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# GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

**AMC Theatres**
Bargain matinees daily plus $3.00 (Tue-Fri) show daily. Limited Seating. VIP denotes "No Pass" Engagement. AMC THEATRES UNDER THIS HEADING OFFER MOVIES AT REDUCE ADMISSION EVERYDAY, EVERY SHOW. LOOK HERE FOR OUR "BEST BUYS" EACH DAY!!!
SPECIAL

**AMC Rochester 6**
Rochester Rd. 1/2 mi N of M-59
853-5220
$1.50 at all times

DANGEROUS MINDS (R)
FRI. 4:00, 8:15, (6:30 SAT. 2:00) 4:00, 8:25, 10:30; SUN. 2:00, 4:00, 8:15
MON.-THURS. 4:00, 8:15

BABE (G)
FRI. 7:00, 9:45; SAT. 1:00, 5:30
SUN. 1:00, 5:30; MON.-THURS 5:45
SHOWGIRLS (NC 17)
FRI 2:30 & 10:15, SAT. 7:30, 10:15
SUN. 7:30; MON THRU THURS. 7:45

AMERICAN HOLLY (PG 13)
FRI. 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; SAT. 1:30, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30; SUN. 1:30, 5:15, 7:45
MON.-THURS. 5:30, 8:00

CLUELESS (PG 13)
FRI. 5:00, 7:15, 9:45 SAT. 1:45, 5:00, 7:5, 9:45; SUN. 1:45, 5:00, 7:15
MON.-THURS. 5:15, 7:30

**AMC Abbey 8**
14 Mile at I-75 585-0021
No children under 6 after 6 PM except (G) and (PG) rated movies
NP FATHER OF THE BRIDE 2 (PG)
Fri. 12:30, 1:30, (4:50, 5:20 @ $3.00) 7:25, 7:50, 9:50, 10:15; Sat. & Sun. 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, (4:50, 5:20 @ $3.00) 7:25, 7:50, 9:50, 10:15, MON.-WED. 1:30, 2:00, (5:20, 5:50 @ $3.00) 7:40, 8:10, 10:00, 10:30; THURS. (5:30 @ $3.00) 7:40, 8:10, 10:00
NP IT TAKES TWO (PG)
Fri. 12:45, (3:20 @ $3.00) 7:45, 10:00; Sat. & Sun. 12:45, 3:00 (5:20 @ $3.00) 7:45, 10:00
MON. THRU WED. 1:45 (5:30 @ $3.00) 7:50, 10:05; THURS. 1:45 (5:30 @ $3.00) 7:50, 10:05
NP COPYCAT (R)
Fri.-Sun. 1:10 (4:50 @ $3.00) 7:30, 10:10
MON. THRU WED. 1:45 (5:10 @ $3.00) 7:40, 10:05; THURS. 1:50 (5:10 @ $3.00) 7:40, 10:25
NP POWDER (PG)
Fri.-Sun. 1:00 (4:40 @ $3.00) 7:10, 9:40
MON. THRU WED. 1:30 (5:30 @ $3.00) 7:50; THURS. 1:30 (5:30 @ $3.00) 7:50
SEVEN (R)
Fri. 1:30 (5:00 @ $3.00) 7:20, 10:10; Sat. & Sun. 1:30 (4:30 @ $3.00) 7:20, 10:10
MON.-WED. 1:50 (5:10 @ $3.00) 8:00
THURS. 1:50 (5:10 @ $3.00) 8:00
HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS (PG 13)
Fri.-Sun. 1:40 (5:00 @ $3.00) 7:30, 9:50
MON.-WED. 1:40 (5:40 @ $3.00) 8:10
THURS. 1:40 (5:40 @ $3.00) 8:10
NOW AND THEN (PG 13)
Fri.-Sun. 1:20 (5:10 @ $3.00) 7:40, 10:00
MON. THRU WED. 2:00 (5:40 @ $3.00) 8:00; THURS. 2:00 (5:00 @ $3.00)

