

The Video Zone

Weekly video picks

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Welcome once again to the Zone. I have three more movies for you. Some good and some not so good. Rather than continue

talking on I'll get right to the movies.

River Wild: Action, suspense, rapids, and lunatics. What more could you ask for. This one has all that and more. It stars Meryl Streep and Kevin Bacon and centers around a family's rafting adventure. Streep and her family encounter Kevin Bacon and his partner. Bacon appears harmless, but things change. I won't ruin it for you by giving away the ending. Both Streep and Bacon put forth very good performances. The scenery and the action sequences down the rapids are reason enough to see this film. This is an A.

Wes Craven's New Nightmare: Freddy is back and was due to hit video stores two days ago. This is the latest in the *Nightmare on Elm Street* saga. This one puts a twist into the whole thing. The actors in this film play themselves. Robert Englund plays Robert Englund. Don't worry though, Freddy lives. The plot of this one revolves around the fact that Wes Craven is writing another *Nightmare* and the things in the screenplay start to happen word for word. The fact that this movie is such a twist, I would have to say it is the best *Nightmare* since the original. I reviewed this for *The Rebel Yell* back when it came out. I liked it then and I like it now. A.

The Specialist: Oh boy, where to start. This movie is crap. I don't know how else to put it. I also reviewed this for the *Yell* and it was bad then too. It is a story of revenge that stars Stallone, Sharon Stone, and James Woods. I'm not going to get into the plot much because there isn't much of one. The plain fact is that this film insults your intelligence and after watching it you might need a specialist to help you through the mental anguish you suffer from it. If you like watching crap then enjoy. It's a big fat F.

Well there is another week from the Zone. Two out of three isn't bad. I want to thank David Tuit from Video Tyme for supplying the films I screened. I will be back next week with *Angles in the Outfield* and two other films to please you, I hope. Till next week...

Programs on UNLV-TV

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Thursday—Mar. 30

6:30-7 p.m.—NewsCenter 4
7-8 p.m.—The Movie Show
8-9 p.m.—Voices and Visions (Featured Poet—Wade Speyer)
9-10 p.m.—Voices and Visions (Featured Poet—Charles Bukowski)
10-11 p.m.—Voices and Visions (Featured Poet—Gary Snyder)

Friday—Mar. 31

6:30-7 p.m.—The Perfect Match
7-8 p.m.—Voices and Visions (Featured Poet—Edward Allan Poe)
8-9 p.m.—Voices and Visions (Featured Poet—Langston Hughes)
9-10 p.m.—Voices and Visions (Featured Poet—Robert Frost)
10-11 p.m.—Voices and Visions (Featured Poet—Robert Lowell)

Monday—Apr. 3

7-7:30 p.m.—Las Vegas Town Hall
7:30-8 p.m.—Against All Odds
8-9 p.m.—Race to Save the Planet
9-10 p.m.—Ethics in America

Tuesday—Apr. 4

7-7:30 p.m.—The Movie Show
7:30-8 p.m.—Heathquest
8-9 p.m.—The Africans
9-10 p.m.—The Constitution

Wednesday—Apr. 5

7-7:30 p.m.—The Reunion
7:30-8 p.m.—Calamity Jane
8-8:30 p.m.—Ukrainian Dreams
8:30-9 p.m.—Interior Landscapes
9-9:30 p.m.—Sebastian
9:30-10 p.m.—How Will I Survive?
10:30-11 p.m.—Steam, Silver and Steel

Baker Brings 'Rhythm of Love'

Anita Baker will appear at the M.G.M. March 31

In the last ten years this seven time Grammy Award winner has sold more than 13 million records and has sold

out numerous soulful R&B, Pop and Jazz concerts. Anita Baker is currently touring with songs off her new album *Rhythm of Love* and will grace Las Vegas March 31 at the M.G.M. Grand Gardens.

The show starts at 8 pm and ticket are \$35, \$50, and \$75 and are available through TicketMaster by calling (702) 474-4000.

ists. The percussionists were equipped with some unusual instruments, though bongo drums are not strange, stealing the gong from "The Gong Show" to play for John is a bit different. OK, maybe it was not the original gong, but when Joel started to do his Elvis impersonations and pulled tissues from his crotch, someone needed to pound the gong!

But then again John has been known to be flamboyantly different right? Even though Joel was dressed conservatively in a smoke colored double breasted suit, John was wearing a Lime green plastic jacket with matching pants and purple Dr. Martins. John's biggest applause came when he sang the theme from *The Lion King*, but the two performers got standing ovations when they sang "The Piano Man" together for the close of the stunning four hour concert.

Guys

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name a few. The never before seen together pair-up started the concert event with "Tag-team singing." The chemistry was intense,

though both Joel and John played piano for the first set while they traded off singing for each verse. The stage set was simple, two grand pianos facing each other in front of a black back drop.

The chorus bands included two percussionists, two people on synthesizers, and three guitar-

Calendar of Events

To get your event or band listed call the A&E desk at 895-1511 or fax at 895-1515. \$? denotes ticket price undetermined until day of show.

Thursday

Sherman Gunn's Big Band (Jazz)—Favorites, 9 p.m., free

Her Body Cinnamon, Mudslide—Fremont St. Reggae & Blues, 9:30 p.m., \$?

Boogie Nights—Shark Club, 10 p.m., free

Jacquot (Film)—UNLV Foreign Film Festival, 7 p.m., free

Friday

Mandators (Reggae)—Fremont St. Reggae & Blues, 10 p.m., \$?

