

# Scorsese deals a winning hand in 'Casino'

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Film Critic

Las Vegas may be the city of lost wages for most. But for Martin Scorsese, it looks to be a highly profitable subject matter in his latest film, "Casino."

This based-on-a-true-story feature stars Robert DeNiro ("Raging Bull," "Taxi Driver") as Sam "Ace" Rothstein, a widely respected gambler who gets tapped by the mob to run a casino in Las Vegas. But this opportunity eventually sours for Rothstein, who discovers that running things isn't all he expected, and he ends up paying for it in the long run.

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## The Facts

**Film:** "Casino"  
**Stars:** Robert DeNiro, Sharon Stone, Joe Pesci  
**Director:** Martin Scorsese  
**Rating:** R (violence, language)  
**Grade:** B  
**Five Words:** Las Vegas' seedy past revealed

tempered and brash enforcer of sorts, Santoro keeps other criminals away from Rothstein's casino and does so with extreme violence, more often than not.

Sharon Stone is Ginger McKenna, a chip hustler who wins Rothstein's heart but eventually loses it as a result of both her greed and her addictions to alcohol and an assortment of drugs.

Although this tale of the Mafia and its day-to-day runnings is certain to garner comparisons to "Goodfellas," Scorsese's award-winning 1990 film,

"Casino" manages to get deeper into the psyche of the organized criminal. Whereas the main attraction of "Goodfellas" was somewhat educational in an operations standpoint, this film is deeper in its approach to character as it goes through the steps.

The first half of the film goes through the standard audience-wowing facts about how the mob runs things, especially in Las Vegas. All of the scams are outlined, all of the players are named and all of the minor incidents (cheating gamblers, dealing with state officials) are seen in over-view.

But the second half — in which Rothstein, McKenna and Santoro slowly disintegrate — is where the real heart of this film resides.

DeNiro is excellent as Rothstein. By now it seems that he can most often walk through his roles, but he seems to give more in this effort. His voice-over narration throughout the film tells the facts, while his actions on screen tell the true story.

Pesci makes what amounts to a

reprisal of his role as Tommy in "Goodfellas." His character has little or no depth, but Pesci does a good job portraying the sheer violent nature and street attitude of Santoro.

And Stone, who attempts to legitimize her acting ability in this film, manages to turn in only a marginal performance. She is convincing as a calm and collected hustler, but when it comes to her later stages of addiction and desperation, she seems out of her depth.

The film also includes a number of excellent cameo roles, including James Woods as McKenna's former pimp, Don Rickles as a casino manager and Alan King as a connection between Las Vegas and "the boys back home."

Scorsese has now developed such a memorable bag of tricks that many of his films are only caricatures of his past work. But "Casino" is still fresh and attractive. The freeze frame shots, the sweeping camera movements and the angled point-of-view shots are all exciting elements that make the film — all three hours of it — fly by with a surprising quickness.

## 'Toy Story' earns top spot for Disney in box-office debut

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Toy Story," Disney's computer-animated tale of feuding playthings, grabbed the No. 1 spot at the box office in its debut over the holiday weekend.

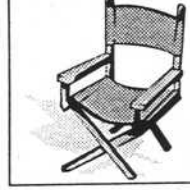
The film earned an estimated \$38 million in ticket sales Wednesday through Sunday, industry sources said.

"Money Train," (No. 4), "Casino" (No. 5) and "Nick of Time" (No. 9) also opened in the top 10.

"Goldeneye," the latest James Bond thriller, held its own with an estimated \$27.1 million to place No. 2, followed by "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" with \$19 million.

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## Movie Review



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Thursday, November 30  
12:30-2:00 pm  
Nebraska Union  
North Lounge  
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Topic:  
"Violence: Perspectives on Causes & Effects"  
Moderator: John Harris  
Students, faculty & staff are invited to join in an open and civil dialogue on a critical issue!

**TUTORS**  
The Student Information Center has a list of tutors for student use. Anyone wishing to be on the list either to tutor or in need of a tutor, fill out an application at the ASUN Student Info. Center, 116 Nebr. Union.

**UNL Chess Club**  
Tuesdays, 8:30pm. Student Union Food Court. ALL STUDENTS WELCOME!

## 215 Meetings

**CAMPUS RED CROSS**  
It's a Holiday Party! November 29 at 5:00 at the American Red Cross chapter house on 17th & E St. We'll be doing a fun activity and everyone is welcome!

**Block & Bride Club**  
Meeting, Nov. 28, East Campus Union, 7pm initiates, 7:30 regular. Pictures for the annual will be taken tonight!

**Union Board**  
Meeting tonight 5:30 City Union.

**University Ambassadors**  
Nov. 28 5:30 pm.  
City Union

**Pre-Physical Therapy Club**  
Meeting-Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 7:00 in the Union (room posted).