**AMC Americana West 4**
Orchard Lk Rd. S of 15 Mile 855-4200
No children under 6 after 6 PM except (G) and (PG) rated movies
MONEY TRAIN (R)
Fri. & MON.-THURS. (5:20 @ $3.00) 7:50, 10:20
Sat. & Sun. 1:50 (5:10 @ $3.00) 7:40, 10:20
HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS (PG 13)
Fri. & MON.-THURS. 7:40 & 10:00
Sat. & Sun. 1:30, 7:40, 10:20
CASINO (R)
Fri. & MON. - THURS. (5:00 @ $3.00) 8:30
Sat. & Sun. 1:30 (5:00 @ $3.00) 8:30
IT TAKES TWO (PG)
Fri. & MON.-THURS. (5:10 @ $3.00) 7:30, Sat. & Sun. 1:00, 3:20 (5:30 @ $3.00), 7:30, 9:40
TOY STORY (G)
Fri. & MON. - THURS. (5:30 @ $3.00) 7:30, 9:40
Sat. & Sun. 1:00, 3:20 (5:30 @ $3.00), GOLDENEYE (PG13)
Fri. & MON. - THURS. (4:30 @ $3.00) 7:20, 10:10
NP RICE OF TIME (R)
Fri. & MON. - THURS. (4:50 @ $3.00) 7:50, 9:50
Sat. & Sun. 1:40 (4:50 @ $3.00) 7:50, 9:50

**AMC Laurel Park 14**
M-14 exit between Newburgh & I-275
462-4200
No children under 6 after 6 PM except (G) and (PG) rated movies
GET SHORTY (R)
Fri. (1:30) Sun. 1:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:55
Mon. - Thurs. 1:45, 5:30, 7:55, 9:55
10 AM THURS.
ACE VENTURA (PG-13)
Fri. & Sat. 12:30, 3:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15
Sun. 12:30 & 3PM 5:30, 7:45, 9:45, 2:50, 4:50, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thurs. 1:00, 5:00, 7:45, 9:40 10 AM THURS
MONEY TRAIN (R)
Fri. & Sat. 2:05, 4:50, 8:15, 10:30
Sun. 1:00, 2:05, 4:50, 8:15, 10:30
Mon.-Thurs. 2:05, 4:45, 8:00, 10:15 &
Sun. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00, 10:00
THURS. 10 AM
WHITE MAN'S BURDEN (T)
Fri. & Sat. 1:15, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15 &
Sun. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00, 10:00
THURS. 10 AM
GOLDENEYE (PG13)
Fri. & Sat. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:05
Mon.-Thurs. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:05
THURS. 10 AM
TOY STORY (G)
Fri.-Sun. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
Mon.-Thurs. 2:00, 4:00, 7:45, 9:30
THURS. 10 AM
AMERICAN PRESIDENT (PG)
Fri. & Sat. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:15 &
Sun. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:00
Mon.-Thurs. 2:00, 4:00, 7:45, 9:30
THURS. 10 AM
CASINO (R)
Fri. & Sat. 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30

FRI. 2:00, (6:00 @ $3.00) 8:00, 10:00
SAT. & SUN. 2:00 (5:30 @ $3.00) 8:00, 10:00
MON., TUES., THURS. 2:00 (6:00 @ $3.00) 8:00, 10:00; WED. (10:15 @ $3.00) 2:00, (6:00 @ $3.00) 8:00, 10:00
NP MONEY TRAIN (R)
FRI 1:45 (5:15 @ $3.00) 7:45, 10:20
SAT. & SUN. 1:45 (5:30 @ $3.00) 7:45, 10:25
MON. TUES., THURS., 1:45 (5:30 @ $3.00) 7:45, 10:05; WED. (10:10 @ $3.00) 1:45, (5:30 @ $3.00) 7:45, 10:05
NP GOLDEN EYE (R)
FRI 1:30 (7:HURS. 4:45 @ $3.00) 7:30, 10:15
SAT. & SUN. 1:30 (4:30 @ $3.00) 7:30, 10:15
MON., TUES & THURS. 1:30, (5:00 @ $3.00) 7:30, 10:00; WED (10:15 @ $3.00) 1:30 (5:00 @ $3.00) 7:30, 10:00

