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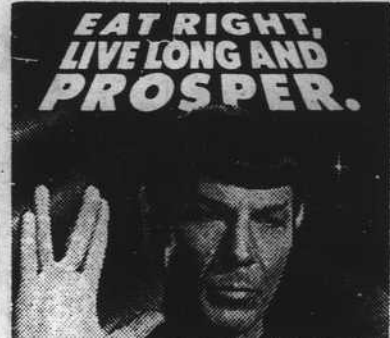
# 'Mouth' speaks of predictability

By Joel Strauch  
Film Critic

"In the Mouth of Madness" is a fun horror film, but it doesn't spit out any scary surprises.

The plot is interesting and hard to predict for a while, but the end of the film becomes so obvious it is almost a disappointment.

Sutter Cane (Jurgen Prochnow) is a best-selling novelist with a distribution so large that he makes Stephen King look like Richard Bachman.



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His novels have also been found to have a profound effect on readers. People have been going crazy in anticipation for his new novel, "In the Mouth of Madness."

But the author disappears just before he is expected to deliver his latest manuscript. His publisher, Jackson Harglow (Charlton Heston), hires John Trent (Sam Neill) to investigate.

But after Trent and Cane's editor, Linda Styles (Julie Carmen), travel to Hobb's End, they find themselves

trapped in the pages of Cane's newest novel and face the horrors of Cane's warped imagination.

The two are unsure if they have found some new reality, or if Cane has been modifying their reality with his writing.

Trent has no control over what will happen to him and realizes it. His learned helplessness passes apathy on to the audience and the movie descends into mediocrity.

## McClain

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about a month and a half."

This sort of creative spurt is not unusual to McClain, who said her method of writing tends to be a bit erratic and difficult to explain.

"I don't know what happens to me," she said. "Usually, I'll just be doing something like driving or walking or doing housework and I'll get an idea."

Ideas, however, don't always come together. Overworked ideas tend to self-destruct, she said. As a result, most of her songs tend to be somewhat spontaneous and unpolished.

"If I try too hard," she said, "then it just seems to mess it all up."

The songs she does complete tend to fall into the category of sentimental folk music. Songs about childhood, love and faith are common on McClain's latest album.

"I'm trying to say something positive with the songs, and not just (complain) about stuff, which I think I used to do a lot of," she said.

"I think I was a lot more mixed up

## The Facts

"In the Mouth of Madness"

Rating: R

Grade: B-

Stars: Sam Neill, Julie Carmen, Charlton Heston

Director: John Carpenter

Five Words: Mad mouth no jaw dropper.

another poor piece of cinema that only takes up space, this one courtesy of Damon Wayans.

Wayans plays a geek with an uncanny ability to make gadgets out of the stuff around him. He has always fantasized about becoming a superhero, so he dons a pair of boxer shorts and a shower curtain and becomes Blankman.

Braid your pets' hair rather than watch this movie.

**PICK-OF-THE-WEEK** — Sweeping music, great costumes, and overall, a feeling that you would be seeing its star again.

Her stage career began at age 15 in the Gaslight, a now-defunct melodrama theater.

"It had an open mike night every Monday, and there were just tons of great folk musicians hanging around down there," she said.

"It was amazing. There were so many good musicians in Lincoln at the time. I was really young and really green, and I can't even remember being up on stage half the time because I was so nervous."

Her first real musical job was at the Freedom Lounge, a place McClain described as "kind of seedy."

"It was really dark and it had this long, skinny bar," she said. "I got paid \$125 to perform six nights for

four hours each night. I thought it was a fortune."

Since then, McClain has spent time on several stages at local venues in both Lincoln and Omaha.

Becoming a major success is a prospect she is still a bit wary about.

"If I could do folk music as a full-time job, I would," McClain said. "But it would have to be really low-key, because I would have to be able to see my kids all the time. I don't know how realistic that is."

"If it happens, it happens. I'll just keep on doing what I've been doing."

Getting a band together is another goal McClain hopes to achieve. But that aspiration may have to wait, too.

"At my age, I have kids and all these other responsibilities, and I meet other musicians who have the same restraints on their time," she said. "It's kind of hard to find the time to get together."

Challenges like these are things to which McClain seems to be accustomed. Whether it's finding a band or a hamster, she takes it all in stride.

"I have to relax," she said. "It's hard to write when you don't feel completely in tune with yourself."

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over a counseling group formerly led by his recently-murdered friend and colleague, and is drawn into an erotic web of danger and mystery ... as usual.

"The Color of Night" lacked merit, plot and most everything else. Only see this piece of garbage if you're curious to see Willis' lil' smokie (in the unrated version).

"Blankman" (PG-13) — Oof,

Remember when some muscle-bound guy named Arnold Schwarzenegger starred in "Conan the Barbarian?"

It was a Marvel Comics hero on the big-screen, headed for revenge against Thulsa Doom (James Earl Jones), the snake-god that killed his parents and enslaved Conan.

The film is a wee bit long, and is not for the weak-stomached (lotsa blood, giant bleeding snakes, etc.), but is an incredible film nonetheless.

The real question here is: does Arnold say "I'll be back" at any time during the film?

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