



Ryan O'Neal is a reluctant prize-fighter who doesn't want to come out for the next round, despite a shove from his persistent manager, portrayed by Barbra Streisand.

## 'The Main Event' screwball comedy stars wacky pair

Critic Louise Snider's movie review column will return next week. *'Event'*, co-starring Ryan O'Neal and Barbra Streisand.

When the era of screwball comedy ended in the late '30s, a decline in the free-spirited nuttiness that had dominated this type of film comedy for a decade faded for good.

Now a new motion picture, "The Main Event" (opening June 22 in Metropolitan Detroit) offers the same comedic battle of the sexes which audiences roared at and applauded in such films as "Bringing Up Baby," "It Happened One Night," "My Man Godfrey" and "His Girl Friday."

Significantly, by the early '70s screwball comedies had virtually disappeared from Hollywood, with only a few scattered films being produced to carry on this wild and zany tradition.

In 1972, however, "What's Up Doc?" teamed Barbra Streisand and Ryan O'Neal in a screwball comedy which brought to life this largely forgotten film form. Seven years later, these two stars have reunited in another screwball comedy, "The Main Event."

The new romantic comedy brings together an improbable couple, who, like their predecessors of the '30s, depend on one another for success—and even survival.

**STREISAND PORTRAYS** a successful perfume manufacturer who finds herself without any tangible assets except for a retired prize-fighter, played by O'Neal, who she decides—against his never-ending objections—to manage back into championship contention.

The sexually charged chemistry that propelled the relationship between Carole Lombard and William Powell, or Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant, surfaced again in 1972 when Streisand and O'Neal went up against each other in the box-office smash "What's Up Doc?" Now it happens again.

In the motion picture, Streisand, one of the most gifted screen comedienne, returns to the kind of comedy role that has won her legions of fans. This time around, she is pitted against the self-retired fighter in an odds-against situation that has hilarious moments both inside and outside the ring.

Well-trained for his on-screen confrontations, O'Neal, a former Golden Gloves boxer himself, has owned fighters and been involved in the sport for years. He comes to his role in the film with a finely-honed sense of his acting craft as well.

Preparations before the film's actual shooting included screening of several old films with similar themes.

"BEFORE THE SCREENPLAY" was finished, Streisand showed the famous screwball comedies of the past to the screen writers, says producer Jon Peters. "She wanted them to see that we wanted more than just laughs—we wanted it to be funny and real."

"The Main Event," a Jon Peters Production of a Barwood Film of a First Artists Presentation for Warner Bros. release, was produced by Jon Peters and Barbra Streisand and directed by Howard Zieff from a screenplay by Gail Parent and Andrew Smith. Renee Missel and Howard Rosenman served as executive producers.

## Glimpses

### NEW RELEASES

**THE BELL JAR (R).** Crack-up of a young poet, torn between life and art, is presented in somewhat flattened film version of Sylvia Plath's autobiographical novel.

**THE BRINK'S JOB (PG).** William Friedkin directed this comic adventure about the big heist with Peter Falk, Peter Boyle, Warren Oates and Gene Rowlands.

**CALIFORNIA DREAMING (R).** More of that laid-back living in story about kids who make the California beach scene. Glynnis O'Connor and Seymour Cassel star.

**THE CHAMP (PG).** Good cast in remake of old tearjerker about a down-and-out boxer and his adoring son. Jon Voight and young Ricky Schroder are the touching twosome.

**THE CHINA SYNDROME (PG).** A gripping melodrama about an accident at a nuclear power plant and the potential danger. Jane Fonda is a television newscaster; Jack Lemmon's the plant engineer.

**THE DEER HUNTER (R).** An emotionally gripping and violent film about the lives of three friends from a small steel town as they are affected by the Vietnam war.

**THE FIFTH MUSKETEER (PG).** Your average swashbuckling tale with heroes, villains and court intrigue. Beau Bridges deftly handles dual role as nasty king and his noble twin.

**HAIR (G).** The counter culture musical of the '60s, directed by Milos Forman, comes to the screen with amazing vitality and musical energy—if a decade late.

**THE HURRICANE (PG).** Windy film about stormy love affair and lovely storm on Pogo Pogo. Mia Farrow and Dayton K'Ne are the drenched lovers.

**THE INNOCENT (R).** Luchino Visconti's last film. Stylish, sensual tale of tensions in upper-class Italian society at end of 19th century. Giancarlo Giannini, Jennifer O'Neill and Laura Antonelli are the principals.

**NORMA RAE (PG).** Sally Field is outstanding in contemporary story of union organizing activities in southern textile mills.

**OLD BOYFRIENDS (R).** Talia Shire is a clinical psychiatrist searching for lost love. Past suitors are John Belushi, Richard Jordan and Keith Carradine.

**THE PASSAGE (R).** Cliche-ridden film about family's flight from Nazi persecution during World War II.

**A PERFECT COUPLE (PG).** Sluggish comedy about seemingly mismatched computer daters. Maria Heflin sings and lives with a rock group. Paul Dooley belongs to an old-fashioned Greek family devoted to classical music.

**SUPERMAN (PG).** Christopher Reeve plays Big S, Marlon Brando is father and Gene Hackman the villain in this humorous fantasy.

