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> Bob G. Via e-mail

Thanks for your suggestion, Bob. We always appreciate feedback. Currently, visitors to tribute.ca can look up family films by clicking search and choosing a genre. We'll try to add this to the showtimes search and now playing *in the future*.

RANSOM NOTE

I was wondering why the film King's Ransom has not come out yet. My cousin has a small part in the film and we really wanted to go and see him in it.

> Rosy G. Ottawa, ON

Hi Rosv.

I checked with the distributor, Alliance Atlantis, and they're planning to release King's Ransom this summer, but they don't have a definite date at this time. If you'd like to sign up for Tribute's my showtimes newsletter. each

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WILL HE BE BACK?

Is there going to be another Terminator movie? And will Arnold return? If not, I think Vin Diesel would make a great replacement. He has a Terminator-type face and voice. Also, will there be a sequel to Jingle all The Way? I'm just wondering if Arnold will make more films now that he's the Governor. Is there a way I could contact him?

> Luke G. Via e-mail

Dear Luke,

There are no plans at this time to make a sequel for Jingle All the Way or another Terminator movie. Arnold isn't available right now because as you can imagine, being Governor of California is a full-time job! You can write to him at this address: Governor Arnold

Schwarznegger, State Capitol Building, Sacramento, CA, 95814. USA

Our

readers

write in

LOVE'S IN BLOOM

I am a big fan of Orlando Bloom. I was wondering if you would tell me how to get in touch with him. Also. do you know what happened to the movie Orlando made called Haven, co-starring Bill Paxton? It premiered at the Toronto Film Festival in 2004, and was supposed to come out last year.

Erin C. Via e-mail

Unfortunately no distributor in North America picked up Haven, despite some positive reviews. The showing at last year's Toronto Film Festival has been the only public screening to date. You can reach Orlando through his agent at: International Creative Management, Oxford House, 76 Oxford Street, London, England, W1H2AL, UK.

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photos and behind-the-scenes facts. The episode summaries include headings such as Sam-script, detailing Samantha's antics and Twitch Bits—fun facts about each show. The book also offers cast interviews, anecdotes, biographies and photos of show memorabilia.

Watch it!

The Complete James Dean Collection (East of Eden / Giant / Rebel Without a Cause Special Edition)

Warner Home Video \$80.98



If anyone invented "cool" it was James Dean—hands down. Now fans can get their fix with *The Complete James Dean Collection*, which includes a two-disc special edition of the three major films Dean made during his short but poignant career. The set includes the new-on-DVD *East of Eden* (1955), *Rebel Without a Cause* (1955) and *Giant* (1956). In addition, the collection includes new and vintage documentaries, commentary tracks, publicity materials and the infamous "Drive Safely" commercial spot Dean filmed shortly before his death in an auto accident.

Play it!

Madagascar Animal Trivia DVD Game Ages six to 106 b Equal Games \$29.99

This new DVD trivia game will give you and your family hours and hours of play time. Featuring themes from *Madagascar*—and hosted by the film's stars Alex the Lion, Melman the Giraffe, Marty the Zebra and Gloria the Hippo —the DVD offers more than 1,600 ever-changing trivia questions. Your

family will be taken on a journey through the

Earth's jungles, mountains, deserts and oceans. The game also has an exclusive, patent-pending feature—Dynamic Leveling—a technology that automatically and continuously alters the difficulty of the trivia questions and answers based on age.



Mr. & Mrs. Smith Lakeshore/RED

The eclectic tracklisting of this box office champ reveals a wry sense of humor paralleling the film's central conceit—that love can be the greatest or worst thing in



the world. Look no further than the two AM radio behemoths that bookend the album: "Love Stinks" by the J. Geils Band and "Love Will Keep Us Together" by Captain & Tennille. Ultimately, the disc trades heavily in the campy grandeur of cover versions; the best of the bunch include Nouvelle Vague's bossa nova breeze through "I Melt With You," Stine J's surf-twang treatment of "You Are My Sunshine" and The Voodoo Glow Skulls' skaspiked take on the Guns 'N Roses romp "Used To Love Her (But I Had To Kill Her)."

Fantastic Four Wind-Up/Warner

The slickness of this bombastic, mass-appeal popcorn movie effortlessly carries over to the soundtrack, with alternating doses of punch and sheen from the likes



of Sum 41, Velvet Revolver, Ryan Cabrera and Lloyd Banks, plus a woefully over-produced soul workout from Joss Stone that just doesn't belong here. The principal focus will be on "Everything Burns," the debut solo offering from ex-Evanescence man Ben Moody, but the obvious standout track is "Die For You" by Megan McCauley, a Cleveland, Ohio native with a monster of a voice that evokes both Janis Joplin and Fiona Apple.

Mysterious Skin Commotion/Aram

Director Gregg Araki's past efforts *The Doom Generation, Nowhere* and *Splendor* were visually arresting, off-kilter films with equally grand



and cinematic soundtracks. He makes a bold step forward with his new movie *Mysterious Skin*, commissioning an original score from acclaimed pianist/composer Harold Budd (a longtime Brian Eno collaborator) and Cocteau Twins guitarist/ producer Robin Guthrie. The two create a gorgeous and atmospheric companion piece to Araki's visuals. The ethereal nature of the instrumental pieces is further infused with the ambient elements of acts like The Verve, Slowdive and Canada's own Sianspheric.

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Renée Zellweger has finally transported all of her belongings from Los Angeles to New York—three years after making the move east. "I was finally home long enough to pack everything up and leave," Zellweger explained in a recent interview. "I sold everything and what I didn't sell I threw in the truck and drove from Los

Angeles to the east coast... I love a good road trip. So I threw the cat in the back of the truck and off we went." No word on whether new hubby Kenny Chesney was riding shotgun.

Yes Timmy, there really is a monster under your bed...

Hot on the heels of his scene-stealing role in *Hitch*, Kevin James is set to star in the family adventure *Monster Hunter*. He'll play a child psychologist who has the ability to see the monsters that reside under children's beds.

She's so not superficial

Paris Hilton is enjoying a period of personal growth. The hotel heiress, newly engaged to shipping heir Paris Lastis, explained in a recent interview that her priorities have changed. Hilton said, "I just want someone who is loyal to me, who treats me well and loves me, is



funny and makes me laugh. They don't even have to be cute."

What he really wants to do is direct—a construction site

In a move that's distracted the tabloids, Brad Pitt has been studying computer-aided design during an informal apprenticeship with Canadian-born architect Frank Gehry. Pitt is helping out with the architect's redevelopment of British seaside town Hove, designing a restaurant and penthouse.

Peurto Rico pirate



Johnny Depp will once again play journalist/author Hunter S. Thompson (he played the writer in the 1998 film *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*) in an adaptation of *The Rum Diary*. The story chronicles Thompson's journalistic and alcohol-soaked adventures in Puerto Rico.

Sly and the family poet

Sylvester Stallone is set to direct a biopic about the life of Edgar Allan Poe, based on a screenplay he's already written. The 19th century poet/author was tormented by mental illness, drugs and alcohol and mysteriously disappeared before being discovered dying in a gutter. Stallone is reportedly eyeing Robert Downey Jr. for the lead role.

The bell tolls for Leo



Leonardo DiCaprio is in talks to star in a theatrical adaptation of Ernest Hemingway's For Whom the Bell Tolls. DiCaprio would play Robert Jordan, the young American expatriate who joins an anti-fascist guerilla movement in the mountains of Spain. However, DiCaprio will not commit without

a director, and one has not yet been named.

3 Rings to rule them all

DreamWorks is planning a third installment of *The Ring*. This time around, the film will have a much smaller budget and will be a more intimate affair. Rather than have Naomi Watts return for a third time, the movie will instead focus on another character who has had the misfortune of having the tape in his or her possession.