**General Cinemas**
Bargain matinees daily plus $3.25 (Tue-Fri) show daily

**Canton 6**
Ford Rd., 1/4 mi west of I-275-981-1900
Advanced same-day tickets available

FATHER OF THE BRIDE II (PG)
2:25 (4:40 @ $1.25) 7:15, 9:45
ACE VENTURA : WHEN NATURE CALLS (PG13)
2:50 (5:05 @ $1.25) 7:30, 9:50
HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS (PG13)
2:40, (4:55 @ $1.25) 7:20, 9:45
SABRINA (PG)
1:30, (4:10 @ $1.25) 7:00, 9:40
AMERICAN PRESIDENT (PG13)
2:40 (5:00 @ $1.25) 7:30, 9:50
HEAT (R)
1:00 (4:30 @ $1.25) 8:00

**Novi Town Center 8**
Novi Rd. south of I-96 344-0077
Advance same-day tickets available
FRIDAY THRU THURSDAY
TOY STORY (G)
1:15, 2:00, 3:15, (4:45 & 5:20 @ $1.25) 7:00, 7:45, 9:20, 9:55
ACE VENTURA : WHEN NATURE CALLS (PG 13)
1:45, 3:00, (4:40 & 5:15 @ $1.25) 7:15, 9:30
HEAT (R)
1:05, 2:20 (4:40 @ $1.25) 8:00, 9:10
CASINO (R)
1:00 (4:30 @ $1.25) 8:00
JUMANJI (PG)
1:00, 3:15, (5:30 @ $1.25, 7:45, 10:00

**Range Twin Cinema**
Orchard Lake Rd. at Cass Lake Rd.
682-1900
Fri. & Sat. only All Shows $1.50 before 6 pm

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS (PG)
FRI. 7:30, 9:45 SAT. 1:30, 3:30, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 SUN. 1:00, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; MON.-THURS. 7:30 only
THE CRIMSON TYPE CAST (T)
FRI. 7:15, 9:30; SAT. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; SUN. 5:00, 7:15; MON.-THURS. 7:15 ONLY
BABE (G)
SAT. 12:45, 2:45; SUN. 12:45, 2:45

**National Amusements Showcase Cinemas**

**Showcase Auburn Hills 9-14**
2150 N. Opdyke Rd.
Between University & Walton Blvd
370-372-5600
Bargain Matinees Daily. All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily • Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
HEAT (R)
12:00, 12:30, 3:30, 4:00, 7:00, 10:15, 11:30
SABRINA (PG)
11:00, 1:30, 4:15, 7:25, 10:00, 12:30 (SUN.AM) (TV)
11:00, 1:05, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45, 11:55
FATHER OF THE BRIDE II (PG)
11:10, 1:35, 4:10, 7:10, 9:25, 11:45
CASINO (R)
12:10, 1:00, 5:30, 7:55, 10:10, 12:20
MONEY TRAIN (R)
12:15, 3:00, 5:30, 7:55, 10:10, 12:20
TOY STORY (G)
11:55, 11:40, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15, 11:55, 2:45, 7:10, 9:40, 9:00, 11:00
RICE OF TIME (R)
1:20, 9:35, 11:55
GOLDEN EYE (PG 13)
11:05, 1:50, 4:25, 7:15, 9:50, 12:35
ACE VENTURA 2 (PG 13)
11:40, 2:40, 5:40, 7:50,
THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT (PG 13)
11:20, 1:55, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45, 12:00
IT TAKES TWO (PG)
11:05, 1:25, 3:20, 5:25, 7:35
GET SHORTY (R)
1:40, 9:55, 11:50

**Showcase Dearborn 5-8**
Michigan & Telegraph 313-561-3469
Bargain Matinees Daily. All Shows until 6 pm.
Continuous Shows Daily • Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
FRIDAY - THURSDAY
HEAT (R)
12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:15
JUMANJI (PG)
11:00, 1:05, 3:15, 5:20, 7:30, 9:35, 11:55
FATHER OF THE BRIDE (PG)
11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 7:10, 9:30, 12:00
WHITE MAN'S BURDEN (R)
1:30, 9:50, 11:50
MONEY TRAIN (R)
11:50, 1:30, 4:10, 7:15 9:30, 11:45,
CASINO (R)
12:30, 3:50, 7:10, 10:30
TOY STORY (G)
11:35, 1:10, 3:05, 5:00, 7:15, 9:10, 11:00
GOLDENEYE (PG13)
11:00, 1:35, 4:10, 7:00, 9:55, 12:10
ACE VENTURA 2 (PG 13)
11:30, 1:20, 5:30, 7:45,

