

Reel Critique



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A Season on the Brink
Directed by
Robert Mandel
Starring: Brian Dennehy
ESPN, Inc.

A Season on the Brink is the first original motion picture from ESPN and is based on the best-selling book of the same name by author John Feinstein. The movie begins with impromptu interviews of locals' opinions of fiery coach Bobby Knight and follows his career while coaching the Indiana Hoosiers in the mid-1980s. The viewers' attention is grabbed from the beginning with thrilling scenes of Knight losing his temper, shouting expletives and tossing a chair across the basketball court. However, through most of his outbursts, listeners get an in-

complete reenactment of Knight's original performance due to frequent and annoying bleeps.

The movie is great at showing the compassionate side of Knight. After screaming profanities at his players, he pulls one aside and sincerely apologizes as he explains his behavior.

Brian Dennehy, who has won an Emmy, a Golden Globe and a Tony is great at portraying the vicious coach and the compassionate, laid-back father.

While the movie keeps viewers on their toes with unexpected lash outs from Dennehy, it seems to come to an abrupt end. Overall, ESPN is on the road to something great for avid and casual sports fans. (Grade: B)

—Lizette Resendez



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40 Days and 40 Nights
Directed by
Michael Lemann
Starring: Josh Hartnett,
Shannon Sossamon,
Paulo Costanzo
Miramax Films

Unable to deal with being dumped by his girlfriend, Matt (Josh Hartnett) begins engaging in a string of one-night stands. When his ex-girlfriend gets engaged, Matt does the only thing he thinks will help him get over her: a vow of sexual abstinence for the duration of Lent.

Having sworn off any form of intimate contact, including self-gratification, Matt becomes productive and happy, but as time drags on his friends and roommate (Costanzo) take a monetary interest in his willpower and an incredibly funny array of obstacles get in his way, and Matt's deer-in-the-headlights approach

to overcoming or escaping these obstacles is hilarious.

The biggest obstacle of all, however, comes in the form of Erica (Shannon Sossamon). Erica turns out to be perfect for Matt and he must find a way to keep her interest and his vow at the same time.

While the tension between Matt and Erica could have been maintained better by keeping the truth from her longer, the movie still delivers a high dose of out-loud laughs and keeps the viewer's interest as it progresses.

Hartnett gives a great comedic performance, which is a refreshing change after his roles in Pearl Harbor and Black Hawk Down and is the perfect compliment to his role in O. Sossamon performs very well, and this movie, following her performance in A Knight's Tale, should send many more roles her way. (Grade: A)

—Mike Whitlow

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Smith awarded \$88 million in damages

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — A federal judge awarded former Playboy Playmate Anna Nicole Smith more than \$88 million in damages Thursday in the latest ruling in a bitter legal fight over the estate of her late husband, Texas oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall II.

U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter ruled Thursday that Marshall's son, E. Pierce Marshall, had interfered with Smith's attempt to get part of her late husband's oil fortune, estimated at hundreds of million

of dollars.

"The evidence of willfulness, maliciousness and fraud is overwhelming," Carter wrote.

He found that E. Pierce Marshall and others spied on the couple and controlled his father's access to money to deny Smith the sums she was promised.

E. Pierce Marshall released a statement saying he would appeal and that his father "would be appalled that the district court continued to ignore his clearly stated wishes."

Dragonfly
Directed by Tom Shadyac
Starring: Kevin Costner, Kathy Bates

Dragonfly is the story of Dr. Joe Darrow (Kevin Costner), a brilliant emergency room doctor who loses his wife and believes she is trying to contact him from beyond the grave. His wife, a fellow physician, who worked with children, was practicing humanitarian aid for the Red Cross in South America when a flood tragically claimed her life.

The opening scenes of the movie depict her death, securing the viewer's attention through the rest of the movie.

After the death of his wife, Joe engrosses himself in his work. However, when he begins to make good on a promise to his wife to check on her patients, he learns the children have seen her during near-death visions.

As he becomes more insistent that his wife is trying to contact him, his

friends and neighbor (Kathy Bates) increasingly become worried about him, and he comes in danger of losing his job.

The majority of this dark film does an excellent job of making the audience bite their nails in anticipation. However, many viewers may feel a sense of déjà vu as the plot struggles to portray the paranormal as an enlightening experience, thus deviating into The Sixth Sense and Stir of Echoes territory.

The only other criticism would be the exploration of the supernatural. The wife's attempts to reach Joe through the children's visions and comatose dreams are fascinating, but when Joe starts seeing physical manifestations of her efforts, one wonders if the filmmakers strayed too far from their plausible basis in an attempt to elicit a few screams.

Overall, Dragonfly is suspenseful and entertaining, but lacks the unity that would make it truly compelling. (Grade: B)

—Mike Whitlow

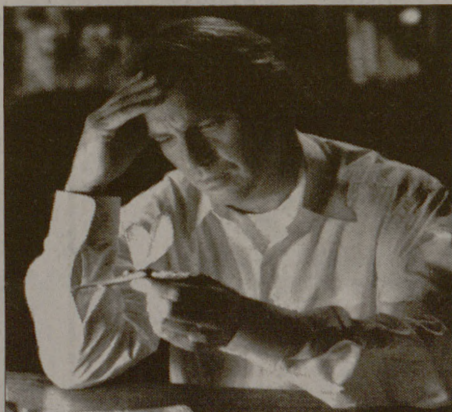


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