Huge web of characters

Topher Grace has joined the cast of *Spider-Man 3*. He's set to star alongside Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, James Franco and Thomas Haden Church, who will portray the villain. The movie, directed by Sam Raimi, is set for release in 2007.



But it would have been interesting...

At the recent MTV Movie Awards, Nicole Kidman was only just spared the ordeal of sharing the red carpet with ex Tom Cruise and his new flame Katie Holmes. The gushing lovebirds were ushered in a side entrance by tactful officials, as Kidman took longer than expected signing autographs along the red carpet.

Darth Vader set to design homes



Hayden Christensen says he's considering giving up acting to become an architect. The actor, who becomes Darth Vader in the latest *Star Wars* film (and is starring in *The Decameron*, due out in 2006), said in a recent interview, "I don't find Hollywood interesting, so I'm thinking about studying architecture instead."

Blonde, yes. But albino?

Paul Bettany has joined the cast of *The Da Vinci Code*, where he'll star alongside Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou, Jean Reno, Alfred Molina and Ian McKellen. Bettany will play Silas, the religious fanatic and albino. Ron Howard is directing the film, which is based on the best-selling Dan Brown novel.



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French Find French Fling The stars strutted their stuff and their films at the Cannes Film Festival in France.

Milla Jovovich arrives at the screening of *Three* **Burials of Melguiades** *Estrada*. The actress/model is set to star in the sci-fi action flick, Ultraviolet,





Paris Hilton who stars in Pledge This! arrives at the film's premiere party.



Salma Hayek attends a screening of Last Days. Watch for the hot Mexican actress to team up with Penélope Cruz for Bandidas —*a* film about two female bank robbers rebelling against the Mexican government.



At the premiere of Revenge of the Sith at the Grand Theatre, Natalie Portman stunned onlookers with her newly shaved head. The actress shaved her brown locks for an upcoming role as a freedom fighter in V for Vendetta.



Mischa Barton and Hayden Christensen attend a photocall promoting their film The Decameron. Christensen was also there to promote Revenge of the Sith.

Brittany Murphy arrives at the **Dolce & Gabbana** party at the Palm **Beach VIP lounge** during the festival.

Desperate Housewives' Eva Longoria attends a screening of Where the Truth Lies.

Penélope Cruz arrives on the red carpet during the festival's Cinema Against Aids party. The Spanish actress was there promoting her film Chromophobia.

celebrity ups & downs

The mother of all pre-nups

Paris Hilton and billionaire Greek shipping heir Paris Latsis have decided to get married. Latsis, 27, proposed to Hilton, 24, when she returned home from a European publicity tour to promote House of Wax, a film in which she recently starred. The couple have not yet set a date.

Slater arrested. Again.

Christian Slater was recently arrested for allegedly groping a woman walking down a Manhattan street. The actor, who recently separated from his wife, is being accused of touching the woman's derriere. Police arrested Slater after the woman waved them down and identified him. Slater, currently appearing in The Glass Menagerie on Broadway, was charged with sexual abuse. Prior legal problems for the 35-year-old actor include a 90-day jail sentence for allegedly biting a man in the stomach.

One quick merger

She's not flashing any bling around vet, but the tabs are reporting that Katie Holmes is engaged to Tom Cruise. Just a month after they began (very) publicly canoodling and expressing their devotion on syndicated talk shows, Holmes packed her bags and moved in with the megastar. Friends who've dished to gossip magazines say the young actress has accepted a marriage proposal. There are even rumors swirling that Holmes, a Christian, is planning to convert to Scientology.

Star Wars fans cross that line

Two British Star Wars fans sustained critical injuries after making their own light sabers using fluorescent light tubes filled with a liquid fuel. A 20-year-old man and his 17-year-old girlfriend were filming a home movie, recreating the duel between Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker in Star Wars Episode *III – Revenge of the Sith* when one of the sabers exploded and both received severe burns.





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Not Just a Gigolo



Rob Schneider gets scampy in Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo

gigolo by definition is a man. So technically saying "male gigolo" is redundant. And Rob Schneider probably couldn't care less. In 1999, the Saturday Night Live alumnus wrote and starred in Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo, a surprise holiday season hit that four months later had grossed over \$65 million U.S. While not the kind of movie to garner critical acclaim, Schneider appealed to a wide audience not only through side-splitting lowbrow humor (although there was plenty of that), but also by creating a character that at once feeds and lampoons the male fantasy of being paid to have sex with beautiful women-the premise of earlier movies such as 1980's American Gigolo.

"I saw that movie and I just thought it was hilarious that this beautiful supermodel Lauren Hutton would actually need to hire Richard Gere to do anything," Schneider said in an interview. "So I asked myself: Who are the real women who would need to hire gigolos? Then I said to myself: If I were to play a loser, this guy who cleans fish tanks for a living, who lives next door to a Richard Gere-type, that spelled instant comedy for me."

The box office agreed and this summer Schneider returns with the further misadventures of the lovable, scampy man whore in *Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo*. In this sequel, Deuce is dragged back into the world's oldest profession when his former pimp T.J. Hicks (Eddie Griffin) is implicated in the murders of Europe's greatest gigolos. Deuce must go back to work in order to find evidence of his friend's innocence. Along the way, he runs up against the powerful European Union of gigolos and, as in the first movie, must court abnormal female clients including the beautiful Eva, who suffers from acute obsessive-compulsive disorder.

"I guess in some weird way [Deuce is] how I see myself."

About his hapless on-screen persona, Schneider said, "I guess in some weird way that's how I see myself." As a child, he explained, he "was so shy and stammering that I could barely complete sentences, and as for talking to girls, forget about it."

Schneider was born in San Francisco in 1963, and began writing sketches when he was still in high school. Shortly after graduation, he became active on the comedy circuit, opening for such luminaries as Jay Leno and Jerry Seinfeld. He got his big break in 1990, when he was discovered by Lorne Michaels who hired him to write for *Saturday* Night Live. As fans of such classic characters as Rich "the Richmeister" Laymer know, Schneider was soon performing his material as well as writing it. He decided to step out of the confines of the small screen in 1994, when he director Mike Bigelow filming

Eddie Griffin

actors Rob Schneider

locations Holland Spain Netherlands

movie tagline For the women of Europe... The price of love just got a lot cheaper.

left SNL to pursue a film career.

Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo will mark the feature directorial debut of commercial director Mike Bigelow. The similarity in the last names is purely coincidental, but both Bigalow and Bigelow are no strangers to risqué humor. (One of Bigelow's best-known ads is a beer commercial in which a leather-clad dominatrix taunts her client by emptying his beer onto the floor.) "The best commercials I've made have a darkly comic tone to them," Bigelow said. "I grew up loving films like *Caddyshack* and *Blazing Saddles*, and films like that are rare now."

Rare, perhaps. But thanks to Schneider's irrepressible talents, not extinct.

—Rui Umezawa

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Dirty Rotten

con their way to

bedded bliss

Duo

These two charismatic stars-teamed here for the first time-play a pair of womanizing divorce lawyers with a taste, not to mention a talent, for crashing weddings and bedding the bridesmaids in Wedding Crashers.

Wilson plays John Beckwith, a silvertongued ladies' man who spends his weekends bending the truth and using all kinds of cringe-worthy pickup lines on vulnerable bridesmaids. Nothing's too cheesy for this prince charming: "You know how they say we only use 10% of our brains?" Wilson opines to one of his conquests, "I think we only use 10% of our hearts."