**Showcase Pontiac 1-8**
Telegraph Rd., Lake Rd. W Side of Airport
858-853-1000
Bargain Matinees Daily • All Shows Until 6 pm

Continuous Shows Daily • Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
FRIDAY - THURSDAY
HEAT (R)
12:00, 12:30, 3:30, 4:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:15, 11:30
TOY STORY (G)
11:00, 11:30, 1:00, 1:30, 3:00, 3:30, 5:00, 5:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:00, 9:30, 11:00
AMERICAN PRESIDENT (PG 13)
11:15, 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50, 12:20
Showcase Pontiac 6-12
2465 Telegraph Rd. East side of Telegraph
810-334-8277
Bargain Matinees Daily • All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily • Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
FRIDAY - THURSDAY
SABRINA (PG)
11:00, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00, 12:30 JUMANJI (PG)
11:00, 1:05, 3:15, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45, 11:55
FATHER OF THE BRIDE (PG)
11:30, 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30, 12:00
CASINO (R)
12:15, 3:15, 7:00, 10:20
MONEY TRAIN (R)
11:45, 2:00, 4:45, 7:40, 10:05, 12:15
GOLDENEYE (PG13)
11:15 1:50, 4:25, 7:25, 10:00, 12:30
GET SHORTY (R)
1:00, 9:35, 11:45
ACE VENTURA 2 (PG13)
11:05, 3:05, 5:00, 7:35

**Quo Vadis**
Warren & Wayne Rds. 313-425-7700
Bargain Matinees Daily • All Shows Until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily • Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
FRIDAY - THURSDAY
HEAT (R)
12:00, 12:30, 3:30, 4:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:15, 11:30
WHITE MAN'S BURDEN (R)
11:15, 1:15, 3:10, 5:10, 7:25, 9:25
CASINO (R)
1:00, 4:15, 7:30, 11:00
MONEY TRAIN (R)
11:10, 1:30, 4:10, 7:25, 9:45, 12:05
GOLDENEYE (PG 13)
11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40, 12:20
GET SHORTY (R)
3:05, 9:25, 12:00

**Showcase Westland 1-8**
6600 Wayne Rd.
One mile S. of Warren Rd.
313-729-1060
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows Until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
FRIDAY - THURSDAY
SABRINA (PG)
11:50, 1:30, 4:15, 7:25, 10:00, 12:30
JUMANJI (PG)
11:00, 1:05, 3:15, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45, 11:55
FATHER OF THE BRIDE (PG)
11:05, 1:30, 4:00, 7:10, 9:30, 12:00
HELD BILL (R)
9:35, 11:40
TOY STORY (G)
11:00, 11:30, 1:00, 1:30, 3:00, 3:30, 5:00, 5:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:00, 9:30, 11:00
IT TAKES TWO (PG)
11:10, 1:35, 3:20, 5:25, 7:35
AMERICAN PRESIDENT (PG 13)
11:15, 1:40, 4:00, 7:15, 9:40, 11:55
ACE VENTURA 2 (PG 13)
11:10, 1:20, 3:30, 5:30, 7:45, 9:50, 12:00

**Star Theatres**
The World's Best Theatres
Bargain Matinees Daily $4.00 All Shows Starting before 6:00 pm
Now accepting Visa & MasterCard
"VIP" Denotes No Pass Engagement

**Star Lake-II at 14 Mile**
32289 John R. Road 585-3670
CALL FOR SATURDAY SHOWTIMES
FRIDAY - THURSDAY
NP HEAT (R)
11:55, 2:45, 6:30, 9:50, 10:00 no vip tickets
NP JUMANJI (PG)
11:35, 1:15, 2:15, 3:45, 4:45, 6:05, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30
NO VIP TICKETS
NP SABRINA (PG)
11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:40, 10:45
NO VIP TICKETS
NP CASINO (R)
12:50, 3:30, 6:10, 9:45
NP TOY STORY (G)
12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:20, 9:20, 10:10
GOLDEN EYE (PG 13)
NP DIGITAL SOUND
12:20, 3:20, 4:55, 6:30, 7:15, AMERICAN PRESIDENT (PG13) IN DIGITAL SOUND
1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 10:20
(NP) ACE VENTURA WHEN NATURE CALLS (PG 13)
12:40, 3:15, 5:30, 8:40, 11:00

