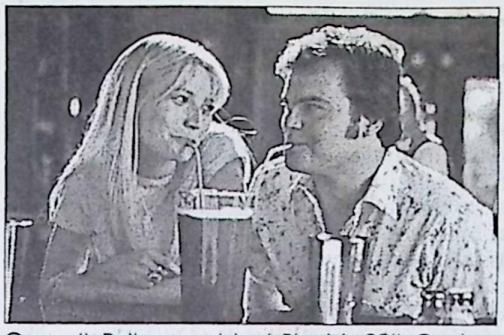
Hits from this Week



Gwyneth Paltrow and Jack Black in 20th Century Fox's Shallow Hal - 2001

Shallow Hal (2001)
User Rating: (3.2/5)
Drama, Comedy and Romance
MPAA Rating: PG-13 for language
Starring: Jack Black, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jason Alexander, Garry Shandling, Susan Ward
Directed by: Peter Farrelly, Bobby Farrelly
Produced by: Bradley Thomas, Charles B Wessler, Peter Farrelly, Bobby Farrelly
Written by: Ivy, Sean Moynihan, Peter Farrelly, Bobby Farrelly, Sean Moynahan
Distributor: Twentieth Century Fox
Release Date: November 9, 2001 Nationwide.
1 hr. 54 min.

The story revolves around Hal (Jack Black) who takes the advice of his dying father and dates only the embodiments of physical perfection. But that all changes after Hal has an unexpected run-in with self-help guru Tony Robbins. Intrigued by Hal's shallowness, Robbins hypnotises him into seeing the beauty that exists even in the least physically appealing women. Hal is smitten after meeting the morbidly obese Rosemary, as he sees her kindness and humour translated into the physical perfection that is Gwyneth Paltrow. After Hal's equally shallow friend Mauricio (Jason Alexander) undoes the hypnosis, Hal must face an unrecognisable Rosemary and make a fateful decision.

The One (2001)
User Rating: (3.6/5)
Science Fiction/Fantasy and Action/Adventure
MPAA Rating: PG-13 for thematic elements and drug content.
Release Date: November 2, 2001 Nationwide.
Starring: Jet Li, Delroy Lindo, Carla Gugino, Jason Statham, Jet Li Lian-jie
Directed by: James Wong
Produced by: Glen Morgan, Steve Chasman, James Wong
Written by: Glen Morgan, James Wong
Distributor: Columbia Tristar
1 hr. 36 min.

The one, a supernatural action bonanza from director James Wong, stars martial arts expert Jet Li. With high-tech special effects and innovative choreography, the film places Li in various battle scenarios fighting against his equal--actually, his double, an evil version of himself living from another reality. The plot blends science fiction and action/adventure, shuttling from one parallel universe to another, sometime in the future. Yulaw (Li) is a notorious bad guy who's been traveling from universe to universe (a prohibited practice), killing off his other selves. As he does, he sucks up their energy and becomes faster, smarter and stronger. He's Superman with the moves of Bruce Lee and the likeable, well-worn face of Clint Eastwood. As he's pursued across time and space by a pair of trans-universe cops (Jason Statham and Delroy Lindo, with a great, genre-busting performance), Yulaw tracks down the last of his victims, Gabriel (Li), a sweet guy who works for the Los Angeles Sheriff's department.



Jet Li in Columbia's The One - 2001

Heist (2001)
User Rating: (3.2/5)
Drama and Crime/Gangster
MPAA Rating: R for language and some violence.
Starring: Gene Hackman, Danny Devito, Delroy Lindo, Sam Rockwell, Patti Lupone
Directed by: David Mamet
Produced by: Art Linson, Elie Samaha, Andrew Stevens
Written by: David Mamet
Distributor: Warner Brothers
Release Date: November 9, 2001 Nationwide.
1 hr. 47 min.

Heist, written and directed by David Mamet (directed STATE AND MAIN, wrote HANNIBAL and WAG THE DOG), is a film noir crime mystery about two old friends (Gene Hackman and Danny DeVito) who dream up a plan to pull off the perfect robbery of a fortune in Swiss gold bullion. There's an extraordinary pleasure here in observing the sheer expertise of everyone involved: wily old pros Gene Hackman, Delroy Lindo and Ricky Jay,



Gene Hackman and Rebecca Pidgeon in Warner Brothers' Heist - 2001

deadpan femme fatale Rebecca Pidgeon and treacherous gangsters Danny De Vito and Sam Rockwell, all vying over the loot and running through the complex set of double-crosses cooked up for them. ■