Vaughn who plays Jeremy Klein is no different than his pal. Together the two make a sport out of showing up at nuptials, using fake names, getting wasted, telling tall tales and zoning in on the girls who aren't donning rings on their fingers. In fact the two have the bridesmaid pick-up strategy down to an art. "You pick a location [to sit for the ceremony] where you can see the bridesmaids enter, but not so close that you have to make eye contact with the wedding party," Vaughn reveals. "It's all about positioning for all the things you're looking for. You gotta be able to see all the girls."

"They say we only use 10% of our brains. I think we only use 10% of our hearts."

Things go according to plan for the two weekend warriors until John and Jeremy decide to hit what Jeremy dubs the "Kentucky Derby of weddings," the social event of the year and a goldmine of wellheeled society girls. John breaks the wedding crash rules and falls hard for Claire Clearly, played by London, Ontario's Rachel McAdams (The Notebook. Mean Girls). Turns out Claire is the already-engaged daughter of a prominent but slightly off-kilter politician, not surprisingly played by the always off-kilter Christopher Walken. Insanity ensues as the pair quickly finds they've bitten off far more than they can chew.

Directed by David Dobkin (Shanghai

Knights), Wedding Crashers also features cameos by Will Ferrell, Arizona Senator John McCain, and political strategist and CNN pundit James Carville.

McAdams revealed Wedding Crashers, which was filmed in Maryland and Washington, D.C.,

was a riot to make. "It was so fun, I remember sitting beside Bradley Cooper who plays my fiancé. We were doing a dinner scene and there were, like, 15 of us around the table and he looked at me and said, 'What a crazy family!' said McAdams in a recent interview. "You've got Chris Walken at the head of the table and Jane Seymour down there and then everybody in between and then Owen and Vince across from us. What a crazy cast. It's so rich."

McAdams also admitted it was a bit of a challenge keeping a straight face whenever Vaughn started joking around on set: "He's brilliant. When he would riff, I mean, there were a few days where everyone was just sort of in awe of him. When he gets on that tangent, when he gets on that runaway train, there's no stopping him. I think they used a lot of film."

Combing the hilarious antics of Wilson and Vaughn, Wedding Crashers is sure to be a perfect summer comedy with attitude.

-Brett Clarkson



Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn are on the prowl.

actors

Owen Wilson

Vince Vaughn

director

David Dobkin

Rachel McAdams

Christopher Walken

outtake Vaughn admitted he used his real-life dating game tactics as part of his preparation for this role.



Puppy Love

John Cusack and Diane Lane get personal in *Must Love Dogs*

> **actors** Diane Lane John Cusack Dermot Mulroney Christopher Plummer Stockard Channing

director Gary David Goldberg

outtake The film is based on author Claire Cook's best-selling novel of

the same name.

n a season filled with big-budget action epics and

flicks with kid-appeal, *Must Love Dogs*, starring Diane Lane and John Cusack, is a breath of romantic (and perhaps dog-scented) air.

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Lane plays Sarah, an unlucky-in-love preschool teacher who has had it up to here when it comes to dating. In fact, she's pretty much sworn off it for life.

When her sister enrolls her in an online dating site, and includes the caveat "must love dogs" for any potential suitor, she actually manages to meet a great guy (Cusack).

Before long, Sarah realizes that she hasn't just fallen in love, she's actually stepped in a big pile of it. "We wanted to explore one woman's search for love in an increasingly frantic world," explains director Gary Goldberg.

The pairing of Diane Lane and John Cusack is anything but risky. Both earn straight As in the looks department, but their acting chops add a lot more to the mix. First there's Lane's ability to play it for smiles and tears—rarely done better than with her role as the tormented/exhilarated wife in *Unfaithful* for which she earned an Oscar nomination.

But the ace in the hole here may well be Cusack. He has a Johnny Depp-like reputation for marching to his own script, no matter the commercial potential. Granted, Cusack has never had a *Pirates* *Of The Caribbean* hit on his resume, but his legion of fans (male and female alike but tilted heavily towards the latter) will put his skills up against any Tom, Nic and Harry (that's Cruise, Cage and Harrison Ford, if you're keeping score).

"I was happy to be asked to do the film," says Cusack. "I've always wanted to work with Diane Lane, and Gary is a genuinely wonderful person—very funny and open and comfortable."

Romantic comedies are a tricky thing these days. Filmmakers know audiences are more cynical than they used to be and the same tired formulas can't always draw fans. That's why Cusack's worldweariness comes in handy. He used it to great effect in *Serendipity* opposite Kate Beckinsale, and he virtually invented the brooding romantic in *Say Anything*,

his 1989 flick that was chosen by *Entertainment Weekly* magazine as the most romantic movie made in the past 20 years.

Since then, Cusack has made a series of interesting movie choices, from *The Grifters* to *Grosse Pointe Blank* and *High Fidelity* (he produced the latter two). In almost every picture Cusack is the outsider, which is fitting; although very popular in Hollywood, he remains famously wary of stardom.

As for Diane Lane, the attention's been a long time coming. Touted as the next big thing on the cover of *Time* magazine when she was just 14, Lane slowly faded from view after a series of box-office disappointments. It took *Unfaithful* to renew the belief in the teenage hype.

On their own, Lane and Cusack bring considerable talents to the set. Put them together, add a little chemistry (and perhaps some flea powder) and *Must Love Dogs* is a welcome, romantic summer escape.

—Tom Jokic



Diane Lane

John Cusack

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The Dukes of Hazzard Everyone's favorite southern brothers are back

good car chase never goes out of style. And you only have to check out The Dukes of Hazzard for proof.

While filming for this flick started 25 years after the 1979 taping of "One Armed Bandits," the first episode of the original



TV series, the big screen version of The Dukes of Hazzard is set in present day. The action-comedy unfolds in a fictional Georgian countv called Hazzard, and follows the exploits of redneck cousins Bo (Seann William Scott) and Luke (Johnny Knoxville) Duke. The Duke boys find themselves in constant trouble with the law as they scramble to save the family farm from the no-good town commissioner. Boss Hogg, who is played by movie veteran Burt Reynolds. It's tough work

keeping ahead of

Boss Hogg and his incompetent small town minions, but Bo and Luke have the General Lee (the Dukes' 1969 orange Dodge Charger with the Confederate flag painted on the top), which gives the corrupt law men a pretty good run for their money. The Dukes also get plenty of help from their moonshine-loving Uncle Jesse (Willie Nelson) and their sexpot cousin Daisy Duke, played by reality television heroine and pop music sensation Jessica Simpson.

This is Simpson's first movie role and despite the fact that she (like the rest of

Unlike Simpson, co-star Johnny Knoxville (of Jackass fame) was familiar with the TV series before signing on. "I grew up on it," he admits. "I didn't know it still had such a huge following, though. It's crazy." Citing the car chases and car jump scenes as not-to-be-missed, Knoxville got to train with world class stunt driver Bobby Ore. "It's been a ball of a shoot. You're driving in the car most of the time and you got bar fights," he says.

Not surprisingly, the Dukes star enjoyed filming the big bar fight and

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the target market for this flick) was just a glimmer in her parents' eyes when the series first aired, she's set to deliver. "I wasn't alive when The Dukes of Hazzard was around on TV, but I did see all the reruns," she says. She adds that moviegoers will get a more insightful look at Daisy Duke, the character made infamous for her penchant for super-short denim cut-offs. "She gets everybody out of trouble. People lean on Daisy to make things happen," Simpson says. And with unforgettable lines like, "I think something bounced up into my undercarriage," how could the charming Daisy possibly not get the job done?

trained for it for weeks with stunt coordinator Chad Stahelski, whose previous credits include The Matrix. He further confesses to endlessly begging to get thrown across the bar into a wall, but the movie's producers just wouldn't go for it. "He's [Stahelski] amazing," Knoxville says. "I mean, [he] got me to look like I could punch ... " And what can movie-goers learn about surviving a bar brawl, according to Knoxville? "Have an empty beer mug in your hand, and punch with that, and then run like hell!"

