

Chase spoof sputters, but never konks out

"Funny Farm" (B-) PG 105 minutes.

A cute comedy about New Yorker Chevy Chase who moves to the country to write a book. Anything that can go wrong does. Its a little long but will keep you smiling. Reviewed by Cathy Guyer.



the movies
Dan Greenberg

"Jack's Back" (B) R 92 minutes.

A modern-day Jack-the-ripper stalks Los Angeles in this riveting mystery. It's an old story with interesting, original twists that will shock and surprise you until the unexpected ending. Reviewed by Cathy Guyer.

"Big" (A) (PG) 98 minutes. A shy 12-year-old boy's wish is granted when he wakes up one morning in a man's body. In this appealing comedy, Tom Hanks skillfully captures the innocent, childlike qualities and gestures of a 12-year-old trying to live in an adult world. Reviewed by Cathy Guyer.

"Biloxi Blues" (B+) (PG-13) 105 minutes.

Eugene Jerome (Matthew Broderick) learns about life — Army and otherwise — in this nice period piece set in a Biloxi (Mississippi) boot camp, 1945. Good performance by Christopher Walken as tough-but-sensitive sergeant whipping raw recruits into shape.

"Casual Sex" (*) (R) Changing social and sexual attitudes is the advertised topic of this film whose title should sell a few tickets.

"Celars" (F) (R) 120 minutes. Trite, racially offensive film about veteran cop (Robert Duval) and young cop (Sean Penn) in Los Angeles battling with gangs.

"Crocodile Dundee II" (C) (PG) 110 minutes. Dundee (Paul Hogan) is "experiencing" New York while living with journalist Sue (Linda Kozlowski). They get involved with Colombian drug dealers but Dundee saves the day and winks Sue off to Australia. It's cute, but not like the original. Reviewed by Jennifer Morse

"Dominick & Eugene" (A+) (PG-13) 105 minutes.

STILL PLAYING:

"Above the Law" (C-) (R) 97 minutes.

A great story filled with holes. Former special forces member is the good guy Nico Tassoni (Steven Seagal). Now a street-wise Chicago cop, he employs violence, martial arts and "tough-guy talk" in film with more action than substance. Reviewed by Jeff Limatta.

"Beetlejuice" (*) PG Michael Keaton and Geena Davis in ghost story with a twist: The ghosts are nice quiet folk and the people are noisy and pretentious.

Trends dictate

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atmosphere while socializing with friends.

Racquet ball appeals to more ordinary people because it's cheaper and easier, according to Chalmers. "It's a purely jock endeavor. There is no social aspect at all. People tend to get away."

Those interested in self improvement, people Chalmers said are ambitious, competitive and on the move up, enjoy the "fixed venue" of physical fitness centers, aerobic exercise and weight lifting.

Members are also older, according to McCarthy, who said low impact, synthetic-clay courts were installed at Beverly Hills for the 50- and 60-year-old player.

"As baby boomers age, so does the tennis population. People are finding they can play well into their 60s."

There are also more younger players. Clubs are more family oriented and cater to the younger set.

BEVERLY HILLS, again aiming for the "cutting edge" of change, recently installed Future Force, physical fitness facilities sealed down in size to fit youth ages 6 to 14 years.

"It's a whole new trend, acquainting kids with fitness," said McCarthy, adding the club has long included "tennis to fitness, music, and aerobics" in its program.

Nearly all clubs offer junior tennis programs for 3 to 18 year olds, indi-

vidualized training and coaching from which world class athletes and tomorrow's tennis stars emerge.

Over 300 youths are active in the Franklin club program. Beverly Hills has some 200 members, including current state high school champion Elizabeth Nau of Bloomfield Hills.

Centaur's program has produced top-ranking amateurs like Amy Frazier, 16, of Rochester, Carrie Cunningham, 16, of Livonia and Kori Davidson, 14, of Farmington Hills. All three rank in the top five nationally for their age groups.

Juniors need not be members of clubs to participate in the programs. Otherwise, participation is by membership or as the guest of a member.

Fees vary from club to club, depending on the type of membership and use. Franklin Racquet Club and the YMCA's Tennis Club charge both membership fees and monthly dues. Franklin's one-time membership fee ranges from \$300 to \$500. The Y charges \$70 annually, which entitles the user to any Y activity.

Monthly dues are normally prorated for additional family members. An individual membership at Centaur is \$75 monthly, \$135 for two and \$175 for a family of four.

Beverly Hills charges \$53 monthly for a single full-service membership or \$21 monthly for a tennis membership, plus fees of \$6 to \$19 an hour for court use, depending on the time of day.



Chevy Chase and Madolyn Smith are a New York couple who leave for what they believe to be the peace and serenity of rural life in "Funny Farm."

Reviewed by Kathy Guyer.

"Friday the 13th, Part VII — The New Blood" (*) (R)

Jason is back for number seven — the question is whether that is good luck for him, the audience or the producers, who continue to rake it in with this series.

"Good Morning Vietnam" (A) (R) 120 minutes. Non-stop Robin Williams at his very best as Armed Forces Radio DJ in Vietnam.

"The Last Emperor" (A) (PG-13) 125 minutes.

Bernardo Bertolucci's stunning presentation of the epic tale of China's last emperor, Pu Yi. A fascinating story of survival through two world wars and Mao's Communist takeover of mainland China.

"The Manchurian Candidate" (R+) (PG-13).

They may not make movies like they used to, but they do re-release the old ones. This 1982 all-star espionage thriller features Frank Sinatra, Laurence Harvey, Angela Lansbury and Janet Leigh. Worth the trip to your local film house.

"Milagro Beanfield War" (*) (R) Robert Redford returns to the director's chair in this story of a courageous New Mexican farmer. With Ruben Blades, Richard Bradford, Sonia Braga and Daniel Stern.

"Moonstruck" (A+) (PG) 102 minutes.

Cher as a 37-year-old Italian widow in Brooklyn about to remarry. She's terrific, and Nicolas Cage, Vincent Gardenia and Danny Aiello are great in this pure distillation of the American ethnic shlock.

"Nightfall" (*) (PG-13) Based on a story by noted Sci-Fi writer Isaac Asimov.

"Hambo III" (C+) (R) 100 minutes.

Who sez they don't make "B" movies anymore? They do but with "A" budgets. Stallone's macho heroics, destroying Russians in Afghanistan, are mistimed for release now as Soviets pull out. But not bad for what it is.

"Salsa" (*) (PG) If the son of La Bamba meets the daughter of Dirty Dancing . . .

"School Daze" (D) (R) 120 minutes. Director-Writer Spike Lee ("She's Got'ta Have It") tries to do it all in two hours with a comic-spoof-satirical mockery of black college life.

"The Seventh Sign" (*) (R) Demi Moore and Jürgen Prochnow in a occult, apocalyptic thriller.

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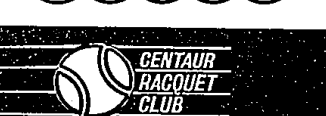
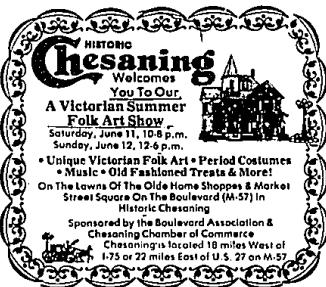
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