**Star Rochester Hills**
200 Barclay Circle 853-5260
(NP) JUMANJI (PG)
FRI.-THURS. 11:50, 12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4:00, 5:15, 6:30, 7:45, 9:00, 10:15
SUN. 4:30, 7:45, 9:00, 10:15
NO VIP TICKETS
(NP) HEAT (R)
FRI.-THURS. 11:30, 12:50, 3:15, 4:50, 6:55, 8:30, 10:25
SUN. 6:55, 8:30, 10:25
NO VIP TICKETS
(NP) SABRINA (PG)
FRI.-THURS. 10:50, 1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 10:00
SUN. 4:25, 7:15, 10:00
NO VIP TICKETS
(NP) CASINO OF THE HEAT 2 (PG)
FRI.-THURS. 11:50, 12:30, 1:55, 3:30, 4:35, 5:50, 7:30, 8:35, 9:50, 10:50
SUN. 7:30, 8:35, 9:50, 10:50
CASINO (R)
FRI.-THURS. 10:50, 12:25, 6:10, 9:40
SUN. 6:10, 9:40
AMERICAN PRESIDENT (PG13)

IN DIGITAL SOUND
FRI.-THURS. 1:05, 3:40, 6:40, 9:20
SUN. 6:40, 9:20
GOLDENEYE (R)
IN DIGITAL SOUND
FRI.-THURS. 11:15, 2:10, 5:00, 8:00, 10:40
SUN. 8:00, 10:40

**Star Winchester**
1156 S. Rochester Rd, Winchester Mall
656-1160
FRIDAY AND MONDAY THRU THURSDAY
CALL FOR SATURDAY SHOWTIMES
TOY STORY (G)
11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00
MONEY TRAIN (R)
10:50, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
IT TAKES TWO (PG)
11:15, 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 9:50
SUN. 7:30, 9:50
ACE VENTURA: WHEN NATURE CALLS (PG 13)
12:15, 2:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8:15, 10:15
GET SHORTY (R)
12:30, 3:15, 5:30, 8:45
HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS (PG-13)
11:30, 2:40, 6:30, 8:30; SUN. 8:30 ONLY
(NP) WILD BILL (R)
NO PASSES ON 1995
12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:55

**United Artists Theatres**
Bargain Matinees Daily $3.75 for all shows starting before 6:00 PM
Same day advance tickets available.
* = No VIP tickets accepted

**United Artists Fairlane**
Fairlane Town Center 313-593-4790
Valet Parking Available
NY SABRINA (PG)
12:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50
NY WILD BILL (R)
12:05, 2:20, 4:45, 7:25, 9:45
NY RICE OF TIME (R)
1:25, 3:45, 6:55, 9:25
THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT (PG13)
OVTWO SCREENS
(11:45, 2:00, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15
12:1:30, 4:10, 6:45, 9:30
HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS (PG13)
1:50, 4:00, 7:05, 9:20
VAMPIRE IN BROOKLYN (R)
11:50, 2:15, 4:35, 7:00, 10:00
GET SHORTY (R)
Presented in 6 track digital stereo on 2 Screens
#1 1:00, 3:30, 7:00, 9:45
#2 12:05, 2:05, 5:25, 7:50, 10:20
PERSUASION (PG)
1:10, 4:20, 7:15, 9:15

**United Artists Oakland**
Inside Oakland Mall 810-585-7941
NY MONEY TRAIN (R)
#1 1:00, 4:00, 6:45, 9:15
#2 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
WHITE MAN'S BURDEN (R)
1:45, 4:25, 7:45, 10:10
NY WILD BILL (R)
12:50, 7:00,
NY RICE OF TIME (R)
4:45, 10:00
GET SHORTY (R)
Presented in 6 track digital stereo on 2 Screens
1:15, 4:15, 7:30, 9:55

**United Artists 12 Oaks**
Inside Twelve Oaks Mall 810-553-7043
NY SABRINA (PG)
12:50, 4:10, 7:15, 10:10
NY FATHER OF THE BRIDE (PG)
12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05
AMERICAN PRESIDENT (PG 13)
1:20, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15
GOLDENEYE (PG13)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
PRESENTED IN 6 TRACK DIGITAL
GET SHORTY (R)
2:15, 4:15, 7:30, 9:55

