## MOVIES

## 'Armageddon' has fun with the end of the world



characters to get the job done. And usually they're a rocking good time.

His latest juggernaut,

""" maggeddon," is no exception. "Armageddon," is no exception. The summer's second end-of-the-The summer's second enactrice, world-due-to-a-giant-space-rock movie has toned down the violence and profanity to earn it a

Jorry Bruckheimer bullies
you into enjoying yourself. The
producer's
movies, "Con
Air" and "The
Rock" among
them, rely more
on explosives
than believable

family-friendly PG-13 rating, making it the least crass of Bruckheimer's outings.

Bruce Willis heads the team of oil rig drillers whose job is to plant a nuclear bomb in the center of the Texas-sized asteroid hurtling toward earth. Fragments of the rock have already landed, wiping out much of New York City and Paris.

NASA and the military arent's so sure about these Dirty Dozen drillers, among them Steve Buscemi as Rockhound, a sexoftensive than his "Con Air" of God Will Hunting's Ben Affleck is both Willis' protogo and the thorn in his side, especially when he's found in bed with the head man's daughter Uity Tylen.

Of course, with any space launch movie, you need someone was the his is Billy Bob Thornton, who joins 'Armageddon's' multiple heroes

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by going head-to-head with the military to carry out the plan he knows is right.

Willia continues his hit-andmiss career with his most satisfying action role since the first 'Die Hard'. This may, in fact, be his first truly adult part as he tries to raise a daughter amidat a band of roughnecks.

The relationship between Affleck and Tyler is as corny as you can imagine (including Affleck and the other drillers crooning an impromptu, Leaving on a Jet Plane'), but it certainly plays better than the teen lovers in 'Deep Impact'. In fact, 'Armageddon' blasts the earlier movie in most areas, including special effects.

It seemed like "Deep Impact' had about 10 minutes of devastation (it's really what we're here for, isn't it?) tacked on to two hours of dopoy drama. Here the action comes in well-paced deses, including an opening assault that leaves New York City in

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that leaves New York City in shambles.
Right before that, Bruck-heimer indulges in a producer-flexing in-joke as a scrappy deg lunges at a street vendor's dis-play of Godfild adils before both vendor and dolls are obliterated by a meteorite. Not especially subtle, but Bruckheimer and

Action film: a roughneck crew of the world's foremost action tilm: a roughneck crew of the worta's foremost deep core oil drillers including (left to right) Rock-hound (Steve Buscemi), Charles "Chick" Chapple (Will Patton), Harry S. Stamper (Bruce Willis), Jayoits "Bear" Kurleenbear (Michael Duncan), A.J. Frost (Ben Affleck) and Oscar Choi (Owen Wilson) set out on a horain lowers in the world. heroic journey into space to save the world.

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"The Last Days of Disco"
"The Last Days of Disco" (USA - 1998), 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 16. See Abbey Theatre listing above.

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twilight)

"The Opposite of Sex" (USA-1998), Christina Ricci ("Addams Family," The Ice Storm") plays a teenaged girl who runs away from her home one summer and wrecks the lives of virtually everyone she encounters.
"Kurt and Courtney" (USA-1998). A decumentary portrait of the often destructive relationship between rock singers Kurt Cuban 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 motiful side.
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"Cousin Bette" (USA - 1998).
This romp through 19th-century love and revenge, based on the novel by Honore de Balzac, has a high-pedigree cast, including Jessien 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 ("Glen
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July 11 (organ overture begins a
half hour before showtime). The
screen biography of singer Ruth'.
Etting (Doris Day) is buoyed by
James Cagney's performance as
her gangster boyfriend. Songs
include "Ten Cents a Dance,"
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