### MOVIE RATING GUIDE

- G General audiences admitted.
- PG Parental guidance suggested. All ages admitted.
- R Restricted. Adult must accompany person under 18.
- X No one under 18 admitted.

## Restaurant sampler opens ethnic fests

The variegated tapestry of ethnic heritage in metropolitan Detroit will be reflected in the Fine Foods Ethnic Festival "A Taste of Detroit," Friday, Sunday, May 18-20, at Hart Plaza (off of Woodward) in downtown Detroit's Civic Center.

More than two dozen restaurants

will offer mini-servings of their specialty foods at this three-day event, which is sponsored by the Michigan Restaurant Association (MRA), representing 1,800 member restaurants throughout the state. Minimal charges will be made for the food.

# DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

# ON THE TOWN

**4 DAYS FREE**  
PAY 7 - STAY 11  
SUPER VALUE AT HARBOR ISLAND SPA

ROOM RATES INCLUDE:  
3 Meals • Daily • Disinfectant • Golf (3 Times)  
weekly — \$15 • Daily Massage • Disco  
Access • Spa for Men & Women • A.C. •  
P.M. Snacks • Yoga • Water • Exercise •  
Nightly Entertainment • Dancing • Show •  
Bingo • Movies and MORE! MAIN BUILDING RATES

For Information, Reservations & Color Brochure  
**CALL TOLL FREE 1-800-327-7510**  
LARRY PASKOWS

**Harbor Island Spa**  
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA 33141

**Pearl's Garden**  
The Finest in Chinese & American Cuisine

469 S. Woodward, B'ham.  
**644-2913**

Mon.-Thurs. 11-10 p.m. • Fri. 11-10 p.m.  
Sat. 12-11 p.m. • Sun. 12-10 p.m.

**梅MOY'S RESTAURANT**  
1825 MIDDLEBURY AT MAIN, LANSING

Cantonese & American Food  
Japanese Steakhouse  
• Exotic Cocktails •  
CARRY-OUTS ON CHINESE FOOD

Chinese Lunch 11:30-2:30  
Chinese Dinner 5:30-10:30  
Japanese Lunch 11:30-2:30  
Japanese Dinner 5:30-10:30  
A Sat. 10:30-11:30  
Closes Monday

**Meadow Brook Theatre**

NOW THROUGH MAY 27th  
"A Musical Voyage"

**"BERLIN TO BROADWAY WITH KURT WEILL"**

Best Seats for Weekday Performances  
**377-3300** or Hudsons  
ON CAMPUS OF OAKLAND UNIVERSITY, ROCHESTER

**This Mother's Day get Mom something she really wants.**

**A country-cooked meal at the Old Mill.**

Flowers and perfume are nice, but there's nothing a hard-working Mom enjoys more than a pleasant day away from the kitchen. And what could be more pleasant than a relaxing drive in the country and a hot, scrumptious Mother's Day meal at the Old Mill?

We've got 5 taste-tempting offerings waiting for you: chicken (7.85), prime rib (9.95) and pork chops, whitefish or ham (8.85 each). Every dinner is complete with piping hot mashed potatoes, garden fresh vegetable, mixed green salad, bread and butter and coffee, tea or milk. And children's portions of ham, chicken and prime rib are available for half price.

Mom's day is coming soon. Make it a day she'll remember. With a delicious dinner at the Old Mill. Served noon to 7 p.m. on Mother's Day. Call for reservations today. 623-9300.

**Old Mill**  
5838 Dixie Highway  
Waterford

**Dine Out Tonight**

**Mother's Day Brunch 1030-3**

A beautiful fresh flower will greet every mother as she prepares to feast on Steamship Round of Beef au jus, Baked glazed Ham, Crepes Seafood Newburg, Smoked Salmon, Eggs and Cream Cheese, crispy salads, jellu molds, potatoes, vegetables, breads, rolls and beverages. And luscious Strawberry Shortcake for dessert! Reservations, please. Cocktails and wine available from noon. Dinner featuring the 25-foot Wicker Works. Salad bar will be available from 5 p.m.

**\$9.25** Adults  
**\$4.75** Under 12

**McNABERFIELD RESTAURANT**  
55001 Woodward at 775  
Inn. Michigan 48068  
111.879-2300

**MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET**

**RAMADA INN'S SUNDAY BRUNCH**  
from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday May 13

featuring

**ROAST BARON OF BEEF BAKED HAM**  
with Cherry Sauce

**SEAFOOD NEWBURG**  
Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, Baby Carrots, Assorted Salads, including Seafood Salads, Sweet Tarts and Assorted Beverages

ADULTS \$7.25  
CHILDREN \$3.50 under 10

For Reservations Call 255-5220

**RAMADA INN**  
2825 Telegraph  
Southfield

**INTRODUCING THE INFLATION FIGHTER:**

**WHAT A DEAL**

**DINNER FOR \$4.95**

Prime Rib • Fresh Fish • Teriyaki Chicken  
Dinners include salad, bread and your choice of baked potato, rice or french fries.

Sunday, Noon to 4 pm. Monday thru Thursday, 5 to 7 pm.  
Phone today for reservations.

**STAG & HOUND** Warren, 574-1040  
**THE DRY DOCK** Southfield, 557-0570  
**MOUNTAIN JACKS** Troy, 689-7920  
**J.ROSS OP. BOWLES RESTAURANT** Farmington Hills, 476-5333