the movies
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Test your memory of the better films

"Metalstorm," "Yor," "Strange Brew," "Hercules," "Getting It On." It takes fortitude to confront the late summer crop of movies. Going from one theater to another, one feels like a sea slug moving among bottom dwellers.

But things were not always this way. At least, there was not always such an awesome concentration of schlock product. Looking back over better days with more interesting movies, see how you fare with this movie quiz.

1. What country was the setting for "The Year of Living Dangerously"? (a) South Africa, (b) Nicaragua, (c) Ireland, (d) Malaya, (e) Indonesia.

2. Which one of the following was not one of Snow White's seven dwarfs? (a) Sneezy, (b) Grouchy, (c) Happy, (d) Doc, (e) Sleepy.

3. "Betrayal" was based on a play by (a) Tom Stoppard, (b) David Mamet, (c) Alan Ayckbourne, (d) Noel Coward, (e) Harold Pinter.

4. A critical event that created tension among the characters in "Moonlighting" was (a) a factory that shut down, (b) declaration of martial law in Poland, (c) an act of adultery, (d) a strike, (e) a family quarrel.

5. In which movie did Sigmund Freud appear? (a) "Lovesick," (b) "Something Wicked This Way Comes," (c) "Psycho II," (d) "The Entity," (e) "Lone Wolf McQuade."

6. Who played the female lead in "Trenchcoat"? (a) Barbara Hershey, (b) Teri Garr, (c) Margot Kidder, (d) Rachel Ward, (e) Beverly D'Angelo.

7. On what planet did Jabba the Hutt live in "Return of the Jedi"? (a) Tantiget, (b) Mars, (c) Sertel, (d) Tatooine, (e) Zardoz.

8. Dan Aykroyd was thrown out of his club in "Trading Places" for (a) stealing, (b) cheating at bridge, (c) wearing deck shoes with a dinner jacket, (d) sporting a Jesse Jackson button, (e) using the wrong fork at a banquet.

9. In "Flashdance," Jennifer Beal portrayed a woman who danced at a bar at night. What was her daytime occupation? (a) driver, (b) schoolteacher, (c) salesgirl, (d) unemployed, (e) welder.

10. What did Tom Selleck and Roy Scheider have in common this summer? They both (a) starred in comedies, (b) portrayed fliers, (c) acted opposite Annette O'Toole, (d) were military officers, (e) had mustaches.

11. Racing car driver "Stroker Ace" (Burt Reynolds) was mortified when he had to race wearing a (a) Santa Claus outfit, (b) turkey suit, (c) woman's dress, (d) clown costume, (e) chicken suit.

12. In "Max Dugan Returns," what kind of car did Max (Jason Robards) buy his daughter? (a) Mercedes-Benz, (b) Mustang, (c) Porsche, (d) Corvette, (e) Jaguar.

13. The dog in "Cujo" suffered from (a) fleas, (b) distemper, (c) mange, (d) rabies, (e) overbite.

14. Which movie included a shot of the Renaissance Center? (a) "Without a Trace," (b) "Star Chamber," (c) "Easy Money," (d) "Blue Thunder," (e) "Mr. Mom."

15. In which film did the Grim Reaper appear? (a) "Something Wicked This Way Comes," (b) "The Meaning of Life," (c) "Twilight Zone," (d) "Exposed," (e) "The Entity."

16. Who wrote the songs Robert Duvall sang in "Tender Mercies"? (a) John Denver, (b) Hank Williams, (c) Paul Simon, (d) Charlie Daniels, (e) none of the above.

17. Who was the director of "La Traviata"? (a) Herbert Ross, (b) Peter Weir, (c) Sidney Lumet, (d) Franco Zefferelli, (e) Bruce Beresford.

18. How many drawings was the artist commissioned to execute in "The Draughtsman's Contract"? (a) 12, (b) 8, (c) 5, (d) 6, (e) 1.