**United Artists West River**
9 Mile, 1/2 Block West of Middlebelt
810-960-6965
NY SABRINA (PG)
12:45, 3:50, 6:45, 9:35
THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT(PG13)
1:30, 4:30, 6:45, 9:25
GOLDENEYE (PG13)
1:00, 3:45, 7:10, 9:55
PRESENTED IN 6 TRACK DIGITAL
TOY STORY (G)
12:15, 2:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:15
CASINO (R)
1:20, 5:10, 9:00
NY MONEY TRAIN (R)
12:00, 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00
NY RICE OF TIME (R)
1:25, 3:15, 4:25, 7:25, 9:40
GET SHORTY (R)
Presented in 6 track digital stereo
12:30, 5:00, 7:35
NY WHITE MAN'S BURDEN (R)
12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 7:20, 9:30

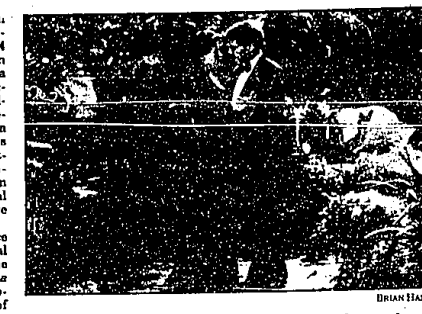
**SHOWTIMES & MOVIES CHANGE OFTEN, PLEASE CALL YOUR FAVORITE THEATER FOR CURRENT PERFORMANCES & TIMES.**

FILM RATINGS
G-GENERAL AUDIENCES
PG - PARENTAL GUIDANCE SUGGESTED
Some material may not be suitable for Pre-Teenagers
PG 13 - PARENTS ARE STRONGLY CAUTIONED TO GIVE SPECIAL GUIDANCE FOR ATTENDANCE OF CHILDREN UNDER 13
R - RESTRICTED
Some material may be inappropriate for young children.
NC-17 - RESTRICTED - UNDER 18 REQUIRES AN ACCOMPANYING PARENT OR GUARDIAN
X - NO ONE UNDER 18 ADMITTED

# MOVIES

## 'Sabrina' remake dumbs down

JOHN MONAGHAN


BRIAN HAMILL

**Romantic classic:** *Harrison Ford and Julia Ormond star in "Sabrina" a remake of the 1954 romantic classic about two wealthy brothers whose affection for the same woman, the chauffeur's daughter, arouses romantic dilemmas.*

Time has been kind to "Sabrina." The 1954 film has often been called a misstep in director Billy Wilder's hot-at-the-time career and a near-disastrous case of miscasting for Humphrey Bogart (in one of his final films), a role that should have gone to Cary Grant.

All was forgiven in the presence of Audrey Hepburn, the ethereal actress who breathed life into the hackneyed *Cinderella story of a* chauffeur's daughter who gets romantically involved with both of the eligible bachelors her family works for.

The inevitable "Sabrina" remake, opening this weekend, takes the original's few joys and dumbs them down for a holiday audience.

This new Sabrina (Julia Ormond) still watches the elaborate Larrabee parties from the treetops, but instead of a slightly gawky, love-struck kid, she's a geekier-than-necessary woman with glasses and a mass of frizzy hair down to her waist. She longs for the youngest brother David (Greg Kinnear), the billionaire playboy featured in a Gap ad, his greatest accomplishment.

She, meanwhile, gets a three-month stint in Paris as a photo assistant for "Vogue." Having "found herself" on the romance-lined streets of Paris, she returns with a fashionably short haircut, tailored clothes, and a little makeup, such a beauty that the none-too-bright David fails to recognize her and falls in love.

Older brother Linus (the Bogart part, now Harrison Ford) doesn't like it one bit, especially when it jeopardizes David's strategic marriage into a powerful family the Larrabees want to do business with. Linus, in the best interests of the company, decides to woo the girl himself.

The movie basks in its sumptuous locales, from Paris vistas with Eiffel Tower in the distance to the grandness of the Larrabee estates and offices. Even the tennis courts where young David used to lure his conquests have turned into an elaborate solarium.

