

# Action saves movie despite shortcomings

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## The Facts

on it by playing a hostage negotiator who has to think faster than a tap dancer performing on quick-dry cement.

He has to move quickly right now, because not only is Roper breaking in rookie partner McCall (Michael Rapaport, "Higher Learning") and trying to win back the heart of Ronnie (Carmen Ejogo, "Absolute Beginners"), but also chasing jewel thief Korda (Michael Wincott, "The Crow").

You want comedy? "Metro" has comedy. You want action? "Metro" has bags and bags of action, with a better-than-average car chase jumping out as the highlight of the film.

Unfortunately, the film has more than one shortcoming.

**Film:** "Metro"  
**Stars:** Eddie Murphy, Michael Wincott, Michael Rapaport  
**Director:** Thomas Carter  
**Rating:** R (violence, brief nudity, language)  
**Grade:** B  
**Five Words:** Two steps forward, one back

Rapaport's presence in the film is totally wasted; his character has all the depth of air. This isn't the fault of Rapaport, but the story. What's more the shame is that his character showed promise for something interesting.

Overall, "Metro" has a little to offer to everyone, even those who haven't enjoyed Murphy's past films.

# Goldfinger rocks Ranch Bowl

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As the Skeletones exited, the song "Doin' Time," off Sublime's latest album, blared throughout the room. As several fans left for the between-band smoke break, a Sublime documentary played on a screen. The video has been displayed recently at several Ziggens and Slightly Stoopid shows on the West Coast. According to a member of the Skeletones, Goldfinger shows it as a tribute to the late Brad Nowell, Sublime's lead singer and guitarist who died of a heroin overdose last year.

With the video winding down, Reel Big Fish jumped onto the

stage. Their set was a solid 45 minutes long, as they played most of the songs from their latest album, "Turn the Radio Off." The songs "Beer" and "Snoop Dog, Baby" were obvious favorites, as was their rendition of the A-Ha song "Take On Me," which can be heard on their split 7-inch record with Goldfinger. They ended their set in excellent fashion with the song "Sell Out," also from "Turn the Radio Off."

A 25-minute delay subdued the crowd before Goldfinger approached the stage. But they quickly belted into "Anything," a rocking song off their self-titled release.

As both Paulson and singer/guitarist John Feldman said, it's the fans' show, and the band took several requests. They played "Superman" off the 7-inch record with Reel Big Fish, and also were joined on stage by Reel Big Fish and Skeletone horn men on several songs. They played their second single "Mable" with several fans on stage. It was a truly great, as well as long, show.

And for fans getting itchy for more Goldfinger tunes, the band promised a track on a new Misfits compilation. The band is going into the studio in March or April, and Paulson said the next album could be expected in August.

# Comedy rates high for check-out

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"Escape From L.A." — Yeesh! Talk about bad! John Carpenter just hasn't been able to make a decent film in a long time, especially with this sequel to his superb action-thriller "Escape From New York."

Kurt Russell returns as Snake Plissken, a lone warrior who is forever speaking in a whisper for no discernable reason other than it makes him sound cool.

Too little substance and too many forced one-liners, the highlight of the film is Bruce Campbell (the "Evil Dead" flicks) as a Beverly Hills surgeon.

"The Mighty Ducks 3" — Oh goody. They're still around.

The Ducks are about to get kicked out of their school, there's a rival team

to beat, and of course it is the coach (Emilio Estevez) who can save the day.

Rent this for the kids while you watch the Super Bowl.

"The Young Poisoner's Handbook" — Hugh O'Conor stars in this slightly skewed based-on-a-true-story tale of an English high school student who poisons his family members and co-workers — just for fun, of course.

O'Conor is wonderful as the shy and polite sociopath, and the supporting cast gives an equally twisted and humorous look at the mores and social behavior of middle-class English society.

This blacker-than-black comedy received only limited release in the United States (it played only at the Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater in Lincoln) so it may be equally hard to

find in video stores, but it's worth the search.

PICK-OF-THE-WEEK — George Burns would have celebrated his 101st birthday Monday, so in his memory, one of his finest performances ever is remembered in this week's recommended rental — "The Sunshine Boys."

Burns co-stars with Walter Matthau in this touching film about two comedians who deal with the ups and downs of life.

Trivia note: Burns' role was originally slated for Jack Benny, who was forced out because of triple-bypass surgery. Burns was subsequently nominated and awarded an Oscar for his performance in this wonderful motion picture.

Check it out.

# Cello concert marks musician's homecoming

From Staff Reports

Kim Cook is bringing the music back home.

Cook, an internationally-known cellist and Lincoln native, will perform with the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra tonight at 7:30 at Kimball Recital Hall.

Currently an associate professor of music at Penn State University, Cook received a Master of Music degree from Yale University and was named an Artistic Ambassador for the U.S. Information

Agency.

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