Well, yee-haw to that!

-Sharmila Jowlabar





For Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes, romance is in the air and box office receipts are on the line

e's the star of Steven Spielberg's War of the Worlds, which promises to be one of the year's biggest box office hits. But Tom Cruise has already garnered enough headlines in 2005 to make him one of the most interesting, and potentially controversial, characters of the year.

It all started back on April 28 when his new publicistand sister-Lee Anne Devette publicly confirmed what the gossip magazines had been reporting for weeks: Tom, who turned 43 on July 3, was dating former Dawson's Creek star Katie Holmes, who turns 26 this December.

Like sharks smelling blood, the announcement set off a publicity feeding frenzy among journalists. Pictures of Hollywood's new golden couple continue to fill newspapers, magazines and the Internet: Tom and Katie holding hands in Italy, Tom and Katie in Las Vegas watching Cirque du Soleil, Tom and Katie photographed breathing the same air in Los Angeles.

It seemed relatively harmless until the inevitable backlash from the press hit the papers about a month later. Journalists, perhaps a little sick of writing "I love Tom" and "I love Katie" in every story, started looking at the big picture and discovered that both actors just happened to have big movies coming out this summer. Could





this crazy love affair, the more cynical scribes began to ask, be a publicity stunt designed to promote their movies, which just happen to open in the same month?

Holmes' movie, Batman Begins, hit theaters first on June 15. The film, directed by Chris Nolan, tells the story of the caped Crusader in a much more gritty style than he's been seen in before, with an emphasis on the physical and mental skills that make him such an inspiring hero to the people of Gotham City. In the movie, Holmes plays Rachel Dawes, a young hotshot District Attorney who fights crime in her own way.

Cruise's film, War of the Worlds, will be released 12 days later on June 27. Directed by Steven Spielberg, the movie is based on the H. G. Wells novel about a Martian invasion of the planet Earth. Cruise plays Ray Ferrier, a working class man living in New Jersey who has to fight to protect his family from the invading aliens.

In one respect, the idea of the couple's affair being used to promote these films seems ridiculous. Cruise is a global superstar who doesn't need to publicize any of his movies, be they relatively low profile films like Collateral or epics like The Last Samurai-both of which earned over \$100 million at the box office. War of the Worlds pairs him with Spielberg-whom Britain's Empire movie magazine recently proclaimed to be the greatest director of all time. The idea of Cruise needing a love



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affair with a Hollywood starlet whose box office clout is based primarily on memories of a TV show that ended two years ago seems ridiculous.

But the public as well as the press still seem to wonder about the reality of the Tom and Katie affair. Polls in *People* and *Us Weekly* magazines, for example, showed a majority of both publications' readers are skeptical about the sincerity of the Hollywood couple's relationship.

Cruise immediately stood his ground and told the press—and the world—that he's sincere. "She's an exceptional woman," he told reporters. "People are going to do what they're going to do. You can't think in terms of what people are going to do or say... I want to share my life with this woman. This woman is exceptional, she's special, she's extraordinary and I have great respect for her. I've got nothing to hide, I'm happy... She is something else." Holmes, at a June film junket for her summer movie, *Batman Begins*, stood by her man. "I couldn't be any happier. How could I be? I'm in love with Tom Cruise," she said when the topic was raised by interviewers. "I'm so happy. He's the most amazing man in the whole world."

Only time will tell, but there's no doubt the couple is on a high: Cruise and Holmes are reportedly engaged, and both *War of the Worlds* and *Batman Begins* are safe bets to top the list of summer's highest grossing films.

—John Black



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selected filmographies

Tom Cruise

War of the Worlds (2005) Collateral (2004) Vanilla Sky (2001) Mission: Impossible II (2000)Magnolia (1999) Eyes Wide Shut (1999) Jerry Maguire (1996) Mission: Impossible (1996) Interview with the Vampire (1994) The Firm (1993) A Few Good Men (1992) Born on the Fourth of *July* (1989) **Rain Man** (1988) The Color of Money (1986) **Top Gun (1986)** Risky Business (1983) The Outsiders (1983) Taps (1981)

Katie Holmes

Factory Girl (2005) Thank You for Smoking (2005)Batman Begins (2005) First Daughter (2004) Pieces of April (2003) The Singing Detective (2003)Abandon (2002) Phone Booth (2002) The Gift (2000) Wonder Boys (2000) Teaching Mrs. Tingle (1999)**Muppets From Space** (1999)Go (1999) **Disturbing Behavior** (1998)The Ice Storm (1997)

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om Cruise and Katie Holmes brought their romance out of the closet this spring, in what must be the most publicly declared state of couplehood in recent memory.

There are even rumors that the demonstrative pair is heading to the altar sometime soon. For Cruise (on screen next in the epic *War of the Worlds*), it wouldn't be the first trip down the aisle: he was married to Mimi Rogers for three years, then hooked up with Nicole Kidman for a decade.

Holmes (starring in the big-budget *Batman Begins*) has had her share of romances, too. Her longest love, a six-year relationship with actor Chris Klein, ended only weeks before she and Cruise announced they were dating.



1 Since her divorce from Tom Cruise, *Bewitched* star **Nicole Kidman** has been busy with her movie career. She still seems to make time to be out and about with the likes of Adrien Brody, Lenny Kravitz and millionaire Steve Bing (father of Liz Hurley's son). Kidman told contactmusic.com that she detests dating because she feels under pressure, saying she finds it difficult to cope with being an object of affection. Aw, poor thing.

2 After his highly publicized divorce from Nicole Kidman, Tom Cruise began a romantic love affair with **Penélope Cruz**. When that fizzled, Cruz began dating her *Sahara* co-star, Matthew McConaughey. Although the Spanish beauty has had a string of co-star hook-ups (she's also been linked to Matt Damon and Nicolas Cage) her single days are numbered. The actress is now reportedly engaged to the Texan Stetson man.

3 Joshua Jackson, best known as "Pacey" from *Dawson's Creek*, dated his then co-star Katie Holmes during the middle of the first and second seasons of the show. After that, Holmes went on to date Chris Klein while Jackson dated *Sin City's* Rosario Dawson who's now dating ex-*Sex and the City* hunk and Absolute poster boy, Jason Lewis.

Sin City heartthrob Josh Hartnett is quickly building a lengthy dating record. After Katie Holmes ended her long-term relationship with fiancé Chris Klein it didn't take long for her to get cozy with Hartnett at a Manhattan nightspot (pre-Tom, of course). He previously dated Quincy Jones's daughter, Rashida Jones (who left her fiancé DJ Mark Ronson for Hartnett at the time), and Kirsten Dunst post Jake Gyllenhaal and model Daria Werbowy. He's now dating his *The Black Dahlia* co-star Scarlett Johansson.

5 We're wondering what *American Pie* star **Chris Klein** thinks of his ex-fiancée's whirlwind romance and engagement to Tom Cruise. Klein and Holmes, who dated for six years, only called off their engagement weeks before Tom and Katie announced their love to the world. Interesting...

6 Let's face it: Texan stud **Matthew McConaughey** can basically have whoever he sets his sights on. He's dated Ashley Judd (now married to race car driver Dario Franchitti), Sandra Bullock and ex-Mrs. Cage, Patricia Arquette. He's now joined his exes in the "engagement club" and plans to marry his *Sahara* co-star Penélope Cruz.

7 Scarlett Johansson may only be 19, but the young starlet is leaving a long love trail behind her. The *Lost in Translation* star split from long-term love Patrick Wilson early last year and reportedly had a fling with Benicio Del Toro (who told *Esquire* magazine he can't remember if the two spent the night together) after the 2004 Oscar Awards show. She also dated Jared Leto (who dated Cameron Diaz) and is now romancing her new co-star Josh Hartnett.