Julia Ormond, a likable actress from "Legends of the Fall" and "First Knight," tries her best in the title role, but she's as two-dimensional as a cover model. Especially lacking is the relationship with her father, a bookworm who worries mostly to himself about his daughter's entrance into high society.

When Sabrina frets openly about the two classes mingling, Linus reminds her, "It's the '90s." It sure is, especially when Linus, starting to soften under Sabrina's influence, decides to turn a ramshackle property on the money-lined streets of Martha's Vineyard into a halfway house.

Where Wilder would have given such an act a cynical edge to show how out of touch with reality Linus really is, this is the kind of token gesture at PC charity that makes Hollywood movies so hard to take. "Sabrina" is, after all, made by guys like Linus at their most avaricious, shamelessly pandering to the same audience that made "Dirty Dancing" such a hit.

"Sabrina" is supposed to test the romantic comedy mettle of Harrison Ford, who already proved his light touch in 1988's "Working Girl." Where that movie took the themes of old Hollywood and reworked them into a clever parable of late '80s corporate greed, this one taps little else than the current popularity of Hepburn's legend.

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## 'Jumanji' winner likes Monopoly

Bridget Murphy of Commerce Township is the grand prize winner of our "Jumanji" contest. She is 8 years old.

Murphy won a "Jumanji" sweat shirt, four Chris Van Alsburg books, including "Jumanji," and a $10 gift certificate from the Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Bloomfield Hills.

The five runners-up received a "Jumanji" sweat shirt.

Here's Murphy's story.

"Once when I was playing Monopoly I felt like I was really winning the money. I got $562 dollars. In cash and I got about five or six houses. I wish it really happened because I would be very rich. Well, not that rich, but I would be rich in my mind."

The runner's up were: Brandon Persichini of Troy; Sarah Thomason of Livonia; Mariel Little of Commerce Township; Darryl Morse of Troy; and Peter Neuroth of Canton.

Our thanks to all of the readers who entered our contest. We enjoyed reading about what makes your favorite game magical.

"Jumanji" a TriStar Pictures release opening at metro Detroit movie theaters Dec. 15, is a fantasy adventure about a magical board game. Two children release a man who became trapped in the game 25 years earlier, and must play the game, unleashing untold havoc and mayhem or risk being exiled back into the game forever.

"Jumanji" is based on the book by Chris Van Alsburg and stars Robin Williams, Kirsten Dunst, and Bonnie Hunt. It is rated PG.

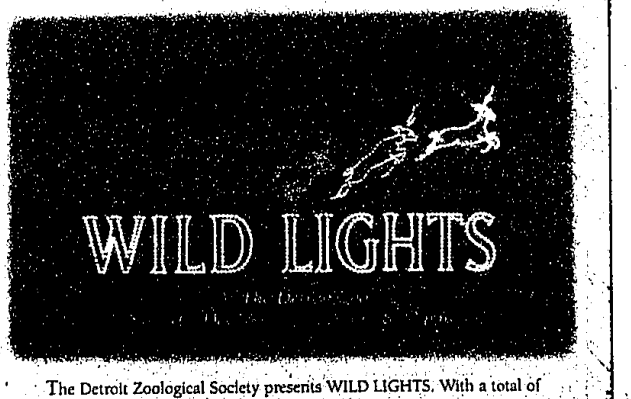
## COMING ATTRACTIONS

*OPENING FRIDAY, DEC. 15*

**"HEAT"**
A singularly focused LAPD lieutenant and his team become obsessed with their pursuit of a cold and deadly professional thief and his partners. Stars Al Pacino, Robert De Niro, Val Kilmer.

**"JUMANJI"**
Fantasy adventure about a magical board game. Two children release a man trapped in the game 25 years earlier, and must play the game, unleashing untold havoc and mayhem, or risk being exiled back into the game forever.

**"SABRINA"**
Remake of the 1954 romantic classic about two wealthy brothers whose affection for the same woman, the chauffeur's daughter, arouses romantic dilemmas. Stars Harrison Ford.


The Detroit Zoological Society presents WILD LIGHTS. With a total of 250,000 lights, WILD LIGHTS features more than 40 animal sculptures.

Admission is $3 for adults; $1.50 for children ages 2 through 12. Detroit Zoological Society members receive a discount. For additional information call (810)541-5835.

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