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### the movies 🕔 Dan Greenberg

# Phony is the word for teen romance in soap-opera style

Billy Joel sings: "Don't go trying some new fashlon. Don't change the color of your hair. . . I like you just the way you are." Kristy McNichol plays a heroine who isn't true to herself when she fakes an injury in "Just the Way You Are." a film as phony as the care.

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"JTWYA" opens on a pleasantly audacious note. If they it had maintained the happy, brassy Broadway quality, it would have been a fine, funny film. But no such luck.

Too quickly, Kristy and crew descend into a goooy swamp of romantic claptrap. Heavy-handed, uneven romantic moralizing may work in a three-minute Billy Joel song. It doesn't work in a '100-minute film.

SUSAN BELANGER (McNichol) is a promising young concert flutst, currently playing with the Ballet Orchestra. Susan wears a leg brace because of the susan interest of the susan i

HER BEST FRIEND, a Cher look-alike and act-alike, doesn't do nearly as well. She, too, is horny and talented (a ballerina) but flat-chested — sorry, it's all over for her in this materialistic, adolescent world where appearances count for everything. The boys reject Susan's girlfriend but go for Susan.

Before the plane leaves for a European concert tour, there's a short detour for Susan to say goodbye to Mom and Dad. As with most youth-market-oriented films, parents are annoyances that, at best, must be placated out of some primordial sense of guilt (They raised you and fed you and loved you and did their best, but it wasn't enough.

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Once the guilt is placated, however, you're free to do whatever feels good, however destructive it might be.

SUSAN QUITS her concert tour and runs on up to a slick French ski resort where her intellectual callber (and the film's) is amply demonstrated by her childish glee when the French desk clerk falls to find a reservation in the name of "Susan Belanger" but does find one for "Soo-2n Bell-an-jay. Since Susan isn't content just the way she is, she goes to the ski clinic and has her leg brace replaced with a cast. Although the doctor is against it medically, his Gallic sense of romance wins out.

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Naturally, easts are eigeant at six resorts, and susain is oft on an ever-greater social/remantic whirl. By some magical alchemy of motion picture romanticism and youthful hyporrisy, limping from a ski injury is attractive while limping from a childhood liliness inst.

I severly distrust movies that pander to materialistic viewpoints and the need for instant gra tilication. "JTWYA's" slow, soapy plot development doesn't help either.

It just isn't true to its own self— or anything, for tht matter.

## what's at the movies

ALL OF ME (PG). Carl Reiner's latest, greatest comedy with Steve Martin and Lily Tomlin.

AMADEUS (PG), Superb rendition of Mozart's life with Tom Hulce and F. Murray Abraham. Directed by Milos Forman.

AMERICAN DREAMER (PG), Housewife wins trip to Paris and adventures right out of the books she reads. JoBeth Williams, Tom Contl and Glancarlo Glannini.

BODY DOUBLE (R). Brian DePalma's latest assault on women Rated B&B for bad and boring.

CAREFUL, HE MIGHT HEAR YOU (PG). Australian film explor-ing the bitter struggle between two sisters to gain possession of young boy whose mother died in childbirth.

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• Turkey Gumbo Soup

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#### Early dinners

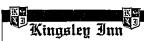
Reduced-price dinners from the regular menu are served from 4-6 p.m. at the Vannelli Restaurant in Lake Orion. Entrees include homemade ravioli or baked lasagne at \$5.25 and a special Delmonico at \$9.95. Other entrees are Veni Dante, Veal Pleatix, paghetiti and ment sauce, and pickerel. Soup or juice, plus a choice of two from salad, potato, vegetable and side of spaghetiti are included.

#### French menu

Regional foods are paired with the French style of cooking, by Executive Chef James Abbey, at the Hannah Lay dining room at the Grand Traverse Resort Village. Lake Superior whitefish, smoked rainbow trout from the Traverse City area and northern Michigan duckling are some of the choices for main dishes. Sauces have featured locally grown black and white morel mushrooms, or cherries.

- Ethel Simmons





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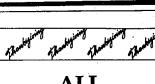
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