

# Romantic comedy 'Simply Irresistible'

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Records is celebrating the release of the "Divas Exotica" CD, a disc with – what else – a touch of the ultimate diva. The prancing began on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 11:00 a.m. (16606 Joy, Detroit) and will continue / the final round at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 21 at Menjo's (16606 Joy, Detroit).

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**'Message in a Bottle' well cast, but doesn't keep story afloat**

colored sunsets, night sails and battles with marshmallow "ammo." And while the cinematography is beautifully wrought by three-time Oscar nominee Caleb Deschanel, the dialogue is embarrassingly heavy-handed, with Dodge urging his son to "take a risk," and Blake describing his wife as some-

Wright Penn is well cast and does a commendable job of trying to rescue the hard-to-swallow plot. She cannot, however, generate enough heat to make her passion convincing, especially since

Costner seems so stilted and uncomfortable in his role. Newman is winning as the life-worn father whose quips offer some sweet moments of comic relief.

Age Group	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
0-14	18.0	16.0	14.0	12.0	10.0
15-24	12.0	11.0	10.0	9.0	8.0
25-34	10.0	9.0	8.0	7.0	6.0
35-44	8.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	4.0
45-54	6.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0
55-64	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	0.0
65-74	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0
75+	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0

## The Cardigans leave 'retro' sound

The Cardigans and Kent perform Friday, Feb. 12, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress St., Detroit. Doors open at 6 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$13 in advance. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com>. Capitol Records is celebrating the 30th anniversary of the band.

the release of the *Divas Exotica* compilation disc with — what else — the search for the ultimate drag queen. The prancing begins at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Backstreet (15606 Joy, Detroit), followed by the final round at 10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 at Menjo's (928 W. McNichols, Detroit).

Contestants, ages 21 and older, will perform songs off the "Diva Exotica" album, which features songs by Marilyn Monroe, Sophia Loren, Ann-Margret, Maya Angelou, Eartha Kitt and Jayne Mansfield. Both nights will be hosted by drag queen Amanda Collins. For more information, call Backstreet at (313)

... Now that it is close to selling out two shows at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 'N Sync is moving on to bigger things - namely the Pontiac Silverdome. The group along with fellow teen heartthrob BRITNEY Spears will

New Kid on the Block Jordan Knight will play the Silverdome on Saturday, July 31. Tickets \$32.50, go on sale at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone call (248) 645-6666.