

Markham Movie Scene

# Ladyhawke beats credibility factor


By IAN BAILEY  
**LADYHAWKE:** As in such films as *The Omen* and *Superman*, director Richard Donner makes this fantasy work quite well by helping its unlikely premise over the hurdle of credibility.  
 Donner used this skill on *The Omen* — the unlikely tale of Satan spiriting his son into a powerful American family — by turning it into a grandiose and moody mystery.  
 With *Superman*, he balanced a deft touch for light comedy with comic book spectacle. In both cases, he set the tone, whether moody or light, for the sequels that followed (his next film is *The Goonies*, a Steven Spielberg production due out this summer).  
 In *Ladyhawke*, Donner focuses on the romantic spirit of a tale that might have sounded better being read to kids than being filmed. The result is an exciting and magical tale that is actually quite emotionally engaging.  
 Rutger Hauer (from *Bladerunner*) and Michelle Pfeiffer (into *The Night*) star as lovers in a medieval land, who have been cursed by a jealous Bishop (John Wood from *War Games*). Their passion can never be consummated because by day, she is transformed into a hawk while he remains

human. By night, the situation is reversed as he becomes a wolf while she is takes human form. Matthew Broderick (also from *War Games*) is a young pickpocket who encounters the lovers and sets out to break the curse.  
 Although magic (as seen from the fearful religious perspective of medieval Europe) permeates this tale, Donner gives it second shrift to what drags you into the story — the unfulfilled romance of the cursed lovers.  
*Ladyhawke* is never more compelling than when it depicts the lovers confronting the bestial forms that each other wears and wondering about each other. Broderick's character serves as an effective outsider looking in on their plight. "There are magical, unexplainable matters here and I beg you not to make me part of them," his character pleads. Yet he and we are drawn into them as Donner develops the curse in a manner that may not be straightforward, but does make it hauntingly real.  
 The thrilling action sequences and the film's lush, period detail follow quite nicely, but they merely complement the appeal of the plight. If only for its running time, this film makes you believe in childhood fantasy stories again. (PG) MARKVILLE \*\*\*\*

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**THE CARE BEARS MOVIE:** The popular kid's dolls come to life in this big screen, animated adventure. (F) NOT RATED. **KING DAVID:** This attempt to prove that the biblical epic as a genre didn't die with movie-maker Cecil B. De Mille certainly has its moments. Some, such as King David (Richard Gere) dancing through the streets of Jerusalem in a white loincloth will leave you helpless on the floor of the theatre — laughing. The movie also suffers by trying to cover too much in too little time. From David's battle with Goliath to his victory over King Saul to his passion for Bathsheba (Alice Krige), there's a lot of ground to cover and the miracle here is that the film does it in under two hours. The price is that it leaves many interesting situations undeveloped. Yet there are other moments here such as the pivotal battle between the Israelites and the Phillistines wherein the Israelites are outnumbered by 20,000 men, plus any scene that has the splendid Australian actor Edward Woodward in his thunderous depiction of mad King Saul. If you can overlook the fact that Richard Gere is way out of his acting depth in detailing the complex character of David, this film can be enjoyed for the epic sweep of its story and a

spectacular grandeur you don't often see at the movies. Parents should be warned, however. With its mindboggling violence (several beheadings, a few throats cut) and its dose of nudity, this is not a film for the kids. (AA) \*\*\*  
**POLICE ACADEMY II:** The graduates of last year's comedy *Police Academy* (including Steve Guttenberg and Bubba Smith) return to battle a streetgang in this TV-level sequel. \*\* (AA)  
**WITNESS:** Starring Harrison Ford. (AA) \*\*\*\*  
**THORNHILL SQUARE:**  
**AMADEUS:** The brilliantly depicted rise and fall of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, with the fall being engineered by his rival Antonio Salieri. Winner of eight Academy Awards. (PG) \*\*\*\*  
**THE BREAKFAST CLUB:** (AA. Coarse Language) \*\*\*\*  
**MASK:** A powerful and haunting true story about a teenager trying to cope with adolescence and a terrible facial deformity. As the boy, actor Eric Stolz offers a very good performance from under a thick layer of make-up. Although she is a bit too radiant from her role. (AA) \*\*\*

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Presentations and displays by Markham, Unionville and Milliken students will be held at Markville Shopping Centre during Education Week (April 21 to 27).  
 Events scheduled include:  
 Monday, April 22 — Reesor Park P.S. Gymnastic Club from 9:30 a.m. to noon; square dancing and gymnastics by Milliken Mills P.S. students and Markham

