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Clash of the Titans

Who's Badder: Old School or New School Godzilla?

Godzilla is one of the all-time greatest cinematic monsters. Looking like a cross between an avocado and a dragon, this fire belching behemoth has stomped countless Japanese cities. The big G has starred in over 20 films, including a "new and improved" version playing in theaters now.



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One might ask how the original Godzilla could be improved. After all, no military force has been able to stop it. Aliens have failed to beat it, as well as just about every overgrown insect, ape and dinosaur. It seems it would be hard to improve upon such success.

Leave it to Hollywood to try anyway. In this summer's Godzilla, there is no more thunder-thighed reptile the public has come to love. Instead, this Neo-Godzilla looks more like the herpetological equivalent of a heroic chick model.

The new Godzilla also suffers from some sort of gender confusion. This would explain why he/she spends most of the movie running from the military instead of exterminating it. Maybe this Godzilla is looking for a public restroom, but is unsure of which one to use.

test — the baby 'zillas look a little bit like those velociraptors from Jurassic Park. If Godzilla is pregnant, maybe they should try to placate it with peanut butter and pickles.

The truth is if any Godzilla deserves to bake the Big Apple, it should be the classic Godzilla. The cranky hermaphrodite that is Neo-Godzilla would be more at home on "The Jerry Springer Show" than wrecking a major city. (Possible Springer episode title: "Your Lizard is a Lady")

Godzilla is known as the king of all monsters, not the queen. There are already plenty of those roaming the streets of New York. Gone is Godzilla's feared atomic breath. It has been replaced by some bad breath that can ignited like a noxious fart. There are two things synonymous with Godzilla. One is being a big, bipedal lizard with plates on its back. The other is radioactive fire coming out of its gullet. If someone is going to create a Godzilla without those two traits, they might as well make a chimp chewing gum, because it will not be the king of all monsters.

The great Godzilla isn't a mutated dinosaur anymore — it is an irradiated iguana. A consequence of such an origin could be the nation's children running out to pet stores. America's youth would purchase baby iguanas for microwave use, in attempt to create their own Godzilla. No one

ever had to worry about this problem with the old Godzilla, because one, where would one find a dinosaur? And second, how would it fit in a microwave?

Special effects can be great, but the guy in rubber suit approach seemed a hell of a lot more fun than today's \$120 million screen saver. There was always great enjoyment in watching an actor in an elaborate Halloween costume destroy toy cities, while dubbed performers mouthed words of terror heard by the audience five minutes after being spoken.

It is a common human dream to don heavy rubber and terrorize people. People live vicariously through the old Godzilla movies. After all, the only people who can make a career out of this are professional dominatrixes and the guy in the Godzilla suit.

The new Godzilla is Godzilla in name only. Comparing the old and new is like comparing Classic Coke to New Coke. New Coke was an unfortunate marketing blip — heavily promoted, but lacking the soul of the original. Hopefully, like Classic Coke, Classic Godzilla will reign supreme once again.

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**Movie Wrap-Up**

**Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas**

Starring Johnny Depp and Benicio Del Toro. Directed by Terry Gilliam. Rated R. Playing at Post Oak Cinema. The movie adaptation of Hunter S. Thompson's novel could also be titled "Lifestyles of the Stoned and Psychotic." *Fear and Loathing* follows the adventures of the drugged up duo of Raoul Duke and his attorney Dr. Gonzo through the City of Sin, Las Vegas. Sin they do, as the pair consume every drug known to man and then some. They trip in and out of the city's hotels and casinos, encountering dwarves, lizards and cops. The film is one long series of drugged induced hallucinations, appealing both visually and comedically. The film is not for everyone with its heavy drug use, but those who enjoy satire of drug culture will dig it. Verdict: C+

**Deep Impact**

Starring Tea Leoni, Morgan Freeman and Robert Duvall. Directed by Mimi Leder. Rated PG-13. Playing at Hollywood 16 and Schulman 6. The first of the summer's space-objects-hitting-Earth movies, *Deep Impact* offers more drama than action, with satisfying results. The Earth is in the path of a world destroying comet and everyone must figure out how to survive. Solid performances compliment the film's nice effects. Verdict: B

**Woo**

Starring Jada Pinkett and Tommy Davidson. Directed by Daisy V.S. Meyer. Rated R. Playing at Hollywood 16. *Woo* (Jada Pinkett) is one heck of a woman. The kind of woman that turns men into mush and always gets her way. Tommy Davidson plays her blind date, a straight arrow type, who doesn't know even he is getting in to. This basis for the blind date disaster movie *Woo* The movie suffers from a bad case of cliché-itis, by not breaking any new ground with a familiar concept. Pinkett is charming, but her cuteness can't save this dull film. Verdict: C-

**Bulworth**

Starring Warren Beatty and Halle Berry. Directed by Warren Beatty. Rated R. Playing at Post Oak Cinema. An ambitious poke at politics, *Bulworth* follows the exploits of down trodden U.S. senator trying to kill himself. In the midst of a failing California primary Senator Jay Bulworth takes out a \$10 million life insurance policy and then hire someone to kill him. All of sudden Bulworth starts speaking the truth about American politics and becomes wildly popular. The movie is funny and strange, but maybe mostly latter to those of a more conservative political nature. Verdict: B-

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**Seinfeld's snack requirements**

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — The array of snacks left behind by Seinfeld reportedly required enough to inspire a "Seinfeld" episode. The superstar comedian scheduled to do eight TV shows in Australia this month but only if he gets certain foods, according to *The Daily Telegraph*. The paper quotes an unnamed promoter as saying Seinfeld's "essential backstage items" include: 18 small bottles of water on ice (any brand except Evian is fine), one bag of Rold Gold pretzels, one vegetable tray for four people, one small jar of mayonnaise, and a small amount of pasta salad to hold the mayonnaise. "By superstar standards, it's not that demanding a list," the promoter told the *Telegraph*.

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