# Nutty Professor tops box office

Striptease matches Moore's salary with a \$12.3 million debut

LOS ANGELES (AP) — All of a sudden Eddie Murphy's back, with a box-office leader in a remake of *The Nutty Professor*. But how long can Demi Moore last as Hollywood's highest-paid actress with the fourth-place debut of Striptease on the heels of her Scarlet Letter flop?

The Nutty Professor, a retelling of the 1963 Jerry Lewis film, brought in \$25.4 million — far surpassing industry projections. It was Murphy's second-best opening ever, trailing only *Beverly Hills Cop 2*, which made \$33 million during its first weekend in 1987.

In its first three days of release, The Nutty Professor collected more than Murphy's last film, 1995's Vampire in Brooklyn, grossed during its entire North American run.

"He's so excited today," the film's producer, Brian Grazer, said of Murphy. "Eddie and I were tense about this thing for a year. But now

Murphy was one of the biggest stars of the 1980s, with movies like Beverly Hills Cop, 48 HRS. and Trading Places, but hasn't enjoyed a legitimate hit since 1988's Coming to America. His string of disappointments includes Harlem Night, Boomerang and The Distinguished Gentle-

Moore's Striptease, a story about a mother who works as an exotic dancer, also exceeded industry projections, but those projections had been far more conservative because of the terrible reviews.

Some executives expected the film to take in no more than \$8 million. Instead, it grossed \$12.3 million — nearly matching the record paycheck Moore received for starring in the film.

More ominously, Striptease slipped badly from Friday to Sunday, suggesting the film had poor word-of-mouth.

The performance of Striptease is not expected to remove Moore from the top of the payroll charts, though, as other top actresses also struggle at the

Horn was looking on the bright side. "It's not as if this is another Showgirls," he said, referring to last year's debacle.

# Tribute a disgrace to Marley's memory, work sacrificing the soul of his mu-

more than the sound.

By Amy Uptmor THE BATTALION

Imagine you are testing your luck at the blackack table in

Vegas. The drinks **Antilles Records** \*\* (out of five) are flowing, the winning's going well.

and best of all, Tom Jones, Mr. Lounge Singer himself, is about to sing. You just can't wait to hear "It's Not Unusual" and swill another free martini.

ALBUM REVIEW

**Various Artists** 

One Love

But much to your chagrin, Jones starts singing Bob Mar-

That's pretty much what One Love: Tribute to Bob Marley

sounds like. Almost every song on One Love is a watered-down, muzak-esque mess. From "Redemption Song" to "I Shot the Sheriff" (sung by Clevelend Watkiss and Tony Remy), these weak covers are more reminiscent of strolling through a department store than along the beaches of Jamaica.

A bunch of singers (whose names really don't ring a bell at all) gathered to pay tribute to this legendary rasta man. Granted, the singing is consistently powerful, and the singer's lack of notoriety, at least in the mainstream musical field, does not hurt the album. But what those seemingly talented singers have done to Marley's music, does though.

It's almost as if the intention of the album was to make Marley's hip music more savory to the 30- and 40-something crowd who enjoyed Marley's music firsthand. The grave error is

This is not your typical tribute album. Rather than breathing new life into a past generating new life into a past generation. sic, the easy feeling and peaceful vibe tion's music, the artists on On Love have positively deflated the music gives, for the sake of changing the

originals.

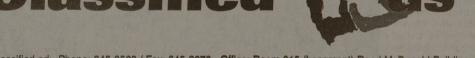
Marley's masterpieces. The result is one big, sappy reggae-like disaster. Clearly sound or Marley is not a musician to be tempo of

Bob Marley fans beware you're better off listening to Marley's the real thing. One Love is process, they altered much shameful, shallow attempt at



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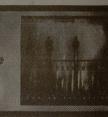
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the song would put it in the middle of the pack, but not on this effort. Songs such as "Burden In My Hand," "Blow Up The Outside World" and "Ty Cobb" stand out because of their lyrics. But all the other songs just run together musically, so you have trouble making out the lyrics

By the end of the album you start to wonder why Soundgarden would put a 20-minute song on the album. Then you realize it's five different songs with nothing in common except the music. And the music is just not worth 20 minutes of listening-even if there are some good lyrics.

This is a shame? Because the lyrics of Down On The Upside are the only thing that make the album worth buying. Lead singer/songwriter Cornell might have lost his metal edge, but he still writes good lyrically. "Diamond rope silver chain /Pretty noose is pretty pain /And I don't

ALBUM REVIEW Soundgarden Down on the Upside **A&M Records** \*\* 1/2 (out of five)



like/What you got me hanging from."

If you like Soundgarden for the lyrics, then Down On The Upside is worth picking up. But if you like Soundgarden for the music, then you will probably want to pass on this one.

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Reiser, a previous best comedy series actor nominee, was named host Monday by ABC and the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. It will be Reiser's first appearance as an Emmy host.

He does have experience, though. He was the host of the 'People's Choice Awards" and "The Grammy Awards" in 1994. Nominations for the 48th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards are to be announced July 18. The awards ceremony is to be broadcast live by ABC on

Sept. 8.

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Vince Gill hawked barbecued ribs and touted an Elvis memorabilia room as he and Reba McEntire helped kick off the gala opening of the newest attraction on the Las Vegas strip — the Country Star American Music Grill.

The restaurant is filled with memorabilia ranging from gold records and compact discs to saddles and compact discs to saddles and souvenirs from the National Finals Rodeo, which is held here each December. It also features more than 100 video monitors, interactive video kiosks, CD listening stations and a performance stage.

The red carpet was rolled out Monday night for a guest list than included Tracy Lawrence, Trisha Yearwood, Charley Pride, Little Richard and The Beach Boys.

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