

# The Wedding Bell Blues

Kim Basinger and Alec Baldwin, probably the hottest couple in Hollywood, have now become more famous for their off-screen antics than any on-screen sparks they've tried to concoct. Case in point: *The Marrying Man*.

It all started last year on the set of *The Marrying Man* when both Basinger and Baldwin started pulling star trips, including showing up six hours late for shooting, holding out for ridiculous demands, hurling various projectiles at crew members, firing crew members, smashing equipment, insulting screenwriter Neil Simon to his face and refusing to publicize the film in any way. All their tantrums forced the very frugal and terribly unhappy Walt Disney Company to overrun the set \$16 million budget by another \$10 million. It's an absolute wonder that this film ever got made.

So was all the chaos worth it? Well... maybe... sort of... barely. Fair to say it's Simon's best effort in years, *The Marrying Man* has occasional humorous scenes, snappy dialogue and interesting rapport but it falls short in dazzling the audience.

Set in 1948, Kim Basinger plays Vicki Anderson, a Las Vegas lounge singer and Alec Baldwin plays Charley Pearl, a millionaire playboy madly infatuated with the sultry songstress. But there's only two problems: Charley is merely days away from marrying

the daughter of the biggest movie mogul in Hollywood Lew Horner (Robert Loggia) and Vicki just happens to be the main squeeze of West Coast mobster Bugsy Siegel (Armand Assante).

Throwing caution to the wind, the two begin a torrid affair, but when Bugsy catches them, instead of fitting them with cement shoes, he forces them into a shotgun wedding. He figures the publicity surrounding the shameful marriage will destroy Charley's reputation, and if that doesn't kill him,

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the wrath of Lew Horner most definitely will.

After their subsequent divorce, the pair realize they can't live without each other and marry again, only to discover they can't live with each other and get another divorce... hence the title.

The problem with *The Marrying Man*, despite the great supporting cast led by comedian Paul

Reiser, is the absence of any great chemistry on screen between the two leads. It should sizzle but mostly fizzles. Basinger seems truly strained when tackling the comedic dimensions and it's Baldwin, as her net, who usually

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## Club 2000 to become 'Entertainment Centre'

By TED BROWN

April 30 will mark the beginning of something new at Club 2000.

The familiar Norval music centre is now managed by Riviera Productions and will now be called the Riviera/Club 2000 Entertainment Centre.

Under the new management, the centre will cater to a variety of musical interests including country and western, jazz, big bands, rock, bluegrass and will host some teen dances.

April 30 marks the beginning of the Premier Gala week with The Razorbacks with Big Sugar, followed by Liberty Silver on May 1, Ronnie Prophet and

Elaine Jarvis May 2, and Elaine Jarvis joins Eddie Eastman for the May 3 performance.

"We hope to attract a wide variety of musical talents," says Director of Media Services Cathy Burley, "to cater to the different interests of the area. Thursday and Friday nights will be country and western nights, and we will feature jazz through the week."

In addition, Riviera/Club 2000 will be a good community citizen, donating \$1 from every \$6 cover charge admission to a local charity in the Halton Hills area, Burley says.

Hostess recording artist Elaine Jarvis of CHCH-TV's Showdown will be on hand to introduce the acts and perform as well.

In celebration of the new beginning of the Norval establishment, the management is hosting a cocktail party, Tuesday April 30, at 7 p.m. giving the public a chance to meet with some of the upcoming performers of the centre, and to meet representatives of the charities who will benefit from the donations.

The centre will be open Tuesday through Saturday, with the occasional Sunday performance.

"We want to make this an entertainment centre of which everyone will be proud," says Burley, "and to be able to bring a high quality of live entertainment to the Halton Hills people."

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