

The Crystal Ball - Dec 19 Releases

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It's Friday night, which means its "Crystal Ball" time here on The Blurbs. Mitch runs the gamut on new theater releases, new DVDs available for rental/purchase, Borat lawsuits, and this week - the Golden Globe nominees for best picture of the year. If you come for the sports, and don't read The Ball ... you should start. It's a humorous and thorough weekly update on all things Hollyweird.



Mel Gibson scores again. Another uber-violent movie filmed in an ancient dialect; another #1 box office flick. When you consider how much that man loves gore, you really wonder what he's going to do next. "Braveheart", "The Passion of the Christ", "Apocalypto", "Paparazzi", "The Patriot", "Payback"...and on and on with the violence, even including the Mad Max and Lethal Weapon movies. I think if Mel could get away with it, he'd do a snuff film.

News & Rumors: ☐

~ One lawsuit dismissed for "Borat", the one filed by the drunken frat boys asking for their scene to be immediately cut from the film...and another one filed, this time by a bathroom attendant whose scene ended up on the editing room floor. Oh, yeah, and a Golden Globe nomination for "Borat" as Best Comedy or Musical.

~ I guess there weren't any huge shocks for the Golden Globe nominees for Best Picture, either on the drama or the comedy side. "The Departed", "Babel", "Bobby", "The Queen", and "Little Children" for Best Drama, and "Borat", "The Devil Wears Prada", "Dreamgirls", "Little Miss Sunshine", and "Thank You for Smoking." My early favorites would be "The Departed" and

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“Dreamgirls” as expected winners, although I’d prefer “Borat” on the comedy side. I was a bit surprised that “Bobby” got a nomination, as the critics haven’t been kind to it, and I would have expected “Letters from Iwo Jima” or “World Trade Center” instead.

~ Sam Raimi (director of the Spider-Man movies) has acquired the rights to the old comic book and radio superhero “The Shadow”, and will be looking at making a big budget film. Anything to make us forget that awful 1994 movie with Alec Baldwin as the Shadow.

~ An original idea being made into a movie? What is the world coming to? Jason Lee is set to star in the film “Krater”. Set in the late 70s to early 80s, it follows the leader of a rock and roll band (Lee) as he deals with mega-success after hiring a new lead singer, who has secret Broadway ambitions. Sounds a bit like the soap opera that was the band Styx, as Tommy Shaw just about gagged himself dealing with Dennis DeYoung pretty much destroying a good rock band by Andrew Lloyd Webber-ing it.

~ Interesting blurb for those of you that are seriously addicted to the World Series of Poker (cough...cough...SWERB...cough). Hayden Christensen is set to star as the young version of poker-brat/jerk Phil Hellmuth in “The Madison Kid”, depicting Hellmuth’s rise to becoming the youngest player ever to win the WSOP in 1989.

~ Nicole Richie...Marvin Lewis is on Line 2. He want’s to know if you’re available to hold for placekicks, as he really wants to beat the All-Time Arrest record for a football team, but needs that extra push to put him past the University of Miami Hurricanes.

~ So long, Peter Boyle. You will be missed.

