

The Good,

By William Harrison
THE BATTALION
"It Could Happen To You"
Starring Nicolas Cage, Bridget Fonda, and Rosie Perez
Directed by Andrew Bergman
Rated PG-13
Playing at Cinema III, Schulman Six

Frank Capra would have loved "It Could Happen To You." If not, he certainly couldn't love many other films released this summer. The film, an urban fairy tale, begins as New York cop Charley (Nicolas Cage) picks up a lottery ticket for his wife Muriel (Rosie Perez). Muriel is a hairdresser whose beady eyes target anything to get ahead in life. Charley just wants to stick to his job, live a charitable life, and is happy to hang out in his neighborhood playing stickball with the kids on his block.

Charlie stops at a coffee shop with his partner and meets a waitress, (Bridget Fonda) who is sadly convinced that her luck in life and love has run out. As in most anything that late director Frank Capra crafted, human saints are rewarded in their direct hours of need, and Bergman follows Capra's lead. Charlie finds himself short on a tip to give the waitress and promises to return tomorrow with double the tip. Or, if he wins the lottery, he promises to split it with her. Sure enough, Charlie wins, but conflict develops as Muriel can't stand to share the money with anyone. The screws tighten as the "cop and waitress" build a relationship that tabloid newspapers recount daily.

The story, spun around the two good characters versus the conniving rest of the world, plays a lot like Capra's "It's A Wonderful Life."

Fresh, funny and fraught with trial, the film steps into 1994 as a good change of pace from the rest of the movies conniving to snooker five dollars from movie patrons.

By Traci Travis
THE BATTALION
"North"
Starring Elijah Wood, Jason Alexander, Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Bruce Willis
Directed by Rob Reiner
Rated PG
Playing at Hollywood USA

For an above-average comedy about a far-from-average 11-year-old boy, pack up your favorite mode of transportation and head for "North."

North (Elijah Wood) is every parent's dream of the perfect son — every parent's except his own. Feeling unappreciated by his career-obsessed parents (Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Jason Alexander), North seeks out a lawyer (John Lovitz), declares himself a "free agent" and embarks on a quest around the world for the ultimate parental figures. After considerable persuasion by an evil-minded friend named Winchell (Mathew McCurley), North appears in court and is awarded an all expense paid trip to find new parents.



Clockwise: Bridget Fonda and Nicolas Cage star in "It Could Happen To You." Harrison Ford stars in "Clear and Present Danger," and Jim Carrey stars in "The Mask."

The Bad,

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"Clear and Present Danger"
Starring Harrison Ford, Anne Archer, James Earl Jones, Willem Dafoe and Donald Moffat
Directed by Phillip Noyce
Rated PG-13
Playing at Cinema III

If military intelligence is considered by some to be an oxymoron, then these people should stay away from "Clear and Present Danger." Then again, maybe this film could reaffirm them. In a tale of deadly intrigue and deadlier politics, Jack Ryan (Harrison Ford) seems to be the only one with a clue in the U.S. intelligence community, fighting for truth, justice while he fights against American ways. And thus, the Ryan saga continues. The character appears in the third of the series of movies adapted from the Tom Clancy thrillers. This time the intelligence officer is



undercut by a vindictive Colombia military operative backed by a president with mannerisms suspiciously like George Bush, dealing in a situation even more suspicious as it is akin to the Iran-Contra affair. A formula is developing for this series; no matter how detached Ryan may be from events, his sense of "right and wrong" pulls him into a crisis, and he eventually takes matters into his own hands. Ford makes the film, as usual — but, with films such as the "Star Wars" and "Indiana Jones" trilogies, "Patriotism" and "The Fugitive" to his credit, the usual means a taut, suspenseful nerve-fraying performance. And a steady, reliable tale of intrigue is worth seeing.

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"The Mask"
Starring Jim Carrey, Cameron Diaz, and Peter Riegert
Directed by Charles Russell
Rated PG-13
Playing at Hollywood USA and Schulman Six

Bending the bounds of physical expression and special effects, Jim Carrey is only part of why "The Mask" is a superlative film. Scripted and directed to appeal to anyone's MTV attention span, this film simply brings out the best in Carrey's insipidly cheesy clowning.

As a bank accountant with a severe case of lousieritis, Carrey plays Stanley Ipkiss, who becomes empowered with godlike abilities from an ancient Norse mask.

So what does Ipkiss do with all this power? Anything he ever wanted to do.



... The Ugly

He becomes Jack Nicholson's "John" wearing canary yellow instead of purple. In "The Mask," but he becomes Michael Keaton's "Beetlejuice" dancing to the rumba instead of the capsaicin, becomes Steve Martin's "The Jerk" acting as infantile as possible, while wearing his pants on.

Fame, fortune and women come easy to Ipkiss in his guise as The Mask, but he really craves is the love of a club singer Tina Carlyle (Cameron Diaz). To this end, trouble will befall and befuddle him.

The Mask becomes crossed up by a vengeful gangster and a police lieutenant named Kallagay, (Peter Riegert — of "Normal Heart" fame) who is suspicious of Ipkiss at first glance.

Those skeptical of Carrey's over-the-top goofiness should get over it and see the film. Director Charles Russell backs Carrey up with an impressive ensemble of scores, play, direction, comedic accompaniment and special effects.

And Carrey's performance is almost overpowered by Milo, Ipkiss' "trusty" partner. There were genuine moments of uproar in the theater by the routine of Ipkiss and his spastic dog.

Hilarity wears no mask in this film.

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