MOVIES

Eddie Murphy restrains himself in 'nice' 'Holy Man'

Where have you gone, Reggie ammond and Axel Foley? Eddie Murphy's loose cannon charac-ters from "48 Hours" and "Bever-

sharphy's toole cannot be the first from '48 Hours' and 'Beverly Hills Cop' figuratively strain beneath the sheets of his guru's garb to save 'Holy Man' from terminal niceness. They don't make it out, and therein is the film's failing. To describe "Holy Man" is to first rattle off the films from which it blatantly steals. You've got the enignatic fish out of water whose naivete is misinter-preted by the capitalists ('Being There'). You've got the commercial parodies ('Kentucky Fried Movie'). You've got the wise-cracking TV control room guys

c'Tootsie'). You've got the fast rise and faster fall of the cult icon ("Tommy"). And you've got the misguided network executive's on-camera reformation ("Scroeged"). Which proves once again that on the big zereen, the whole is often less than the sum of its parts.

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plan."
And that's not the Eddie Murphy we love to love. His calmness is killing. He's like the large dog a boy brings home and begs mom to keep in their tiny apartment. We wait and wait for the revealing moment, confident that there's something more to G than what meets the camera's eye.

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There are a few hopeful and satisfying signs along the way. He's a practical joker, allowing some hit-or-miss gags with Morgan Fairchild, Betty White, Florence Henderson, Souny Sales, James Brown and Willard Scott. He deftly puts down the young Turk who would elean house at the network. And there's always Murphy's trademark grin. But the big moment never comes. There's no "now sheriff in town," as Murphy's convict Hammond announced in "48 Hours." What you see is all of G, and it's not cough.

Goldblum ad libs much of his "I'm dying hece" ravings, and it becomes a broken record real fast. Preston is one of a hundred thirty-something actresses who

thirty-something actresses who could fill the bill as the media

Prophet for profit: Eddie Murphy (right) with Jeff Gold-blum (center) and Kelly Preston (left) in "Holy Man."

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Stadium seating: Everyone gets a good view with the stadium seating at AMC Livo

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scheduled for the next year. Construction is under way on a second megaplex, AMC Forum 30 megaplex in Sterling Heights scheduled to open in fall 1999. The megaplex features wall-to-wall sercens, stadium-style scating in constortable high-backet LoveSeats with retractable armrests and cupholders. Stadium-style scating on 18-inch rises allows for unobstructed viewing no matter where you sit, or who is sitting in front of you.

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All 20 theators are handicapaccessible on the main floor, and an elevator provides handicapaccess to upper levels.

There are eight auditoriums on each wing with four in the middle. Large signs point the way, and the low ceilings help create a homey atmosphere. Other amenities include four men and four women's restrooms, three concession stands with 30 selling stations, and two Will Call stations for advance ticket pick up. Automated box offices with 10 selling stations, and two Will Call stations for advance ticket pick up. Automated box offices will also be installed.

In addition to candy and popcorn, the concession offers ley drinks, nachos, and hot dogs.

"No matter what amenities we provide, everyone comes to see movies," said Joe Bombicino, East Division market manager. And AMC aims to please.

"The audience at an AMC megaplex is totally enveloped in the enhanced sight and sound presentation," said Rick King, senior vice president for AMC's East Division. AMC's High Impact Theatre System consists of the Torus compound-curved sound system. Sony Dynamic Digital Sound envelops the audience helping create a multidi-

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mensional cinematic sound environment.

To help create a festival atmosphere, local entertainers including theater groups, school bands and choir will perform at the theater before shows. For example, clowns will perform in the jobby area 2-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 17-18.

Trainty House Theater, Livonia Redford Theatre Guild and Plymouth Theatre Guild were among the groups who performed at the theater opening weekend.

"The groups were thrilled, and it adds to the overall experience, it's fun," said Tina Voccia, marketing coordinator AMC Livonia 20. We like to give back to the community," anid Byron Kraynak, managing director of AMC Livonia 20.

Performing at the theater

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Performing at the theater gives groups a chance to increase their exposure. 'It gives them an opportunity to get noticed and showcase their talents. It's a great opportunity for people coming to see a movie,' said Vocaio. During the holidays local groups will be invited to sing Christmas carols at the theater. Groups interested in performing at the AMC Livonia 20 can contact the theater.

Other customer service amenities include a three-day advance ticket purchase system; pation for moviegners to join MovieWatcher, and AMC's frequent movie-goer program that offers special discounts and free prizes.