District High School's (MDHS) Senior Band and Choral Music during the afternoon.  
 Tuesday, April 23 — Ukele and singing presentation, fashion show and rhythmic activities by students at William Armstrong P.S. from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; Milliken Mills P.S. choirs from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Milliken Mills P.S. bands from 12:30 to 1 p.m.; MDHS Jr. Band from 1 to 2 p.m.; MDHS brass ensemble from 2 to 2:15 p.m.; Roy H. Crosby P.S. Choral Group from 2:15 to 2:30 p.m.; and Reesor Park P.S. Band from 2:30 to 3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24 — poetry reading by Roy H. Crosby P.S. students from 10 to 10:20 a.m.; parachute activity by Roy H. Crosby P.S. students from 10:20 to 10:30 a.m.; Reesor Park P.S. Kindergarten choir from 10:30 to 11 a.m.; Reesor Park P.S. Rhythm Band from 1 to 1:15 p.m.; James Robinson P.S. Band from 1:15 to 2 p.m.; pantomime by students from Highgate P.S. from 2 to 2:45 p.m.; James Robinson P.S. Junior Choir from 3 to 3:30 p.m.; and James Robinson P.S. bands from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.  
 Thursday, April 25 — Roy H. Crosby P.S. Choir from 10 to 10:30 a.m.; James Robinson P.S. Band from 10:30 to 11 a.m.; dance and drama presentations by students from Franklin St. P.S. from 1 to 2:30 p.m.; recorder presentation by students from Highgate P.S. from 2:30 to 3 p.m.; and James Robinson P.S. Band from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.

## Comedy cabaret a possibility

Bob Rivest would like to have his customers rolling in the aisles — at least on Thursday nights.  
 The new operator of Fernando's Restaurant on Main St. says he would like to feature a Thursday evening comedy cabaret where amateur comedians could perform and practise their skills.  
 "I'd let them have freedom of speech," said Mr. Rivest, "as long as it wasn't too crass. I'd also warn the audience that they may not like everything they hear."  
 Mr. Rivest said he'd like 15 to 20 comics to start things off. He said potential entertainers could call him for an audition at 294-6523.  
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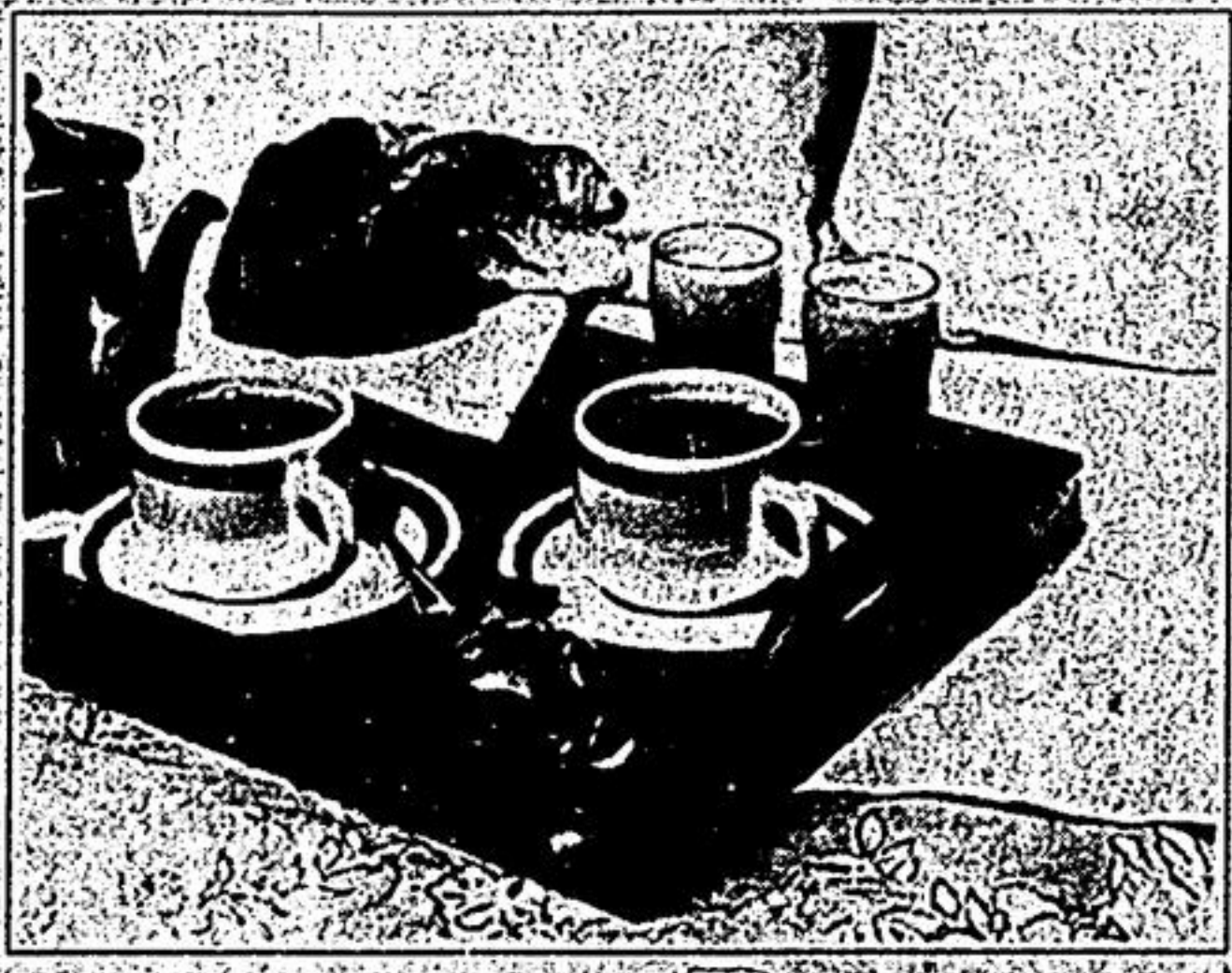
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