Fraggle Rock (Kiss Cover band)—Metropolis, 9 p.m., ladies free, \$5 w/ local ID.

Onemintjulep—Cafe Espresso Roma, 8 p.m., free

Everclear—Double Down, 8 p.m., \$3

Los Cabonos (Spanish Opera Theatre)—Huntridge Theatre, \$10

Rida Rudner, Dennis Miller—Sahara Conga Room, 8 p.m., \$29

Java Jam Live Music—Java Hut, 8 p.m., free

Saturday

The Rocky Horror Picture Show—Torrey Pines Theatre, Midnight-Pre Show, \$5

Peaceful Words—Sports Pub, 10 p.m., \$3

Urban Dread—Fremont St. Reggae & Blues, 10 p.m., \$?

Stan Ranking T—Money Plays, 10 p.m., free

Open Mic Comedy night—Java Hut, 8 p.m., free

Sunday

All-Star Blues Jam (Blues)—Fremont St. Reggae & Blues, 10 p.m., \$?

Marv Koral All-Stars—Melrose, 4 p.m., free

Different Friction (Jazz)—Favorites, 10 p.m., free

Native American Patriotism—Clark County Heritage Museum, free

Tropical Splash—The Hop, 7 p.m., \$2

Paul Summers' Acoustic Asylum—Shark Club, 10 p.m., free

Marv Koral All Stars—Melrose Bar and Grill, 4 p.m., free

Reggae DJ—Fremont St. Reggae & Blues, 9 p.m., free

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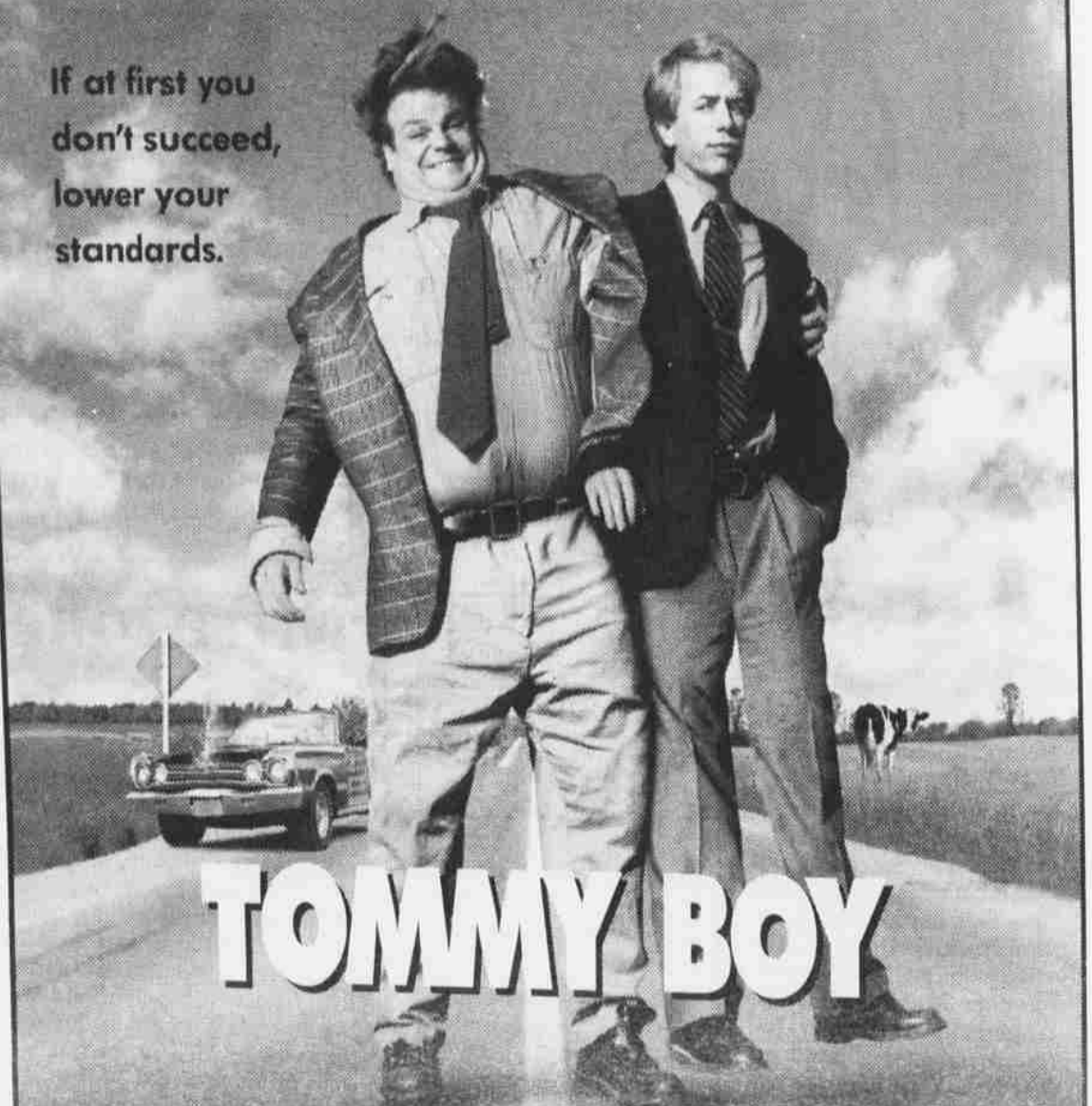
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