

# Movie gives good dose of comedy, action

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tune bit (Houndstooth, leopard shirt, fuzzy green hat) is comic enough you just have to laugh each time you see it.

Add in Craig Bierko making his film debut as a twisted, sick and effective villain named Timothy, and the cast of characters rounds out well.

There were many opportunities for this film to slip. It could have been too comic and not enough action. It could have been too much action and no comedy. It could have taken itself too seriously. It did none of these things.

I don't think I've ever walked out of a film and seriously hoped that a sequel was in the works, but "The Long Kiss Goodnight" proves that there's a first-time for everything.



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## New McDonald's has beefless menu

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — McDonald's first Indian restaurant, and its first in the world with no beef on the menu, opened Sunday in New Delhi with a traditional Hindu ceremony and a rush of enthusiastic customers.

O.P. Sahani, a 75-year-old retired civil servant, said he came all the way from Vrindavan, 90 miles south of New Delhi, to show his support for the effort made by McDonald's to do business with India.

"They have not brought raw materials from overseas," Sahani said, proudly wearing a red-and-yellow McDonald's cap.

Other customers didn't seem all that interested in the fact the mutton for Maharaja Macs came from Indian sheep, the potatoes for the fries from Indian farms and the Coke from an Indian bottler.

"As long as the food's good, I don't care," said 19-year-old Pankresh Mathur. Mathur, his teenage brother and two cousins crowded around a table, showing the rest of the diners just how fast a Maharaja Mac could be consumed.

Other foreign restaurants in India, including U.S.-based Pizza Hut and KFC, have been targets of demonstrations and vandalism organized by Indians who insist on self-sufficiency. There were no protests at McDonald's Sunday.

Vikram Bakshi, an Indian real estate magnate who formed a partnership with McDonald's to open the New Delhi restaurant, served mutton instead of beef because some 80 percent of his countrymen are Hindu, a religion whose adherents don't eat beef and believe cows are a sacred symbol of the source of life.

The menu also featured rice-based Vegetable Burger patties — flavored with peas, carrots, red pepper, beans, coriander and other spices. Vegetable McNuggets were bite-sized, unspiced versions of the vegetable patties, served with McMasala and other Indian-spiced sauces.

Bakshi broke a coconut on the threshold of his restaurant and his wife and three daughters lit incense Sunday, a ritual meant to encourage Hindu gods, to bless the new venture.

Sahani, a strict vegetarian who was the first customer, praised the Vegetable Burgers, but had one word of advice for Bakshi:

"It was nice, but you require some improvement in the potato chips," he said, describing the fries as "too soft."

## People in the news

### Shields, Agassi differ over number of kids to have after wedding

NEW YORK (AP) — Brooke Shields wants three children, while her fiance Andre Agassi is hoping to field a team.

"I'd like to be married for a little while before we have kids," Shields said in the Oct. 19 issue of TV Guide. Once she's ready for children, the question will be: how many?

"I think men always go into the higher numbers because they're not the ones going through the actual process and they just think of a brood," said Shields, star of the new hit NBC sitcom, "Suddenly Susan."

"It's their mentality," she said. "Let's have more. Let's have a team! They think in terms of teams. I think three would be great."

Mum is the word on when the TV star will marry the tennis pro.

"We won't be a perpetually engaged couple, that's for sure," said Shields, 31, adding she hopes for a paparazzi-free wedding.

"Hopefully, I'll do this just once ... Hopefully, it won't be destroyed by the press," she said. "Just the one day that

you want to not give away to anybody else."

### 'Surviving Picasso' depicts negative side of artist's personality

NEW YORK (AP) — James Ivory disclaims any desire to bring the great man down, even though critics have suggested his film "Surviving Picasso" depicts the great artist as mercurial, philandering and even miserly and mean.

"This is the way he was. We all know he was probably the century's greatest artist. Everybody knows that," the director said. "Everyone accepts that. And it would be silly to imply anything other than that."

"But sometimes he was this man who behaved the way he did towards people."

Should allowances be made for genius?

"People do make allowances," said Ivory, a three-time Oscar nominee. "That's why you have a story like this. Of course, you make allowances. Genius is part of the attraction."

### Skaters perform atop fountains at Caesars Palace for TV special

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Olympic gold medal skater Scott Hamilton has this thing about the fountains at Caesars Palace.

In 1985, he was shot from a cannon across the fountains adorning the front of the Sunset Strip resort. The stunt was part of the TV show "Circus of the Stars."

Friday night Hamilton was skating on a giant ice rink built over the fountains, clowning for a TV special as a gold chain-bedecked Las Vegas lounge lizard, drawing a standing ovation from a crowd of 3,000.

The ice rink, half the size of a football field, was crafted last week, with temperatures hovering in the mid-90s.

"Too Hot To Skate," scheduled to air on CBS in January, features skating stars Oksana Baiul, Michelle Kwan, Viktor Petrenko, Katarina Witt, Rosalynn Summers, Kurt Browning, Todd Eldredge, Nicolé Bobek and Tara Lipinski.

### Box Office Top 10



Below are the top 10 money making movies of last weekend. The dollar amounts are represented in millions of dollars.

Movie	Earnings
1. The Ghost and the Darkness	\$9.1
2. The First Wives Club	\$9.2
3. The Long Kiss Goodnight	\$8.5
4. The Chamber	\$6
5. That Thing You Do!	\$5.2
6. D3: The Mighty Ducks	\$4.1
7. The Usual Suspects	\$4
8. Extreme Measures	\$1.7
9. Fly Away Home	\$1.6
10. Independence Day	\$1.4

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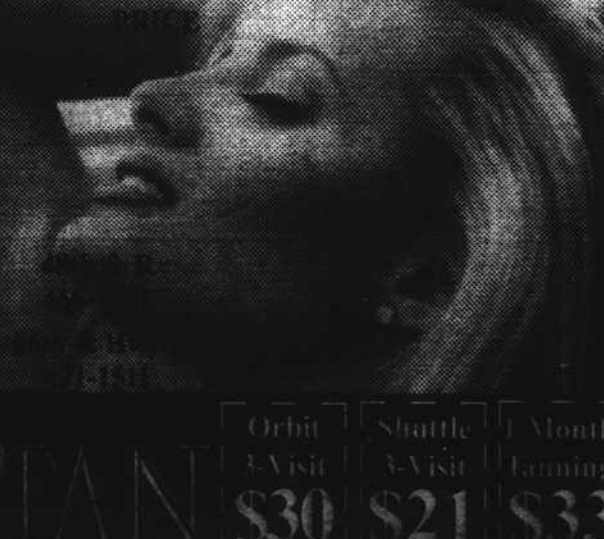
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