

Fall of man worse than we thought

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It's back. As promised the fourth installment of the Terminator saga hit theaters on May 21st.

Those who are fans of the old Terminator movies have been looking forward to this movie ever since the end of the first Terminator movie when the little Mexican boy says, "There's a storm coming." And Sarah Connor says, "I know..." because this movie is about that storm.

And like most storms, they end with disaster.

Terminator Salvation takes place several years after Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines. Skynet, the missile defense system that became self aware and destroyed most of humanity, has taken over the world and is cranking out terminators to hunt down and kill the surviving humans. Amongst the chaos is the human resistance who are fighting a losing battle to save humanity. John Connor, whom at this point is only a soldier of the resistance and a man named Marcus Wright, become John Connor's only hope for victory.

The story does a good job of tying together everything from the older movies and stays very true to the original source material but as an action movie it falls short. It's supposed to be about a war between man and machine but save for a few small skirmishes, an attack from a giant terminator and a very brief jet dogfight, there are really no epic full-scale battles to be seen. Even when they

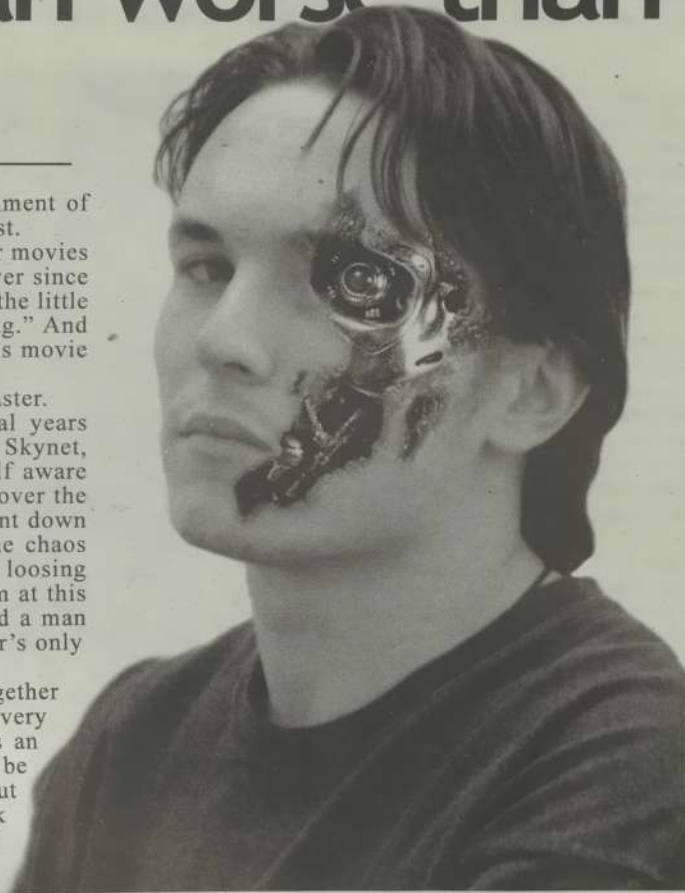


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infiltrate the machines' headquarters they end only one terminator.

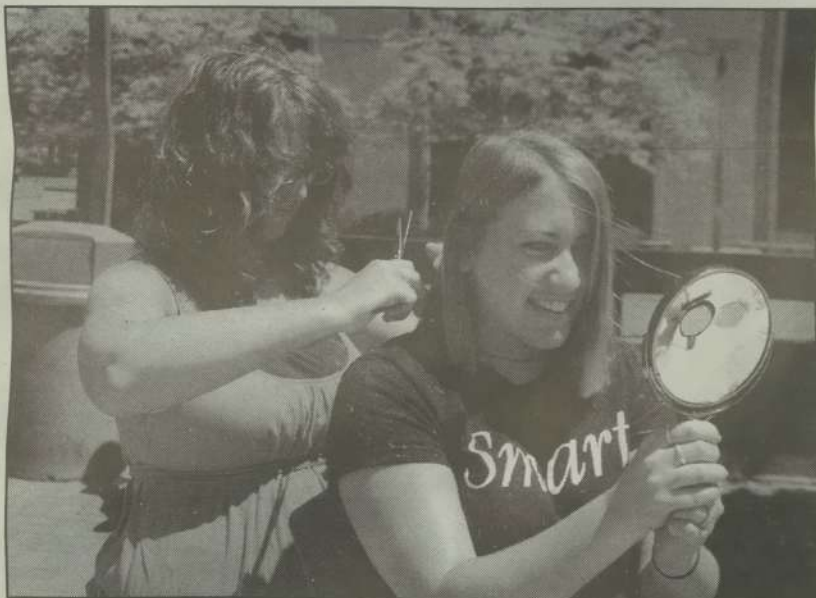
Another problem with this movie is the lack of variety in the different terminators. They're all flying one, a walking one, a big one and a small one. And there's maybe one or two of each on screen at a time.

Surely the dedicated fans of the old movies appreciate all the quotes and remade scenes from old movies such as John Connor freezing a terminator that he's fighting in a factory or one particular scene where he is listening to the same song repeated to as a kid or when he even says "I'll be back" and "Come with me if you want to live!" Great quotes for true fans, but they all seem forced, reusing old scenes can be interpreted as lazy. If we wanted to see something we had already seen before, we would have watched Terminator one and two again instead.

There isn't much to say about the acting in Terminator Salvation there aren't any really groundbreaking performances and save for Christian Bale, there aren't any other well known celebrities. The acting is good enough for this kind of movie though. John Connor sometimes sounds like he is still doing a little bit of the Batman voice and is never as intimidating as he is towards the crewmember that accidentally gets killed in the shot.

Overall, Terminator Salvation is a solid action movie that just didn't push the envelope of what an action movie could have been. It's not a horrible movie and hopefully they will make up for it when Terminator 5 comes out. Because yes, it's not back.

Students lose hair over something other than finding



ABOVE LEFT: Alyssa watches as her hair is moved by Courtney for Locks of Love, a charitable organization that donates hairpieces to children under the age of 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any disease.

ABOVE: Courtney prepares to take a hair from Lindsey Hurlburt's hair.

LEFT: Amanda Sherwin (right) patiently waits for either Jen Borowczak or Jordan Hufford to finish donating their hair. All events took place at the salsa event that took place on campus last Wednesday. Pictures in foreground from left to right: Courtney Quinn, Jen Borowczak, Grant Sen, Jordan Hufford, Amanda Sherwin. Other events included salsa and breakdancing.