MOVIES

Clooney, Lopez click in Elmore Leonard's 'Out of Sight'



" he smiles. "Thank you," he smiles.
"You're welcome," she replies, almost ready to chirp, "have a nice day."
I suppose if you're going to be

In the opening scene of 'Out of Sight,' George Clooney walks up to a bank teller's window and quietly tells the woman to put unmarked hundreds into a bag. "You're doing fine," he says encouragingly, "Is this your first time the month of the control of the contr

"Out of Sight" is the third Elmore Leonard adaptation in as many years ("Get Shorty" and "Jackie Brown" were the others) to capture the spirit of the writ-ra. And even though Bloomfeld-based Leonard admits that the characters stray widely from the way he envisioned thom on paper, they look great on film. And looks are almost every-thing here. Let's face it: Neither Clooney nor Lopes is that great of an actor, but they click on film.

And the thought sticks. She begs to be put on the task force to catch him, and the two engage in a game of cat and-mouse as their paths cross in some unorthodox situations.

Lopez, a relative newcomer best known as the movies? Selena, plays her Marshall with a cold play her father as with a cold play her father as with her bank

Clooney, meanwhile, has finally arrived in his best screen role to date. "Out of Sight" cashes in on his good looks — for once he looks like a movie star, not just a blown-up TV actor— but also on his quiet vulnerability. Unlike Lopes, his plans often goes awry, and these are some of the moments in which he's most endearing.

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Stars Chris Leavins.

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Detectives Murtaugh and Riggs are reunited in a struggle to unravel a complex and deadly mission of revenge. Sters Mel Gloson.

MADELINE
In an old house in Paris all covered with vines, lived 12 little girls in two straight lives. Those are the opening lines from the classic books by Ludwig Bernelman about the adventures of a tiny school

giri.

"SMOKE SIGNALS"

Exclusively at the Main Art Theatre.
The story of a native American boy on a journey to understand his late father.

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"HIRE'S SOREHING ABOUT MAN"

Comedy about a man who hiles a private detective to find the love of his life. When the detective fails in love with the woman himself, the two suitors embork on a no-hold-barred battle for her affections. Stars Cameron Diaz, Matt Dillon.

Scheduled to open Friday, July 17
"THE MASK OF ZORRO"

is seeing familiar Ditroit area locations captured in a Hollywood film. Though the Motor City has often figured prominently in Leonard's novels, this is the first to shoot here in any depth, thanks, I suppose, to producer Danny DeVito, who had such a good time working here on "Hoffa."

The Renaissance Center. The Barry Sanders mural. The Joe Louis fist. Woodward near the Fisher Building. They all make Fisher Building. They all make cameo appearances. But what makes "Out of Sight" different from other movies is how it does-n't just treat locations as estab-lishing shots, but actually gets inside them. You'll see the State

Theater both inside and out, as well as a prominent Bloomfield Hills estate where Clooney and it company attempt to lift some diamonds.

diamonds.

To say that "Out of Sight," is the best Leonard adaptation, ever might be a bit presumpturous. Some of the early Westerns. ("3:10 to Yuma" and "The Tall II", among them) were outstanding. Times, but in a summer of "Godzilla" sized disappointments, a movie this good is deflerantly something to shout about about the same of the sam

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"NOW STELLA GOT KER GROOVE BACK"

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Based on the best seller by Terry McMil-ten, the story of a 40-year-old African American woman who takes a spur of

the moment trip to Jamaica and meets
the man of her dreams, except he's only
half her age. Stors Angela Bassett.
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THE AVENGERS*
The unflappable due of John Steed and Emma Peel are united again. This time to stop a diabolicial scientists with plans for world domination. Stars Raiph Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 21

PANCE WITH MET A romane about a dance instructor who finds inspiration and eventually loss with the arrival of a young man who bits.

a passion for life and a flair for Latin dance. Stars Yonesso L. Williams, Kristofferson.

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"WROHAPULLY ACCUSED"

A violinist is wrongfully (and hiterious accused of murdering a prominent patron of the arts. He takes hight to evade capture and works to track do the real killer, a one-armed and one legged man. Stars Loslie Nielsen.

"THE MARK OF ZORRO" Romantic adventure of love and lionor, of tragedy and triumph, set against Mexico's fight for independence from Spain. Stars Antonio Banderas, Anthony Hopkins, Catherine Zette Joices. SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Abbey Theatre - 14 Mile Rond (at 1-75) Madison Heights. Call (248) 588-0881 for information. (\$6.60; \$4 students/seniors; \$3 twillight)

"Music From Another Room" (USA - 1998). Jennifer Tilly and Jude Law star in this romantic comedy about a man searching for his one true love, whose birth he assisted when he was only five years old.

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"Kurt and Courtney" (USA1998). A documentary portrait of
the often destructive relationship between rock singers Kurt
Cobain and Courtney Love. She
has fought to keep the movie out
of theaters, not surprising since
the director, Nick Broomfield,
makes the case that, short of
handing him the gun, Love
encouraged his morbid side.
"High Art" (USA- 1998). Ally
Sheedy and Radha Mitchell play
a pair of women whose lives
chainse due to a chance meeting.
"The Opposite of Sex" (USA1998). Christina Ricci plays a
teenage girl whor runs away from
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Drama: Campbell Scott (left) as Joe Ross and Steve Martin as Jimmy Dell in "The Spanish Prisoner."

(\$6.50; \$4 before 6 p.m.)

"Cousin Bette" (USA - 1998).

This romp through love and revenge, based on the novel by Honore de Balzac, has a high-podirrec cast, including Jessica Lange, Elizabeth Shue, and Bob Hoskins.

"Beyond Silence" (Germany - 1998). Set in a small town in Germany, the movie chronicles the life of a young girl raised by deaf parents.

"The Spanish Prisoner" (USA - 1998). Campbell Scott plays a young businessman who develops a dangerous relationship with a mysterious tycoon (Steve Martin). Expect plenty of fascinating verbal interplay in

this latest film written and directed by David Mamet ("Glengarry Glen Ross").

Windsor Film Theatre
2135 Wyandotte St. West, Windsor, Canada, Call (519) 224FILM for information. (35,25
"A Price Above Rubio"
(USA - 1993). Through Sunday, July 5. Ronez Zellweger (Jerry Maguire) plays an individualistic woman who refuses to give hexalf to the restrictive life of limit Hasidic Orthodox Jewish copy, munity.

munity.
"The Spanish Prisoner".
USA - 1998). Through Sunday,
July 6. See Maple Theatre listing.