8 Sandra Bullock has dated many of Tinsletown's hunks—from *The O.C.*'s Tate Donovan (to whom she was engaged), to Jason Patric (one of Julia Roberts' old fiancés), to Matthew McConaughey and *The Notebook* cutie, Ryan Gosling. She's now reportedly engaged to bad boy biker Jesse James, host of Discovery Channel's *Monster Garage*. He already has three children from two previous marriages.

9 The Aviator star **Leonardo DiCaprio**'s on and off relationship with Brazilian supermodel Gisele Bündchen is back on and going strong—although she did stray a few months ago with Josh Hartnett, frustrated at not being able to settle Leo's partying ways. In the past, Leo's dated Demi Moore, Virginie Ledoyen and Claire Danes.

10 Even though **Hugh Grant** has had his share of tabloid misery, the *Love Actually* star still gets the ladies. After his long-term romance with Liz Hurley went bust, Grant was rumored to have had a brief romantic stint with his *Two Weeks Notice* co-star Sandra Bullock. But Grant's dating days may be numbered. It's rumored that he and current flame, heiress Jemima Khan (who was married to Pakistani cricketing legend Imran Khan), are engaged and plan to tie the knot this year.

1 Dating never seems to be a problem for **Cameron Diaz**. Shortly after she became famous, Diaz dated and became engaged to Matt Dillon, her co-star in *There's Something About Mary*. Distance, and Mariah Carey, were the reported causes for the breakup. She then moved on to actor/musician Jared Leto for four years. Diaz later hooked up with Justin Timberlake after meeting him at a Nickelodeon Kids awards show where they competed in a belching contest with one another. Now *that's* love.

12 Angelina Jolie is no slouch when it comes to snagging hearts. The pillow-lipped beauty was once married to her *Hackers* co-star Jonny Lee Miller and had a freakish marriage to Billy Bob Thornton. She's also been linked to Jared Leto (*Alexander*) and Colin Farrell. Jolie denies reports that she and Brad Pitt are dating. She told *Marie Claire* magazine her son Maddox would have the last word on her next suitor.

13 Okay, so who hasn't **Colin Farrell** bedded, err.. dated in Hollywood? The hot Irish-born actor has had his share of the ladies—Demi Moore, Britney Spears, Lindsay Lohan and Rosario Dawson. About his *Alexander* co-star, Angelina Jolie, Farrell confessed to reporters at the film's London premiere that Jolie is his "ideal woman." He said: "Angie's pretty close to my perfect woman. [She] could truly be the right woman."

14 Newly single Jennifer Aniston has been laying low since her split from Brad Pitt. If her past dating habits prove anything she's dated Counting Crows' Adam Duritz, Tate Donovan and Paul Rudd—it won't be long until the beauty will find another friend.

15 Brad Pitt is famous for canoodling with his co-stars—he's dated Julia Ormond as well as Juliette Lewis, his *Kalifornia* co-star. He was once engaged to his *Se7en* co-star, Gwyneth Paltrow, a union that ended abrupt-ly in June, 1997. (Paltrow is now married to Coldplay's Chris Martin). After the breakup, Pitt wasted no time, snagging and marrying *Friends* star Jennifer Aniston. Since their split Brad's been volunteering with children—and taking rumored vacations with Jolie and her son Maddox.

16 Britney Spears and Justin Timberlake seemed to have the perfect Mickey Mouseromance. But it ended when Spears reportedly cheated on him (Remember Timberlake's "Cry me a River" video?). She's since had rumored romps with Limp Bizkit's Fred Durst and Colin Farrell. Things got loopier for Spears when she married childhood friend Jason Alexander in Las Vegas last year (for all of 55 hours). A year later she wed backup dancer Kevin Federline and the two are expecting their first child.

Profile of an Artist

Jennifer Lopez

TO SOME she's a diva. To others she's a booming business. But there's no denying that Jennifer Lopez is a major cultural force. Managing and promoting perfumes and clothing lines that boast her brand could be a full-time job for some. But Lopez also launched a new CD this year, *Rebirth*, and has taken every opportunity to perform live in support of the disc's laid-back, hip hop groove.

And then there's her film career. She started the year with a flourish, headlining alongside the legendary Jane Fonda in *Monster-in-Law*. She's back in theaters later this year with screen heavyweights Robert Redford and Morgan Freeman in Lasse Hallström's *An Unfinished Life*. And with follow-up films *Bordertown* (by the director of *Selena*) and *American Darlings* co-starring Oscar-magnet Nicole Kidman, Lopez is likely to stay firmly in the spotlight and smack in the middle of the cultural radar, well into the future.



UPCOMING FILMS & SELECTED DISCOGRAPHY

Films: • An Unfinished Life (2005) Co-starring: Robert Redford

- Bordertown (2005) Co-starring: Antonio Banderas
- American Darlings (2006) Co-starring: Nicole Kidman

CDs: • *Rebirth* (2005) Includes singles: Get Right, Hold You Down

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Straight from the spring/summer New York fashion runways, hair trends are all about looking casual, yet ultra sexy. From chic chignons and messy updos to tossed and tousled; celebs are sporting the coolest looks for those hot summer nights.

-Toni-Marie Ippolito

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Zuniga began having symptoms that included memory loss and muscle aches, and tests revealed she had twice the normal amounts or mercury in her body.

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California now requires that restaurants, supermarkets and tuna companies warn customers that shark, tuna and swordfish contain mercury.

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do you know?

- 1. Thomas Jane stars in the recent film The Punisher. Who starred in the original 1989 film?
 - a) Dolph Lundgren
 - b) Arnold Schwarzenegger
 - c) Sylvester Stallone

2. Who played the Joker in the 1989 Batman film?

- a) Michael Keaton
- b) Jack Nicholson
- c) Sylvester Stallone

3. Which villain made his debut in Spider-Man 2?

- a) Green Goblin
- b) Carnage
- c) Doctor Octopus

- 4. This film won an Academy Award for Best Visual Effects. a) Spider-Man
 - b) Hulk
 - c) Spider-Man 2
- 5. Who played Catwoman in Batman Returns?
 - a) Halle Berry
 - b) Michelle Pfeiffer
 - c) Sharon Stone
- 6. Which actor plays the father of Bruce Banner in Hulk?
 - a) Nick Nolte
 - b) Eric Bana
 - c) Sam Elliott

match them up

Pair the Batman film with its movie poster tagline.

- 1. Batman Returns (1992)
- 2. Batman Forever (1995)
- 3. Batman & Robin (1997)
- a) Courage now, truth always....
- b) Strength. Courage. Honor. And loyalty. On June 20, it ALL comes together...
- c) The Bat, the Cat, the Penguin



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- 1 Christian Bale is the latest "Caped _____ "
- 5 Adam ____ played Batman in the camp TV series
- 9 Hamilton of Terminator fame
- 10 Many of the cast of the latest Star Wars film appeared in 1999's The ____ Menace
- 11 Stan Lee is best known as a _____ for Marvel Comics (but watch for him as a mailman in Fantastic Four)
- 12 Prior to Hellboy, Ron Perlman starred in the TV series Beauty and the _
- 14 Liam _____ is among the cast of Batman Begins

crossword

- 16 An actor who chooses an inappropriate role is said to have made a bad move
- **19** Anna Paquin plays this character in X-Men
- 21 Astonished
- 24 Routh who will play "The Man of Steel" in the next Superman film (or Bruce Lee's late son)
- 25 1990's _____ Recall sent Arnold to Mars
- 26 National Aeronautics and Space Administration: abbr.
- 27 He played Bruce Banner in 2003's The Hulk.