**SEA**  
We want YOU to be an officer in SEA. Officer informational mtg. Wed. Nov. 29 at 7:00. Henz. Rm 201. All interested are welcome to attend.

**Student Nurses Association**  
Meeting tonight in Benton basement at 8:00. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**Undergraduate Women in Business**  
Christmas Party Tonight at 5:30pm. Directions located in your invitation. Please remember to bring salad, pop or dessert. Dinner included and games following. Hope to see you there!

**IMA**  
Last meeting of the semester  
Officer elections Wednesday at 8:00pm

**UPO**  
Undergraduate Psychology Organization is hosting a panel of graduate students to talk about the realities of graduate school, on Wednesday, November 29, at 8:00pm in the City Union (room posted). Bring a friend and please remember your \$5 dues.

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## Calvin and Hobbes



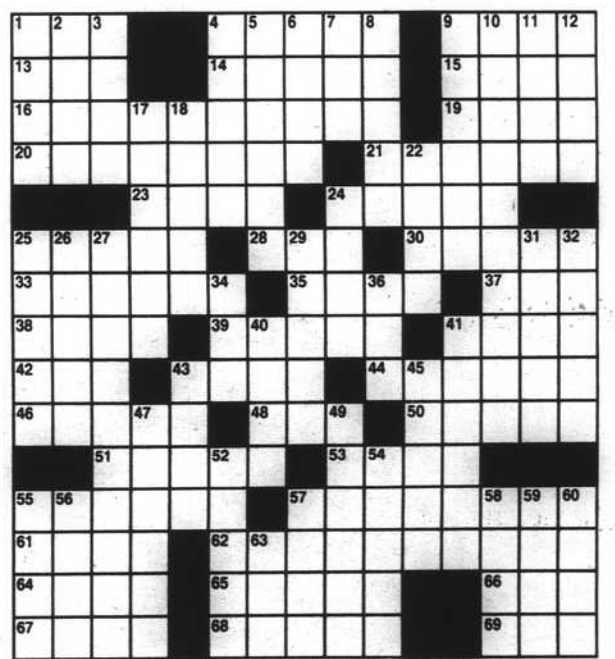
## Crossword

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No. 0207

- ACROSS**
- 1 Muslim cap
  - 4 Apollyon
  - 9 Part of a basilica
  - 13 Stout
  - 14 Soap substitute
  - 15 Q.E.F. word
  - 16 Cause of a dispute
  - 19 Frost often seen in Vt.
  - 20 Giggled
  - 21 Pop's pop
  - 23 Binge
  - 24 Letter before iota
  - 25 Beeweed
  - 28 Ballston, N.Y.
  - 30 Put off
  - 33 Scanty
  - 35 Thor, U.S. rocket
  - 37 Sicilian cape
  - 38 Meccas for darts players
  - 39 Appraise
  - 41 Tart
  - 42 Nandu's look-alike
  - 43 Miami's county
  - 44 Walk triumphantly
  - 46 Giant petrel
  - 48 Musician Kabibble
  - 50 Notions in Nice
  - 51 On the qui vive

- DOWN**
- 1 Savoir-faire
  - 2 Kyrgyz range
  - 3 Witticism
  - 4 Native Israeli
  - 5 Muslim nobleman
  - 6 Related
  - 7 The works
  - 8 Equine negative?
  - 9 Make effervescent
  - 10 At first sight
  - 11 Corn porridge
  - 12 Hot times in Patee?
  - 17 Voices
  - 18 Haruspices
  - 22 Old-style tale
  - 24 Banned
  - 25 Quiverleaf
  - 26 Froth
  - 27 Clean slate
  - 29 Pickets
  - 31 Omit
  - 32 Harasses; teases
  - 34 Marie Saint
  - 36 Berlioz's "Trojans"
  - 40 Collier's entrance
  - 41 Zealous
  - 43 Used puccoon
  - 45 Trace
  - 47 Guanacos' kin
  - 49 Gave succor
  - 52 Get new guns
  - 54 Melees
  - 55 Cruising
  - 56 Deer's roar
  - 57 Org.
  - 58 An e. e. cummings work
  - 59 Can. air arm
  - 60 Without
  - 63 Female ruff



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PLEBE BCDE DAB  
REVOLT RHUM OPE  
ORANGEJUICE GIL  
DANITRA OREL  
MAI ROBERTBRUCE  
UNDO ESE AONE  
SNOOPED DICT  
SALMON MOUSSE  
PISH PANNING  
BIAS ABL DRAG  
MOTHERGOOSE SPY  
ALAS EGOTISM  
LEI WHATSTHEUSE  
URN HIRE EATSIN  
SOT ODDS MEANT