19. The woman who was Lois Lane's competition for Superman's affections in "Superman III" was (a) another reporter (b) a Krypton survivor (c) a high school sweetheart, (d) a photographer.

20. Matthew Broderick, the precocious computer whiz of "War Games," also appeared in (a) "Table for Five," (b) "Return of Max Dugan," (c) "Psycho II," (d) "The Survivors," (e) "Something Wicked This Way Comes."

ANSWERS: 1. (c); 2. (b); 3. (e); 4. (b); 5. (a); 6. (c); 7. (d); 8. (a); 9. (e); 10. (b); 11. (c); 12. (a); 13 (d); 14. (e); 15. (b); 16. (e), Duvall wrote them; 17. (d); 18. (a); 19. (c); 20. (b).

what's at the movies

CUJO (R). Supsense and thrills in movie based on story by Stephen King.

EASY MONEY (R). Rodney Dangerfield as Monty Capuletti can inherit millions but only if he gives up drinking, smoking and gambling for a year.

FLASHDANCE (R). A determined young woman works as a welder by day and a dancer by night. Movie doesn't make too much sense but the dancing makes a terrific impact.

GETTING IT ON (R). Two boys with active imaginations and overactive glands indulge in crazy capers on campus. Martin Yost and Heather Kennedy star in comedy written and directed by William Olsen.

MR. MOM (PG). Micheal Keaton is a rising young executive who gets pink-slipped and trades jobs with his wife, a housewife and mother, who then goes out to work.

NATIONAL LAMPOON'S VACATION (R). Walley World, the world's greatest theme park, is the destination in this cross-country comedy starring Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, Imogene Coca and Christie Brinkley.

NIGHT OF THE ZOMBIES. Journey into the realm of the undead, starring Frank Garfeld, Margit Newton and Selan Karay. Directed by Vincent Dawn.

RETURN OF MARTIN GUERRE. Winner of three French Academy Awards, romantic mystery is about man who returns from war after nine years. Gerard Depardieu stars.

RETURN OF THE JEDI (PG). Third chapter in the middle section of George Lucas' "Star Wars" trilogy. With Luke Skywalker, Hans Solo, Princess Leia and other characters from the previus films as the Rebel Alliance battles Darth Vader and the forces of the Empire.

RISKY BUSINESS (R). Contemporary comedy about high-school students who take chances on love, sex and free enterprise, and eventually come of age.

SNOW WHITE (G). Disney's classic animated feature about a princess, a magic mirror, seven dwarfs, a witch and a prince. The 1938 film still ranks as one of the best, perhaps the best, animated features ever made. Every child deserves to see this and adults should treat themselves to a repeat viewing.

STAR CHAMBER. Hal Holbrook, Yaphet Kotto and Michael Douglas star in story of judges who take matters into their own hands when they decide the judicial system isn't working right.

STAYING ALIVE (PG). John Travolta recreates the role of Tony Manero, now struggling in the competitive world of Broadway dancers, in this sequel to "Saturday Night Fever."

upcoming
things to do

● **MUSICAL VARIETY**
Pianist-vocalist Mary Jeva plays 6-10 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays at Loopholes restaurant at the Southfield Sheraton. She also plays 5-8 p.m. Mondays at Scandal's lounge at the Ramada Inn of Southfield. Jeva performs a variety of musical styles, including ragtime, old standards, show tunes and torch ballads. She has been performing in the metro area for the last 10 years. Jeva started out as a vocalist with the Warney Ruhl Orchestra and eventually combined her piano and vocal skills as a single performer. She has played at Peabody's, Charlie's Crab and various country clubs in the area, including Birmingham, Forest Lake, Detroit Athletic Club and Farmington.

● **AUDITIONS OPEN**
Auditions for actors-singers-dancers will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, in the Upstairs Ballroom at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River at Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. "Guys and Dolls" will be performed at the Botsford Inn in dinner theater format, Thursday and Sunday evenings beginning in late October. The show, presented by Nancy Gurwin Productions, will star Gurwin in the role of Adelaide.