DOWN

- 1 films aren't the most popular ones, but are especially loved by a select few
- 2 Frighten
- 3 A screenwriter will often a script from a novel or play (or comic book!)
- 4 Another of the Star Wars series was The _____ Strikes Back
- 6 The E in E.T. (or actor in a crowd scene, say)
- 7 He directed Barbershop and now Fantastic Four

ANSWERS: Do you know? 1.a) 2.b) 3.c) 4.c 5.b) 6.a) Match them up 1.c) 2.a) 3.b)

- 8 Sylvester Stallone is best known for his portrayal of Rocky ____, but he also played superhero Judge Dredd
- 13 George Clooney wore the cape in Batman _____ a 1997 film
- **15** Go too far, it
- 17 Jennifer Garner played this deadly siren in 2005
- 18 Batman Begins is a ___ Bros. film
- 20 Slips into one's superhero garb, ____ up
- 22 Caper
- 23 She starred in Sin City and now plays Sue Storm in Fantastic Four



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"It touched my heart—and the acting was suberb!" "It's a shame the film came out in such limited release." "Easily one of the best movies I've ever seen."

AVERAGE RATING: $\star \star \star \star \star$

Constantine Warner

John Constantine (Keanu Reeves), who has literally been to hell and back, teams up with skeptical policewoman Angela Dodson (Rachel Weisz) to solve a mysterious suicide. Their investigation



takes them through the world of demons and angels that exist just beneath the landscape of contemporary Los Angeles and they quickly become caught in a catastrophic series of otherworldly events.

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"Overkill." "I paid full price four times." "The visual effects were stunning." AVERAGE RATING: **

Hitch Columbia

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hundreds of New York City weddings. But after a chance meeting with Sara (Eva Mendes), a gossip reporter for a daily tabloid, Hitch is smitten and finds his professional life and personal life on a collision course.

tribute.ca User Reviews:

"Eva Mendes is so hot!" "Wait and see it at home." "It's a perfect date movie." AVERAGE RATING: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Million Dollar Baby Warner

Clint Eastwood's Oscar-winning drama is more of a story about family and friendship than about boxing. Under a layer of sweat and a pair of padded boxing gloves is a story about what goes on



outside the ring when three lost souls—a trainer (Eastwood), a fighter (Hilary Swank) and a former fighter (Morgan Freeman)—are faced with life's bigger questions.

tribute.ca User Reviews:

"Wonderful, sad and inspiring." "Disturbing and disappointing." "It deserved the Best Picture Oscar."

AVERAGE RATING: $\star \star \star \star \star$

Upside of Anger Alliance

Terry Wolfmeyer (Joan Allen), a sharp-witted suburban wife and mother, is left to raise her four daughters when her husband unexpectedly disappears. Things get even more hectic when Terry falls for her neighbor



Denny (Kevin Costner), a once-great baseball star turned radio DJ, and her daughters are forced to juggle their mom's romantic dilemmas as well as their own.

tribute.ca User Reviews:

"This movie was my pick and it's going to take me a looong time to live it down."

"Great story, good acting, strong direction."

"I was pleasantly surprised."

AVERAGE RATING: \star \star \star \star

Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous Warner

Reeling from a broken romance and frustrated by her newfound fame, FBI agent Gracie Hart (Sandra Bullock) reluctantly agrees to serve the Bureau in the only way now possible:



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Electronic Arts; for PlayStation 2, Xbox and GameCube; rated "Teen;" www.eagames.com



Due out the same day as the Warner Bros. film of the same name, Batman Begins lets gamers step into the boots of DC Comics' legendary Dark Knight as both Bruce Wayne and his alterego, Batman, as he takes on the scum of the criminal underworld. Explore safe havens such as Wayne

Manor and the secret Batcave or the dangerous alleyways of Gotham City and twisted halls of Arkham Asylum. With cunning, stealth and a slew of high-tech gizmos, Batman must take on the city's villains, including classic foes Scarecrow, Carmine Falcone and Ra's Al Ghul. Features include mixed martial arts combat, a bat utility belt to scale walls or pick locks, and the ability to drop down from the ceiling on unsuspecting thugs.

Madden NFL 06

EA Sports; for PlayStation 2, Xbox, GameCube, PC; rated "Everyone;" www.easports.com

How do you make the world's best-selling pigskin simulation even better? If you're EA Sports, you can beef up the offensive play, add "QB Vision Control" to quickly scan the field, and make a perfect throw with a range of new passing improvements. In addition to the many multiplayer modes (many of which can be played online against friends, with the exception of the GameCube version), Madden NFL 06 also includes a new single-player option,

dubbed NFL Superstar, that lets you experience the life of an NFL player by earning one of more than 60 personas ranging from MVP to movie star. Other features include more realistic graphics and animation, a slicker broadcast presentation and a deep season mode.





Nintendogs

Nintendo; for Nintendo DS; rated "Everyone;" www.nintendo.com

This doggone fun handheld game is the latest creation from Shigeru Miyamoto, the brains behind beloved characters such as Mario and Zelda's Link. In Nintendogs, gamers can pick from a handful of dog breeds and train the puppy using the Nintendo DS's touch screen and microphone. Therefore, you can use the bundled stylus pen to pet or wash your dog while using your voice to teach tricks or call the dog's attention (if he's busy playing with one of the more than 100 items you can purchase). Enter your pup in virtual competitions, walk him around a neighbourhood or search for other Nintendogs in the area via the Nintendo DS's built-in wireless connection.

Killer 7

Capcom; for GameCube and PlayStation 2; rated "Mature;" www.capcom.com

This surreal action-adventure hybrid is either the most bizarre action game you'll ever play or the most ingenious. Or both. In Killer 7, gamers become Harman Smith, a wheelchair-bound assassin who vows to stop an underworld kingpin who has unleashed bloodthirsty creatures unto the



world. Only by using his mind to release seven unique alter egos can he fight against this evil threat. This stylized shooter uses cel-shaded graphics so it feels very much like an interactive graphic novel. Couple this technique with strange camera angles and violent imagery and you'll see why Killer 7 is one of the more unique action thrillers of the year.

Death Jr.

Konami; for PlayStation Portable; rating TBD; www.konami.com

PSP gamers in search of something refreshingly different should boot up Death Jr., a game that stars a character of the same name (you can call him DJ). As you may have guessed, our hero is the mischievous teenage son of the grim reaper himself. Armed with a scythe, which serves as both a weapon and a unique swinging tool,

DJ embarks with his friends on a school field trip to the local museum. When the group sneaks away to explore the premises on their own, they unwittingly unleash an evil ancient force onto the town. Aside from its unusual premise and intuitive control, Death Jr. may be the best-looking game on a handheld system to date.



—Marc Saltzman



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Vancouver, complete with a float-plane dock and a coach house.

Another veteran actor, Robin Williams, who practically considers B.C. his second home, is back to star in *RV*, a road comedy with **Cheryl Hines** from TV's Curb Your Enthusiasm.

The sociable actor has been holding court at Cin Cin on Robson Street with RV director Barry Sonnenfeld (Men in

Oliver Platt are in town to shoot Martian Child, the comedy/drama about a widowed science fiction writer (Cusack) who adopts an orphaned boy who insists he's from Mars. They've been hanging out at

Joe Fortes, a popular seafood eatery downtown, and John in particular has been a hit with the local ladies who just can't stop swarming him.



-Valerie Gregory

Toronto

etro shop Exile in Kensington Market was the recent destination for bohemian-type Kate Hudson, while hubby Chris Robinson was spotted cruising Sam The Record Man.



Just a few blocks away, Alexis Bledel, here to promote The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, shopped at Over The Rainbow in Yorkville a fave local haunt for.

you guessed it, jeans. Later that same day Wayne and Janet Gretzky stopped by the shop and picked up five pairs of denims between them.

