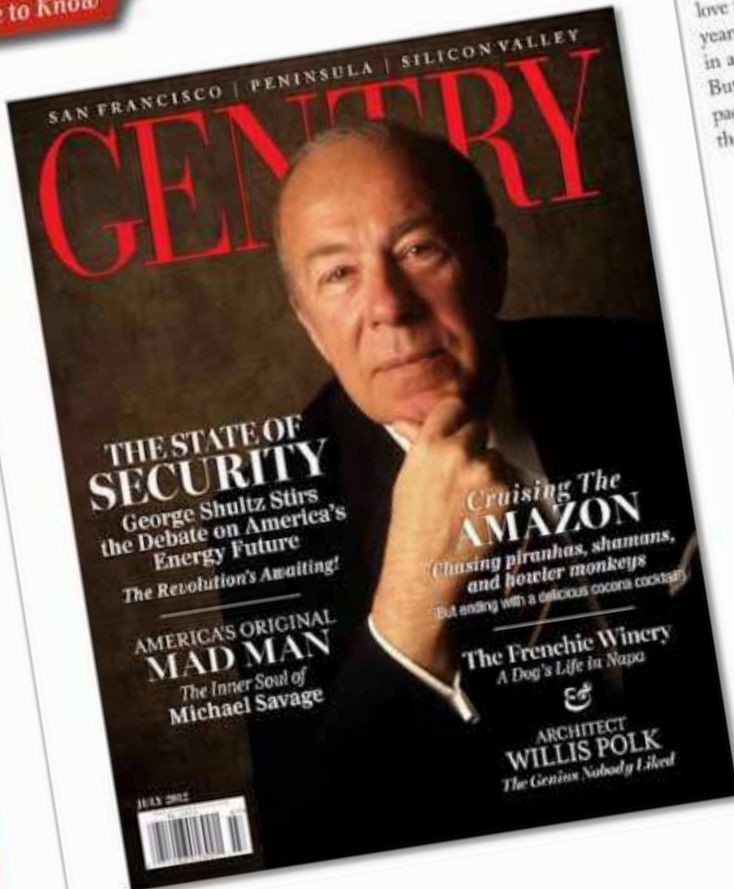


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People to Know



Jonathan MURPHY

The life of any performer can be a peripatetic one. It's the exception, rather than the rule, that an actor finds regular work in his hometown—or any town, for that matter. But when you have a unique skill set, the timing is right, and a little luck blows your way, you can stumble onto something wonderful. Such was the case for young Jonathan Murphy, who has been performing nearly half his life. Peninsula Youth Theatre (PYT) provided him with his first taste of acting. “I fell in love with the stage,” he admits. Since his years with PYT, Murphy has performed in a variety of local theater productions. But his day job has him working a jam-packed schedule at Great America as the theme park’s voice-over go-to guy.



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Murphy has voiced a variety of character types, from hillbilly and surfer dude to an over-zealous British gent and an evil overlord. Great America’s Thomas Tissot says, “Jonathan is extremely creative, coming up with new and different ideas that often work better than what was originally planned.” Murphy thrives on the creative process and the variety of opportunities that his voice career is affording him.

Who knows? Perhaps we’ll hear soon that Jonathan has become the go-to guy for Pixar. “Oh, that’s the dream!” •