MOVIES

Disney proves you can design a better 'Parent Trap'

Funny and touching, Disney's new 'Parent Trap' is a lot like the old one, except better. This 'Parent Trap', while just as lovable as the first filmed in 1961, is technologically superior. Gone is the line down the center of the screen. Technicians using motion control cameras create a very convincing illusion of twins. Lindsay Lohan fools the audience into believing she's two different people – Hallie, 'he very hip daughter of Nick 'Arker (Dennis Quaid) who owns a vineyard in Napa, Calif. – and Annie, the daughter of Elizabeth James (Natasha Richardson) a bridal gown designer in London.

Like Patty Duke and her cousin, (remember them?) these girls are as "different as night

and day, and learning to play them was a challenge for 11year-old Lohan, who had to master an English accent, learn to speak French, ride a horse, fence and play poker like a card shark. It isn't love at first sight. Annie beats Hallie in a spirited fencing match. Then Hallie beats Annie at poker. A good loser, Annie jumps naked into the lake at night, to the cheors of Hallie and her pals, but when the girls take off with her clothes, Annie wows to get oven.

A series of escalating pranks leads to them both being sent to the isolation cabin where they fit two pieces of a torn picture togother - Hallie's dad, Annie's mom, their parents.

Filmmakers Nancy Meyers

and Charles Shyer create a beautiful world of make believe where dreams, even impossible ones, come true. They even threw in another remance just for kicks — Annie's butler, Martin (Simon Vana) reactifus sen, in Three

na another somano, just our and another somano, and a funeral, falls in love with Hallie's butler and surrogate mother, Chessy (Lisa Ann Walter).

Hallie wears jeans and blue nail polish. Annie dresses like a royal princess in cute suits. They switch places so Hallie can meet her mom, and Annie can meet her dad. Annie is the first to meet dad's girlfriend, Meredith Blake (Elaine Hendrdix), whom the girls nickname Cruella - the evil one.

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one. Quaid is the perfect dad, a

girl's hest friend, who's in love with his publicist, the beautiful Meredith, who everyone, except him, knows is after money.

Like a relationship, The Parent Trap' is an emotional roller-coaster ride. Kids will laugh the pranks, relate to Hallie, who can't believe Annies never heard of "Leonardo DiCaprie," and onjoy the fantasy of divorced parents gotting back together. The girls pull some amazing pranks on Meredith during a camping trip with their dad.

Adults will enjoy the gags and cry at stuff kids won't get, like the emotional reunion when Chessy realizes that Hallie isn't Hallie but Annie and Elizabeth learns Annie is Hallie.

Meredith is gorgeous, and easy for a girl to hate. Just for fun the filmmakers brought back Joanna Barnes, who played dad's girl-friend in the first "Parent Trap." Here she portrays Meredith's

Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 7

Exclusively at the Landmark Main Art Theatre, a bold, retro exploration into the rights of passage for a young woman, so in the 1980s. Stars Liza Well, Chad Morgan.

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Family feature: Identical twin sisters Hallic (Lindsay Lohan, right) and Annie (Lohan, second from left) attempt to rekindle the romance of their long-divorced parents Elizabeth (Natasha Richards) and Nick (Den-

mon, Mrs. Vicki Blake.

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***CHOCK OFF**
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In 'Rainmaker' the good guys battle evil insurance company

Drama, suspense, humor, and romance - John Grisham's "The Rainmaker," has it all. There's even a camee appearance by country music superstar Randy Travis as a prospective juror.

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He walks in the door with two customers Miss Birdio (Teresa Wright) who wants him to draft her will, and Dot Black (Mary Kay Place) whose son is dying of leukemia, and refused medical treatment by her insurance company.

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Like the salesman he played in

Tin Man, Dock (DoVito) takes
Rudy under his wing and teachsa him how to sign up recent
accident victims at the hospital.
While waiting for his next
prospect, Rudy meets Kelly
Riker (Clairo Danes) a young
woman who captures his heart,
as her own is being broken by an
abusive husband.



Legal drama: Deck (Danny DeVito, left) and Rudy Damon) discuss the Great Bene-Great Bene fit insurance fraud case m"The Rainmaker."

"Rainmaker" is a story about right and wrong, and standing up for what you believe in. Like a knight in shining armor, Rudoes battle against injustice.

He battles Miss Birdie's sor, who is only interested in her money not his mother's welfare; he in surance company who denices Black's son, Donny Ray Black, a bone marrow transplant that could save his life; and Cilif Riker (Andrew Shue) Kolly's abusive husband.

After Bruiser flees the FBI for the tropics, Rudy and Deck start their own law practice with Dot Black being their biggest client. Together they take on Great Benefit, the evil, big money insurance company that collects premiums from poor people, but doesn't deliver benefits.

In exchange for low rent, and helping out around the yard, Rudy becomes Miss Birdie's tenated and the protection He also goes to battle to save Kelly.

Narration makes the story