Shoppers at Sherway Gardens in the city's west end were treated to an

up-close look at Eva Longoria, Kiefer Sutherland, **Michael Douglas** and Terrence Howard. The actors were at the sprawling shop-



ping center to shoot scenes for The Sentinel, a thriller written by George



Nolfi (Ocean's Twe/ve) that weaves an assassination plot with the first Lady's extramarital affair.

Celeb spotters in the city should

be on the lookout for Bruce Willis, starring in Solace. The film is another dive into the metaphysical for the Sixth Sense actor-he plays a doctor with psychic

powers enlisted by the police to help track down a serial killer.

Courtney Cox Arquette is also visiting Toronto this summer, co-starring with Tim Allen and Chevy Chase

in Zoom. It's the story of a former superhero (Allen) who's called back to work to transform an unlikely group of kids into tomorrow's superheroes.

-Michelle Campbell

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aries march 21 - april 20

Challenges on the work front add laser intensity to the scenario. Fortunately, you like life on the edge. But you feel like you've been cast in a supporting role early on, which adds an element of frustration. Keep a low profile and your nose clean. Your big break and the recognition you seek are due around the 17th. By month's end, you're thinking about playing more than one love scene. Make a getaway to a hot vacation location before the 28th, if possible.

taurus april 21 - may 21 People around you are

gossipy and small-minded as the month begins. But you easily rise above such petty stuff. In fact, around the 8th, especially, you may be catapulted into at least 15 minutes of glory. You'll be called upon to put all your cards on the table with an associate around the 23rd. Come clean, or this person will call your bluff. July's saving grace: the romance potential is off the charts. Just try a little tenderness (your specialty).

gemini may 22 - june 21

Hang on to your hat! Your **W** financial situation is a little **W** like the weather: wait a minute and it changes. Fortunately, the winds of change now waft your way, especially on the 15th. Just remember not to blow the bundle. Career pressure, deadlines—there's nothing you can't handle this month. Breeze through it early on, because on the 23rd Mercury starts acting up. Expect delays and confusion in everything to do with communications after that.

Lisa Kudrow - Leo, born July 30, 1963, Encino, CA

Leo is the sign of the diva. As the ditziest character on TV's *Friends*, Lisa garnered more Emmy nominations than her castmates, even

bringing home a statue in 1998 for her work. Yet this is one Lion Lady who shows a remarkable lack of uppity behaviour both on and off camera. She's managed to stay married to Michel Stern for a decade and has a son, Julian Murray. Lisa's going to have ample time to explore her potential star power this year. She's the main character in a TV series she's also writing and producing, called *The Comeback*, about a one-time star trying to revive her career. Yet, like many stars of the small screen, she's finding it hard to break into big roles on the wide screen (although she shone in *The Opposite* of Sex, an indie flick back in 1998). Look for Lisa to give a strong and intelligent performance this summer in *Happy Endings*.



The spotlight shines squarely on you and the stage is set. But someone forgot to give you the right script. Have faith; you have more talent and ability than you know. Improvised scenes play out nicely on all fronts, especially around the 15th. You may also have to travel for business. Your charisma is high, giving you star power. Find time to meet new people. Around the 23rd an outsider looks to be just your style, and this person seconds that emotion.

leo july 23 - aug 23

All the action, it seems, is going on behind the scenes—and you're left out of the plot. The sense of being overlooked begins to ease after the 15th, when some small opportunities come your way. Creative projects get unexpected assistance from unlikely sources. After the 23rd, Mercury's backpedaling brings chaos into your neighbourhood. Still, nothing can dim your good spirits for long. Especially since a new romance shows such glowing promise.

virgo aug 24 - sept 23

You often feel like the ultimate stand-in for life's big film shoot. But soon you're slated for a chance to see what it's like to be the star. Since you've no doubt earned it with past hard work, set the stage now. Money is the root of any disputes with friends around the 10th. There may be stormy scenes, but the results will be durable once the dust settles. You're supremely romantic from the 23rd on. A past or clandestine romance is tempting, but resist.

libra sept 24 - oct 23

Think beautiful thoughts, especially about your career. A raise or bonus is more than just pie in the sky, especially around the 6th. It will take more than visualization to handle cranky people around you, especially around the 13th. Fortunately, you're ever the diplomat. The passion quotient is high most of the month. You may find time to dream about an ideal relationship. A proposal around the 23rd throws you, but you quickly regain your famous balance.

scorpio oct 24 - nov 22

It's rare that you reveal your romantic side. But your heart is boldly emblazoned on your sleeve early this month. Letting others see your vulnerable side, though, works strangely in your favour around the 13th. Your intuition is working overtime all month. Go with what feels right; you'll back mostly winners now. Just do it before the 23rd. After that, misunderstandings run rife, especially regarding your career. You may have to put a big move on hold.

sagittarius nov 23 - dec 21



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happy route to take around the 7th. You might even encounter your ideal friend for life. Another fave pastime, travel, gets a green light after the 13th. Full speed ahead, but exercise caution. There just might be unforeseen roadblocks after the 23rd. At work you're ready to sign a new deal, but your agent won't get back to you. It's a frustrating situation, but have patience. Big changes are on the map.

capricorn dec 22 - jan 20

A go-getter on the career front, you prefer the status

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front, you prefer the status **4** quo when it comes to close ties. Sometimes, though, enough is enough. The 6th on looks best to renegotiate living or money arrangements. If you decide to recast the role of life co-star, the 16th and 17th would be optimal. Achieving an important goal consumes you after the 23rd. Unfortunately, there are more obstacles than you anticipated. Take it slow, also good advice when on the road around the 28th.

aquarius jan 21 - feb 18 Enjoy the lazy, hazy days of

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summer. You're somehow source of the loop at work, yet you don't mind. Bide your time and your day will come. Meanwhile, you help others achieve their goals, especially around the 6th. By the 16th, your do-good side is triggered, possibly through a large humanitarian project. A close relationship takes a new track late in the month. There are hassles over the small stuff, but mostly its fun, fun, fun—which suits you fine.

pisces feb 19 - march 20 A new path lights up,



marked love and security. Is it the Yellow Brick Road, or just another dead end? You'll never know unless you take the first step. And don't give up just because you get a pebble in your shoe. You're on the right track in business matters as well around the 18th to 19th. It's not enough to have a great idea after the 23rd. You'll have to pipe up and express your know-how and then be prepared to explain yourself more than once.

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The Players Luke Wilson, Dax Shepard, Maya Rudolph Director Mike Judge The Plot An average guy (Wilson) volunteers to be the subject of a hibernation experiment and wakes up one thousand years in the future to discover that he's the smartest guy in a world populated entirely by imbeciles.

