

GOING TO THE MOVIES

# Hero fights crime

City crime is at its worst. The police are on strike. The mob is holding the mayor hostage. Only one man has the courage to take a stand.

He's got no superpowers, no money and no name. He's Blankman (Damon Wayans), a self-appointed neighborhood crime stopper who's so broke he fights crime in his underwear.

Columbia Pictures presents the superhero adventure comedy, "Blankman," opening Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters. The film also stars David Alan Grier, Robin Givens, Jon Polito and Jason Alexander.

Eccentric inventor Darryl Walker (Wayans) is the one man who thinks he can make a difference. Making the most of his bargain basement budget, he can turn an orthopedic shoe into a lethal boomerang and his grandmother's housecoat into a cape.

Armed with an arsenal of homemade crime-fighting gizmos, the mild-mannered Darryl transforms himself into ever-vigilant Blankman.

Joining Blankman in his war on crime is his older brother and reluctant sidekick, Kevin, played by David Alan Grier — reuniting the comedy team made famous on

television's "In Living Color."

Since no superhero would be complete without his own Lois Lane, Robin Givens is Kimberly Jones, the ace television reporter who breaks the story of Blankman's escapades and catapults him to fame.

Jason Alexander is Mr. Stone, the sleazy newsmen who tries to get the scoop on Blankman. May or Harris, played by Christopher Lawford, finds his campaign goals thwarted by the mob's gridlock of graft and corruption. Lynne Thigpen portrays the dotting grandmother who inspires her boys, Darryl and Kevin, to be heroes.

The daring duo soon find themselves in a face-to-face showdown with the underworld kingpin Michael Minelli, played by Jon Polito.

Also opening this week: "The Color of Night" — An erotic thriller about a psychiatrist who becomes romantically entangled with one patient and caught in a deadly mind game with another. Stars Bruce Willis and Jane March. Rated R.

"Wagons East" — Fed up with a West that's dangerous, dirty and dull, a group of settlers do the unthinkable: they form a wagon train and head back east.



NICOLA GOODE

**Crime stopper: Eccentric inventor Darryl Walker (Damon Wayans) transforms himself into the bargain-basement neighborhood crime stopper known as Blankman, and despite himself, wins the heart of ace television reporter Kimberly Jones (Robin Givens), in "Blankman," a superhero adventure comedy from Columbia Pictures.**

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## Carmen adopts family

Christine Jackson of Plymouth is the grand prize winner of our "Andre" contest. She won four tickets to a screening of the movie, a 4-inch, plush replica of Andre the Seal, and a movie poster.

Nine other lucky readers won four tickets each to a preview screening of "Andre," the story of a seal who became legend when he adopted a family on their summer vacation.

To win, readers wrote to tell us about an animal who adopted their family.

Here are excerpts from Jackson's winning story.

Carmen came into our lives one day a few years ago. I was driving to work in downtown Detroit in the far left express lane of I-96. I only saw the dog

for an instant and I immediately pulled on the shoulder of the expressway. It was during the morning rush hour and she was jogging along facing traffic, apparently unaware of me calling for her to stop. I'm sure that I looked quite amusing as I ran after her but all I could think of was the horror if she decided to cross four lanes of traffic.

Fortunately for both of us, a man was able to stop ahead of Carmen's path and she ran to him. When I caught up to them, I told him that I would take the dog.

People often comment on how lucky Carmen is to have found a home with us. We smile because we know that we are the lucky ones.

BRUCE WILLIS JANE MARCH

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Harrison Ford delivers in the summer's break-through action thriller.

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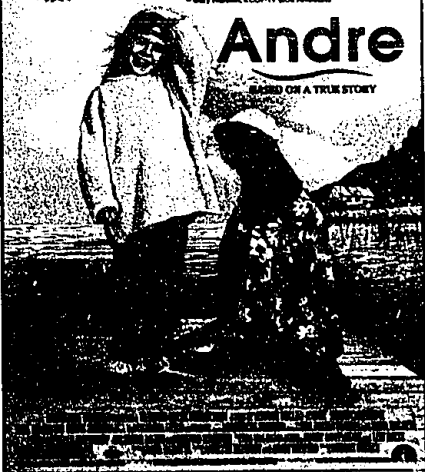
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