● **CASTING CALL**
Tryouts for the Troy Players production of Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 19-20, at the Troy Community Center, Big Beaver Road at I-75. Casting will be for five women, from early 20s to mid-50s, and five men, from mid-20s to mid-50s. The three comedy vignettes in one play is Troy Players season's opener Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 11-12, 18-19. For further information, call 879-1285.

● **OPENING ACT**
Comedian Bill Thomas will be the opening act for Smokey Robinson at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 13-15, at the Premier Center, 33970 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights.

● **CAUCUS CLUB**
The Caucus Club will continue its jazz series with the Matt Michaels Duo, with weekend appearances by Jack Brokensha, through Saturday, Sept. 10, at 150 W. Congress, in the Penobscot Building, Detroit. Entertainment runs from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays. For reservations call 965-4970.

● **TRUE GRIST**
"Arsenic and Old Lace" opens the fall season for True Grist dinner theater Thursday, Sept. 8, in Homer. The comedy by Joseph Kesselring will play Wednesdays-Sundays through Oct. 15. For further information, show times and reservations call 517-568-4151.

● **OUTDOOR FAIR**
The first Gelman Arts and Crafts Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of Gelman Sciences Inc., 600 Wagner Road, Ann Arbor. More than 40 employees and their family members will exhibit work in a variety of media. Admission to the fair is free.

Mary Jeva sings in Southfield lounges.

Bill Thomas does comedy at Premier Center.

● **GRANDPARENTS DAY**
In observance of National Grandparents Day, Wednesday, Sept. 14, Detroit-area senior citizens are being saluted with activities at the Renaissance Center and the Westin Hotel. Tickets at $7.50, for a luncheon emceed by Bob Hynes, may be obtained by writing to: Renaissance Center Partnership, Suite 1400, 100 Renaissance Center, Detroit 48243, before Friday, Sept. 9.

● **BLACK SHEEP**
John Steinbeck's classic drama "Of Mice and Men" will be presented by the Black Sheep Theatre of Manchester for four weeks, from Sept. 8 to Oct. 2. Performances are at 8:15 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are $7 adult, $5 senior citizens/college students and $3 high-school age and younger. For reservations call 428-7000.

● **'TEXAS RED'**
Dan Kozak of Detroit's Royal Eagle restaurant is preparing chili for 3,000 guests for the American Lung Association of Southeastern Michigan's Chili Cook-Off slated for Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Belleville. The recipe being used for "Texas Red" is ALASEM's 1982 Champion and will be available to chili fans at the all-day bash. Nearly 30 cooks will vie for top prizes in the contest of culinary skill and showmanship. For more information call ALASEM at 961-1697.

● **THE ARK**
Sally Rogers returns to the Midwest to appear Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the Ark, 1421 Hill, Ann Arbor. Her second album has been released. She plays banjo, guitar and mountain dulcimer. Other attractions at the Ark will be Reel Union with Jackie Daly, Thursday, Sept. 8; Ann Doyle, Friday, Sept. 9; Michael Cooney, Sunday, Sept. 10; James Lee Stanley, Sunday, Sept. 11, and Lou and Peter Berryman, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 16-17.

● **DINNER THEATER**
Judith Ross' comedy "An Almost Perfect Person" opens Friday, Sept. 9, at the second floor Club Hyatt Regency Dearborn. Presented by Jimmy Launce Productions, the show will be performed at 8:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through December. Tickets are $18 for dinner at Kafay's and show, $25 for dinner at Giulio's and show, and $9.50 for show only. For reservations call 593-1234.

● **IN CONCERT**
Styx will be onstage, in a concert rescheduled for July 14, at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, at the Joe Louis Arena in downtown Detroit. Tickets are $15 and $12.50. Supertramp is the attraction at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10. Tickets at $12.50 are available at all Hudson's and CTC outlets.

Dan Kozak makes chili for ALASEM's cookoff at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Belleville.

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