

# Leftover on the barbecue

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This year's summer movies are mainly warmed-over ideas from seasons past

Sometimes the best part about summer is the movies. But not this year. While there is some intrigue in movies like "The Patriot" and "What Lies Beneath," there's nothing like "Jaws," "Jurassic Park" or "Independence Day" that will have everyone talking. With cartoons, unappealing sequels, talking horses and an array of ridiculous plot lines dominating the line up, it looks as if "Gladiator" may have been released two months too soon.

**Big Momma's House** (June 2)  
Starring Martin Lawrence, Nia Long, Paul Giamatti, Terrence Howard  
An FBI agent impersonates a gigantic southern matriarch known as "Big Momma" as he tries to capture a fugitive.  
*JW: Big laughs or big let-down? Go with your first impression.*

**Running Free** (June 2)  
Starring Chase Moore, Jan Declair, Arie Verveen; voices of Lukas Hass, Maria Geelbooi  
An abandoned horse struggles to survive in southern Africa.  
*JW: Could be the best talking horse movie of all time. Does anyone care?*

**Gone in 60 Seconds** (June 9)  
Starring Nicolas Cage, Robert Duval, Angelina Jolie, Giovanni Ribisi  
A legendary but reformed car thief is sucked back into the business when he is forced to steal 50 specific cars in one evening in order to save his brother's life.

*JW: Plot gives way to sights and sounds in a typical, hollow summer flick.*

**Shaft** (June 16)  
Starring Samuel L. Jackson, Vanessa Williams, Christian Bale  
A smooth-talking black private detective dazzles the ladies in this 1971 remake.  
*JW: Could Samuel L. Jackson be any cooler?*

**Titan A.E.** (June 16)  
Voices of Matt Damon, Bill Pullman, Drew Barrymore  
A 19-year-old searches for a map left behind by his father that holds the secret to



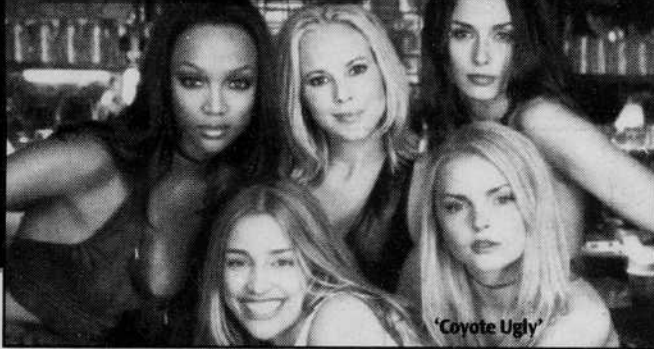
Jackie Chan stars in 'Shanghai Noon'



Nicholas Cage and Angelina Jolie in 'Gone in 60 Seconds'



'Fantasia 2000'



'Coyote Ugly'

saving mankind from the slave-driving aliens of the future in this completely computer-generated film.  
*JW: Must be one hell of a map.*

**Fantasia/2000** (June 16)  
When Walt Disney created that bold masterpiece in 1940, he intended "Fantasia" to be an ongoing endeavor. His vision comes to fruition with "Fantasia/2000." Like its 60-year-old predecessor, "Fantasia/2000" is a showcase of the latest animation technology aligned with classical compositions

from Beethoven, Gershwin, Shostakovich and others.  
*JW: Maybe this Fantasia will actually be interesting... Nah.*

**Chicken Run** (June 23)  
Voices of Mel Gibson, Julia Sawahla, Miranda Richardson, Tony Haygarth and Phil Daniels  
A coop of chickens tries to escape the

farm to avoid a certain death.  
*JW: You've gotta be kidding me.*

**Me, Myself and Irene** (June 23)  
Starring Jim Carrey, Renee Zellweger  
A cop with two different personalities goes to war against himself as each personality contests for the love of the same girl.  
*JW: We already knew he has a split personality. The question is: Will this be the "Dumb and Dumber" Jim Carrey or the "Cable Guy" Jim Carrey?*

**The Patriot** (June 30)  
Starring Mel Gibson, Heath Ledger, Jason Isaacs, Joely Richardson  
A hero of the French and Indian conflict reluctantly returns to battle when the American Revolution threatens his family.  
*JW: "Braveheart" set in America? We can only hope.*

**The Perfect Storm** (June 30)  
Starring George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg, Diane Lane  
An entire crew on the fishing boat Andrea Gail perishes in one of the century's worst storms, and the surviving families and rescue crews most cope with the disaster.  
*JW: "Twister," "Volcano" ... Just when you think they've covered all the natural disasters...*

**Disney's The Kid** (July 7)  
Starring Bruce Willis, Emily Mortimer, Jean Smart, Spencer Breslin  
A successful but unlikable 40-year-old image consultant turns his life around when he meets himself as an 8-year-old boy and remembers his childhood dreams.  
*JW: Bruce Willis continues to prove his critics wrong, seeking out new roles and growing as an actor. Well, sort of.*

**The X-Men** (July 14)  
Starring Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen, Halle Berry, James Marsden, Famke Janssen  
A group of humans are genetically altered into mutant superheroes with unique

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## And the winner is...

From bar brawls to hot dates, here's the best and worst of Eugene's drinking establishments:

- MOST LIKELY TO GET HIT:** (tie) Jogger's, Rennie's
- MOST LIKELY TO GET HIT ON:** Doc's Pad, Scandal's Dancing Club (2222 Centennial Blvd.)
- MOST LIKELY TO GET HIT BY PROJECTILE VOMIT:** Rock 'n' Rodeo (44 E. 7th Ave.)
- BEST POOL HALL:** Lucky's (933 Olive St.)
- BEST PLACE TO TAKE A DATE:** (tie) Soriah, Lava Lounge
- WORST PLACE TO TAKE A DATE:** Jiggles Bar & Grill (2165 W. 11th Ave.)
- BEST LIVE MUSIC:** WOW Hall (291 W. 8th Ave.) Honorable mention: Sam Bond's Garage (407 Blair Blvd.), John Henry's (136 E. 11th Ave.)
- MOST EUGENE:** (tie) The Tiny Tavern (394 Blair Blvd.), Max's
- LEAST EUGENE:** Lava Lounge
- BEST BAR YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TO:** The Cooler Pub & Grill (20 Centennial Loop)

### Ron Kerr



Kerr has mixed drinks at the Cafe Soriah bar since the place opened seven years ago. His freshly squeezed margarita is known as one of the best in town.

**Q:** Describe the worst customer you've ever had to serve.

**A:** Mr. A. You know, one of those people that's "me, me, me, and how are you doing, oh let me tell you about me." No respect, no couth, no class.

We ran him off.

**Q:** This is known as a classy place. Do women come here because they know they won't get harassed as much as at other places?

**A:** If people harass women here, they're gone. If you are even remotely bugging women here, you're gone. Forever.

**Q:** Anything you'd like to add?

**A:** There are only two rules here. No bad drinks, and don't bring your dick-head friend.