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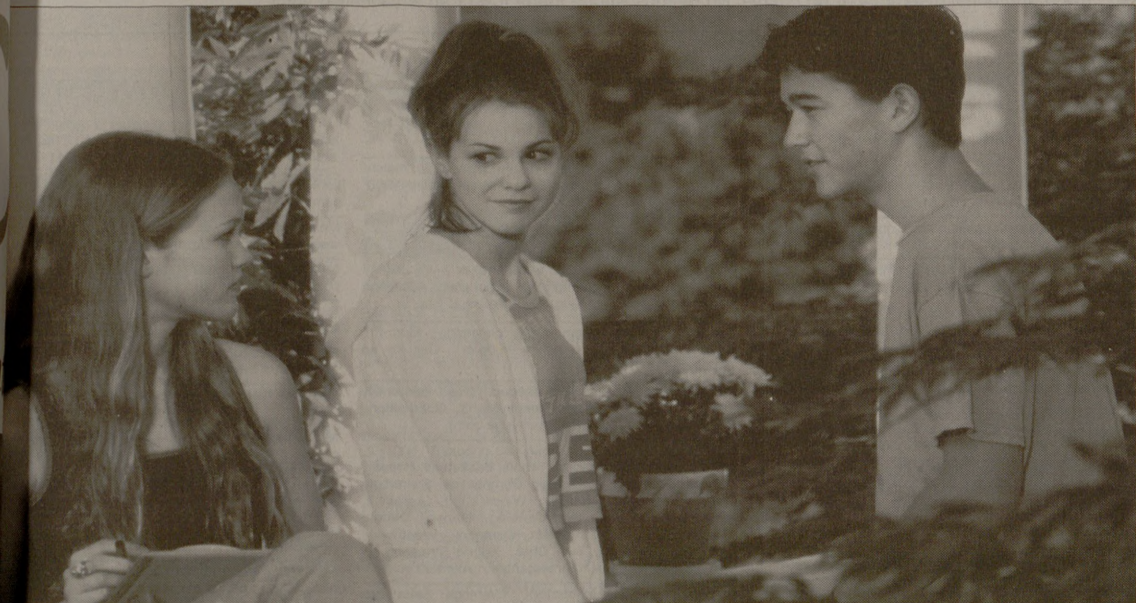


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Walden Pictures' comedy, *10 Things I Hate About You*, stars **Larisa Oleynik** (center) and **Joseph Gordon-Levitt** (right), as two love torn teenagers trying to set up **Julia Stiles** (left), for the prom.

10 Things I Hate About You
Starring **Laura Oleynik** and **Julia Stiles**
Directed by **Gil Junger**
Playing at **Hollywood 16**

Finally, a teen flick in which the cast actually looks like they belong in high school!

10 Things I Hate About You, a modern day version of Shakespeare's classic "Taming of the Shrew," tells the tale of Kat and Bianca Stratford, two teen sisters going their way through high school.

Popular Bianca (Oleynik) is not allowed to date until her older, beautiful but tempestuous sister Kat (Stiles) does.

When Bianca's latest admirer plots to fix Kat up with the local outcast, the trouble begins.

Stiles and Oleynik bring a measure of emotional depth to their sisterly relationship, an unusual element for such a teen flick and Joseph Gordon-Levitt does an excellent job playing Bianca's love-struck suitor, as well as actually looking 17-years-old.

The best thing about *10 Things I Hate About You* is the cast's ability to take themselves too seriously, making them inherently believable as a group of high schoolers.

Of the three teen flicks in the past three months involving some type of bet or payment to date or mate the undatable girl, this is undoubtedly the funniest.

Director Gil Junger does an excellent job of bringing Shakespeare to high school, and although some aspects of the movie lack realism, for example, Prudhoe is apparently a Renaissance castle located in the Seattle suburbs, *10 Things I Hate About You* retains a witty, wicked attitude that will keep audiences snickering to the end. (Grade: B+)

— Susan Overcash

The Out-of-Towners

Starring **Steve Martin** and **Goldie Hawn**
Directed by **Sam Weisman**
Playing at **Hollywood 16** and **College Park 6**

Somewhere in the update of *The Out-of-Towners*, originally filmed in 1970 with a screenplay by Neil Simon, the story became unfunny. There is nothing particularly wrong with the film other than this. Too bad it is a comedy.

Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn reprise the roles of Henry and Nancy Clark, originally played by Jack Lemmon and Sandy Dennis. The Clarks are stereotypical Midwesterners, from Ohio to be precise, an area of the country where life is easier and less taxing, or so movies tell us. The Clark's children have recently left home and Henry lost his job, something his wife does not know, so he must go to a job interview in New York. Unfortunately, New York City is not nice to the Clarks.

The hi-jinks of the movie are designed to let Martin and Hawn exude their comedic talents. However, the screenwriter apparently did not exude talent his own. One pratfall follows the next and all Martin and Hawn do is wave their arms and attempt to make slapstick funny. It does not work.

At least John Cleese is amusing as the hotel manager where the Clarks are trying to stay. Cleese, the former ringleader of *Monty Python* and *Fawlty Towers*, takes condescension to a new level. His role is basically a reprisal of Basil Fawlty, although he is much meaner in this latest incarnation. It is not his fault the rest of the film fails. (Grade: D)

— Jeff Schmidt

Woodstock '99 performances aim to appeal to new crowd

NEW YORK (AP) — Woodstock '99 will be busting with bands appealing to an audience that was not even born when the original concert took place 30 years ago.

The Dave Matthews Band, Jewel, Metallica and Alanis Morissette are among those appearing at the three-day Woodstock '99 festival.

Organizers expect about 250,000 people.

"Three more days of mud, noise and logistical nightmares?" said Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich. "Wouldn't miss it for the world."

The festival is scheduled for July 23-25 at Griffiss Park, an abandoned Air Force base about 50 miles west of Albany. Ticket sales begin April 18.

The show will also feature Korn, Limp Bizkit, Fatboy Slim, Sugar Ray, Creed, Counting Crows, Rage Against the Machine, Rusted Root, the Brian Setzer Orchestra, George Clinton and Willie Nelson.

None of the acts that played the original Woodstock, held in Bethel in 1969, were among the performers for the latest show.

Six acts that played the 25-year anniversary concert, which drew an estimated 350,000 people to Saugerties, N.Y., are coming back: Metallica, Aerosmith, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Sheryl Crow, Live and Collective Soul.

Organizers also promise better security than at the first two Woodstocks, which were overrun by gatecrashers.

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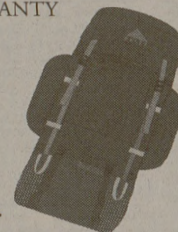
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