

Movie Reviews

Rounders worth the audience's gamble; Spanish Prisoner should capture honors

Rounders

Starring: **Matt Damon and Edward Norton**
Directed by: **John Dahl**
Rated **R**
Playing at **Hollywood 16**

Rounders is a story about Mike McDermott (Damon), a reformed gambler, who returns to playing big-stakes poker to help his childhood friend Worm (Norton) pay off loan sharks. McDermott loses all of his money in a high-stakes game at the beginning of the film and calls it quits to take the straight and narrow road of getting a real job to please his girlfriend Jo (Gretchen Mol).

McDermott's friend Worm comes into the picture, and McDermott becomes torn between sticking to this straight and narrow life, or going back to rounding to help his long-time friend.

The film spends two hours examining the world of professional poker players through the eyes of McDermott and depicts what it takes to make it big in this world.

The acting in the film is excellent and is the film's driving force, but the plot is confusing during the poker scenes.

Although the plot has its slow moments, the story has a way of wrapping around an audience and drawing them in without having to try.

Overall, *Rounders* is an intriguing and intense movie worth the ticket price. (B+)

— Beth Focht



Matt Damon and Famke Jansen star in the new Miramax release *Rounders*.

The Spanish Prisoners

Starring: **Campbell Scott and Steve Martin**
Directed by: **David Mamet**
Rated **PG**
Playing at **Hollywood 16**

The Spanish Prisoner is hands-down one of the best films of the year. It is a tense, taught thriller.

The film stars Scott (son of George C. Scott) as a naive businessman who invents something known as "The Process" that will revolutionize business and corner the

market for its investors.

Unfortunately for Scott's character, his company is unwilling to put his share of "The Process" in writing.

Scott's character then enlists the aid of a shady businessman played by Martin. Martin's character turns out to be a wolf in sheep's clothing and swindles Scott from the beginning.

The Spanish Prisoner is superbly written and directed by veteran Mamet (*Wag the Dog*). Mamet combines his usual rapid-fire dialogue with paranoia and suspense.

Martin delivers the performance of a career in this Hitchcockian thriller. (A-)

— Jeff Schmidt

People in the News

Buchwald runs for the 'Apple'

NEW YORK (AP) — What's wrong with this picture? One of the biggest political stories in history is unfolding in Washington, and Art Buchwald has moved to the Big Apple.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning political satirist and Washington institution has washed his hands of the nation's capital.

He had to, he says, if he wanted to move on, personally and professionally.

"After a certain amount of time, there's nothing new. Restaurants are the same, stores are the same, your buddies are the same," Buchwald, 72, said in Tuesday's New York Times. "I do think one of the purposes of my move was to keep going."

Buchwald, who moved into the Regency Hotel last week, noted that his good friend Edward Bennett Williams, the lawyer, had died.

His friend Ben Bradlee, former editor of The Washington Post, is occupied with his family.

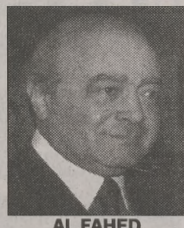
And his column, syndicated in 350 newspapers, was moved off the front of the Post's Style section this spring.

Harrod's owner tells all on Web

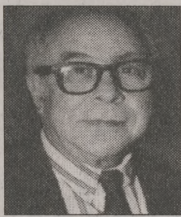
LONDON (AP) — Mohamed Al Fayed, owner of the department store Harrods, thinks his life is interesting. Just look on his Website.

The new site — www.al-fayed.com — says it is dedicated to carrying a "comprehensive database of newspaper articles relating to Mr. Al Fayed's interesting life."

The site includes a large section of stories related to the car crash last year in Paris that killed his son, Dodi, and Princess Diana. A Website section under construction will contain three subheadings about the couple: "The Love Affair," "August 31" and "Unanswered Questions."



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Madonna draws wrath from Hindus

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Madonna drew the wrath of some Hindus by wearing a holy facial marking while wearing a see-through blouse. But she's won the respect of some Hindu priests for her pronunciation.

Sanskrit language scholars had complained about Madonna's mispronunciations of religious incantations on her new "Ray of Light" album.

But United News of India reported Tuesday that Brahmin priests in India's holiest city were impressed when she recited a mantra during the recent MTV awards.

The news agency said scholars in Varanasi murmured, "Doing well," and "Genuine seeker" as they listened to the pop star on television.

The World Vaishnava Association issued a statement this week condemning Madonna for wearing a holy facial marking while "wearing clothes through which her nipples were clearly visible and while grating in a sexually suggestive manner."

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