Studio 20th Century Fox **Release Date** August 5

BAD NEWS BEARS

The Players Billy Bob Thornton, Greg Kinnear, Marcia Gay Harden Director Richard Linklater The Plot A grizzled little league baseball coach (Thornton) tries to lead a team of misfits to victory. Studio Paramount Release Date July 22

BAILEY'S BILLIONS

The Players Dean Cain, Laurie Holden, Tim Curry Director David Devine The Plot Bailey, a talking dog, inherits a fortune from his eccentric billionaire owner. But expectant heirs Winston and Florence will stop at nothing to get it back. Studio Odeon Release Date August 5

BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY

The Players Bai Ling, Tim Roth, Nick Nolte

Director Hans Petter Molland The Plot Binh, a shy Vietnamese man, embarks on a personal journey with a beautiful woman (Ling) in search of his American father. Studio Mongrel Media Release Date August 5

BEWITCHED

The Players Nicole Kidman, Will Ferrell, Michael Caine Director Nora Ephron The Plot A fading star (Ferrell) is cast as the husband of a witch in a remake of the '60s TV sitcom *Bewitched*. When he finds the perfect woman (Kidman) to play his wife, he soon discovers she really is a witch. Studio Columbia Release Date June 24

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

The Players Johnny Depp, Freddie Highmore, Christopher Lee Director Tim Burton The Plot Poor boy, Charlie (Highmore), finds a winning ticket in a chocolate bar to take a guided tour of Willy Wonka's (Depp) legendary candy factory. Studio Warner Bros. Release Date July 15

DARK WATER

The Players Jennifer Connelly, John C. Reilly, Dougray Scott Director Walter Salles The Plot When a newly separated woman (Connelly) enters a bitter custody battle, strange things begin to happen. Studio Touchstone Release Date July 8

DEUCE BIGALOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO

The Players Rob Schneider, Eddie Griffen, Jeroen Krabbé Director Mike Bigelow The Plot Deuce Bigalow (Schneider) is seduced back to his unlikely profession when his former pimp is implicated in the murders of Europe's greatest gigolos. Studio Columbia Release Date August 12

THE DEVIL'S REJECTS

The Players Sid Craig, Bill Mosely, Matthew McGrory, Sheri Moon Zombie

Director Rob Zombie The Plot Ambushed at their home by a squad of armed men, Otis (Mosely) and his sister (Zombie) escape unharmed, killing whoever stands in their way. Studio Maple Pictures Release Date July 22

THE DUKES OF HAZZARD

The Players Jessica Simpson, Johnny Knoxville, Seann William Scott Director Jay Chandrasekhar The Plot Bo (Scott) and Luke (Knoxville) Duke, with the help of their eye-catching cousin Daisy (Simpson) try to save the family farm. Studio Warner Bros. Release Date August 5

FANTASTIC FOUR

The Players Ioan Gruffudd, Chris Evans, Jessica Alba Director Tim Story The Plot Exposed to the random mutation effect of an experimental machine while they're in space, four people soon realize they have developed fantastic superpowers after they return to Earth. Studio 20th Century Fox Release Date July 8

FOUR BROTHERS

The Players Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson, Andre Benjamin Director John Singleton The Plot Four brothers seek to avenge their mother's death. Studio Paramount Release Date August 12

HEIGHTS

The Players Glenn Close, Elizabeth Banks, James Marsden Director Chris Terrio The Plot Isabel (Banks) is having second thoughts about her upcoming marriage to Jonathan (Marsden), a lawyer. Studio Mongrel Media Release Date July 8

HUSTLE & FLOW

The Players Terrence Dashon Howard, Anthony Anderson Director Craig Brewer The Plot A Memphis street hustler struggles to break out of his gritty world to fulfill his lifelong dream of becoming a respected rap musician. Studio Paramount Release Date July 15

THE ISLAND

The Players Ewan McGregor, Scarlett Johansson, Djimon Hounsou Director Michael Bay The Plot Lincoln Six-Echo (McGregor), a resident of a seemingly utopian but contained facility in the mid-21st century, discovers that his existence is a lie and he and the other residents are actually human clones whose purpose is to provide "spare parts" for their original human counterparts. Studio DreamWorks Release Date July 22

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MUST LOVE DOGS

The Players Diane Lane, John Cusack, Dermot Mulroney Director Gary David Goldberg The Plot Newly divorced Sarah Nolan (Lane) cautiously rediscovers romance thanks to her well-meaning but often misguided family. Studio Warner Bros. Release Date July 29

PRETTY PERSUASION

The Players Evan Rachel Wood, Ron Livingston, James Woods Director Marcos Siega The Plot When Kimberly Joyce (Wood), a sophomore in an exclusive Beverly Hills private school, decides to pursue a sexualharassment suit against a teacher, it sets a roller coaster in motion. Studio Capri Releasing Release Date August 12

REBOUND

The Players Martin Lawrence, Breckin Meyer, Megan Mullally Director Steve Carr The Plot Old school meets middle school as a high-strung college basketball coach (Lawrence) must redeem himself following a public meltdown, by leading a junior high school team. Studio 20th Century Fox Release Date July 1

RED EYE

The Players Rachel McAdams, Cillian Murphy Director Wes Craven The Plot Lisa Reisert (McAdams) hates to fly. On a Miami flight her seatmate (Murphy) reveals he's an operative in a plot to kill a powerful businessman... and Lisa is the key to its success. Studio DreamWorks Release Date August 19

SARABAND

The Players Liv Ullmann, Erland Josephson, Börje Ahlstedt Director Ingmar Bergman The Plot After their divorce, Johan and Marianne lost touch for many, many years. When they reunite, they mend broken family ties. Studio Mongrel Media Release Date July 22

THE SKELETON KEY

The Players Kate Hudson, Gena Rowlands, Peter Sarsgaard Director lain Softley The Plot Caroline (Hudson), a nurse, is hired to care for an elderly woman's (Rowlands) ailing husband in their decrepit Gothic mansion. Intrigued by the mysterious surroundings, Caroline, armed with a skeleton key, discovers a hidden attic that holds a terrifying secret. Studio Universal Release Date August 12

SKY HIGH

The Players Michael Angarano, Kelly Preston, Kurt Russell Director Mike Mitchell The Plot Will (Angarano) is worried. He's starting his freshman year at a school for power-gifted students without any super powers of his own. Studio Walt Disney Release Date July 29

STEALTH

The Players Josh Lucas, Jessica Biel, Jamie Foxx Director Rob Cohen The Plot A squadron of elite pilots embarks on a mission of global consequence to neutralize an out-of-control prototype drone fighter plane equipped with artificial intelligence and the ability to precipitate a nuclear war.

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Release Date July 29

UNDEAD

The Players Felicity Mason, Mungo McKay, Rob Jenkins Director Michael Spierig, Peter Spierig The Plot When meteorites bombard a small community, the living dead are awakened and the survivors band together in an isolated farmhouse to escape the flesh-hungry zombies. Studio Maple Pictures Release Date July 1

WAR OF THE WORLDS

The Players Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning, Miranda Otto Director Steven Spielberg The Plot A family struggles to survive when Martians invade Earth. Studio Paramount Release Date June 29

WEDDING CRASHERS

The Players Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn, Rachel McAdams Director David Dobkin The Plot Two divorce mediators spend their weekends crashing weddings in search of Ms. Right... for a night. But things get complicated when one of them falls for the engaged daughter (McAdams) of an influential politician. Studio Alliance Atlantis Release Date July 15

THE WILD PARROTS OF TELEGRAPH HILL

The Players Mark Bittner Director Judy Irving The Plot A man, searching for meaning in his life, forms a remarkable relationship with a flock of wild parrots in San Francisco. Studio Mongrel Media Release Date July 15

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ot-tempered Russell Crowe got himself into a heap of trouble recently when he threw a phone at the New York Mercier Hotel's concierge. Seems the actor was miffed because he couldn't place a call to his wife in Australia. He's up on charges of second-degree assault and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon.

He joins a long list of the famous who've become infamous by getting messed up in murky legal matters.

Nick Nolte's arrest on DUI charges in 2002 isn't a new story, but his mug shot is too spectacular not to publish. The event seems to have been a turning point in Nolte's life: he's reportedly been clean and sober since then and now hosts meetings at his home to help others deal with alcohol and drug problems.

Michael Jackson spent his spring in a courtroom, facing 10 charges related to his unusual relationships with young boys. Although he was acquitted of all charges, it may take fans a while to wipe the fiasco from their memories.

Also struggling with rebuilding his career is Jackson's longtime friend and former child star Macaulay Culkin (who's also godfather to two of Jackson's children). The actor's got an uphill battle ahead of him: He was arrested last September for possession of marijuana and now faces two misdemeanor drug charges.





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