

# Death becomes hilarious joke

By **Anas Ben-Musa**  
The Battalion

**"Death Becomes Her"**  
Starring Meryl Streep, Goldie Hawn, Bruce Willis, and Isabella Rossellini  
Directed by Robert Zemeckis  
Rated PG-13  
Playing at Post Oak III

Death is not a funny matter to experience or even think about, but "Death Becomes Her" makes the afterlife the subject of a hilarious farce.

Meryl Streep plays an actress, Madeline Ashton, whose career is declining. Streep does a wonderful job playing an obnoxious, power-hungry actress.

Goldie Hawn plays Ashton's best friend since childhood, Helen Sharp. However, the way they go at each other throughout "Death," you would wonder what would happen if they were enemies.

Hawn is absolutely breathtaking as the red-head vixen, but in one scene you see a different side of Hawn's character.

Sharp introduces Ernest Menville, her fiance, played by Bruce Willis, to Ashton. Ashton takes a liking to Menville. Of course, Ashton steals him away (not for the first time) and this totally devastates Sharp.

Sharp's life becomes pathetic and unfulfilling. She gains 300 pounds and is committed.

After six months of recuperation,

Sharp is convinced the only way to solve her problems is to kill Ashton.

With the help of a magical immortality potion, given to her by a mysterious lady named Lisle (Isabella Rossellini), Sharp becomes a best-selling author of beauty books. Rossellini's character is an outrageous sexual goddess, like the costumes (or lack of) she wears.

Coincidentally, Ashton takes the same potion herself. She has desperately tried to preserve her youth with the help of her husband, Ernest, and everything else she could get her hands on.

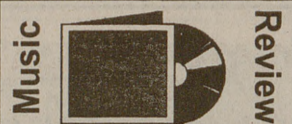
The audience after this point sees exceptional special effects. A wonderful example is the fight scene with Ashton and Sharp.

Sharp uses a shovel and clobbers Ashton's head down almost all the way to her stomach. They begin to argue after that and Sharp screams at Ashton, "I won't talk to you anymore until you put your head back on straight."

Ashton and Sharp try to kill each other, but they realize the potion prevents their demises. Twisted necks and huge stomach holes create some very funny situations.

It is thoroughly disgusting to watch the hacking and abuse of bodies, but it makes "Death" a wonderful dark comedy.

If you're curious about what immortality is like, go see "Death Becomes Her," but I suggest you do not eat anything before you go.



# 'Rush' takes tough look at drug world

By **Kim McGuire**  
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**"Rush"**  
Starring Jason Patric, Jennifer Jason Leigh  
Directed by Lili Fini Zanuck

The line that separates the good guys from the bad guys is treaded precariously by stars Jason Patric and Jennifer Jason Leigh in the new thought-provoking movie "Rush" which was released on videocassette last week.

"Rush" is based on the book of the same name written by former narcotic agent Kim Wozencraft who was sent in to infiltrate a drug ring in Tyler, Texas in the late 70's.

Jennifer Jason Leigh plays officer Kristen Cates (modeled after Wozencraft) who is teamed with veteran narcotic officer Jim

Raynor (Jason Patric) to bring down the leader of the Texas drug syndicate. To do this, both Raynor and Cates must go deep undercover by posing as drug users. First though, Raynor must "educate" Cates in drug lingo, drug paraphernalia and proper shooting up techniques.

As the pair begins their mission, they become lovers and eventually addicts. The boundary that separates their police jobs and undercover roles becomes hazy for the two. Turning in the drug evidence to the agent in charge of the operation (Sam Elliott) becomes increasingly difficult for Raynor and Cates.

It's this self-struggle that makes "Rush" such an interesting and thought provoking movie. The thought of corrupt police officers might come as no surprise but to see them grapple with the dilemma of justice vs. addiction is truly fascinating.

Jason Patric is, without a doubt, the back bone of this movie. He gives a great performance as the veteran narc, Raynor. Patric's level of intensity throughout the movie is overwhelming. His drug withdrawal scenes are realistic and sympathy arousing. It is clear Patric is destined for greatness.

Leigh, also, is very good as the inexperienced cop, Cates. Her role is interesting in that her character undergoes the biggest metamorphosis. She goes from the sweet naive cop to the strung out junkie who will do anything for drugs. Leigh also has a promising future as a dramatic actress and will soon be featured in the much anticipated "Single White Female."

One cameo not worth missing is that of Greg Allmann, of the now defunct Allmann Brothers Band as the drug king pin. Despite the smallness of the role,

Allmann is great. He is truly a menacing villain. It would be great to see his in future "bad guy" roles.

The only fault to "Rush" is that it does, however, drag in the beginning. Also, the ending doesn't follow Wozencraft's book nor does it really tell what happens to the Wozencraft/Cates character. But the chemistry between Patric and Leigh is alone worth watching "Rush." Plus the end is truly "explosive."

"Rush" is one of those critically acclaimed "thinking man's" movies that you might have to watch twice to appreciate.

You'll be glad you did.



"Singles" motion picture soundtrack.

## Soundtrack hits all the right chords 'Singles' LP good - very good

By **Shu Hoong Yong**  
The Battalion

Original Motion Picture Soundtrack  
**"Singles"**  
Epic

Avid worshippers of MTV (like me) should be totally blown over by Alice In Chains' new video for their single "Would?" taken from the "Singles" soundtrack. Alternating with carefully-sequenced black and white footage from the movie, Alice In Chains drum out a ferocious tune backed by intoxicating bass and tantalizing guitars.

While "Would?" could have possibly set a standard too high to match, the rest of the album do not pale by comparison. With the movie portraying the seedy club circuits of Seattle, the soundtrack is naturally expected to showcase the best of the city's real-life underground bands.

Current alternative-darlings Pearl Jam set wild emotions flaring with two scorching new songs, "Breath" and "State Of Love And Trust," both of which should further intensify the band's foothold on the competitive music scene. Up-and-coming Soundgarden, however, prefers to thrash through the high shrills of "Birth Ritual."

Other home-grown rockers like Mudhoney, the Lovemongers, Screaming Trees and Mother Love Bone, rise above obscurity to provide a strong back-up. With a variety of musical styles ready to captivate, they offer a refreshing foretaste of new sounds to come.

Also worthy of your attention is Peter Dinklage (of The Replacements), who provides a welcome reprieve from gloom with his harmless pop tunes "Dyslexic Heart" and "Waiting For Somebody."

The finishing touches come from Chris Cornell with his acoustic "Seasons" and Jimi Hendrix with "May This Be Love." Both tracks give the album balance.

With a soundtrack this good, it is tempting to conclude the movie is worth seeing for the music alone. The "Singles" soundtrack is one timeless collection that fans of Seattle bands would rather die than miss.

### Correction

In Tuesday's Lifestyles, sections of the Big Bend article were altered and information added and misattributed without the writer's knowledge. The Battalion regrets the error.

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