

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

National Announcements

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Mystery gives new meaning to 'Cold War'

Winter of the Wolf Moon... Alex McKnight is an ex-cop who blames himself for his partner's death...



VICTORIA DIAZ

Hamilton's dialogue doesn't always ring true, but his ending may leave many readers slightly confused...

Alex McKnight is an ex-cop who blames himself for his partner's death, which occurred when the two were crimefighters on some of the meanest streets of Detroit 14 years ago.

Picture a rough-edged hero out of Ed McBain's 87th precinct, crossed with (modicum) of Dudley Doornight/John Wayne heroics...

After the game, Bruckman's battered Native American girlfriend searches out Alex, asking for protection from the brute and hinting that others may be out to get her...

One night, his just-about-only friend, Winnie LeBlanc, convinces the 48-year-old Alex to participate in a "slow puck" hockey contest at the local rink for cranky old guys over 30.

Other well-drawn characters include McKnight's self-appointed, almost cartoonish "partner," Leon Prudell, and Winnie LeBlanc, blackjack dealer and Ojibwa guide...

But as soon as Alex is suited up as goalie, he regrets his decision to play. Seems the other team is headed up by a guy named Bruckman, a thuggish type who could make Marty McSorley seem likable on the ice.

Along the way, he acquires a new "partner" of sorts, encounters a couple of not-so-crafty government agents, and finally comes up against some Russians who lend a whole new meaning to the phrase "Cold War."

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Expressions from page C1

Latino women. Traveling exhibits highlighting a century of Michigan women, the Suffragette movement, and math and science achievers.

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Gladys Beckwith, President of the Michigan Women's Historical Center

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