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'The Sixth Sense': Worth the Line and the Wait

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Creepy. Freaky. Downright chilling. What? You haven't seen it?!? What are you waiting for? Don't believe all the talk about this movie? Or have the sold-out shows stopped you from seeing it?

In "The Sixth Sense," Bruce Willis plays distinguished child psychologist Dr. Malcolm Crowe, whose disturbed eight-year old patient named Cole Sear (Haley Joel Osment) has a secret. The boy has emotional problems, physical wounds, and abnormal behavior, symptoms similar to those of a past patient, Vincent Gray (Donnie Wahlberg), who shot Malcolm in the stomach last year before turning the gun on himself.

Cole is so frightened by his secret that he is unable to tell anyone, not

even his mother (Toni Collette). Only after establishing trust with Dr. Crowe, he confides, "I can see dead people."

Malcolm devotes himself to aiding Cole, who is terrified by his encounters with the deceased. Meanwhile Malcolm's personal life suffers when his wife Anna (Olivia Williams) stops talking to him and begins having an affair.

Willis gives an excellent performance as the therapist, and Osment delivers a standout portrayal of a troubled child with talent beyond his years. The characters play well off each other, though supporting roles by actresses Collete and Williams should have been more fully developed.

Slow pacing, a long build-up, and gradually revealed mysteries lead to one final, shocking twist that clinches this chilling thriller.

31/2 stars (out of 4)

The Philly Trade-Off: Concert for Commitment

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Give college students Sugar Ray and Luscious Jackson, and they will return the favor with years of productivity and tax dollars, right?

The Philadelphia College Student Retention Committee, area universities, and city corporations hope that by sponsoring a free concert, they can convince the 250 thousand college students in the area that Philadelphia is a great place for them to live and work after their graduation.

According to Communications and University Relations Manager Ronald Hill, " [the committee wants to] promote Philadelphia's image as a college town, and create an atmosphere similar to that of Boston." Forty- thousand students are expected to pack the Mann Music Center on October 9 to see headliners Sugar Ray, who attracted a large crowd to their show at the E-Centre

last month. Luscious Jackson will also perform on the main stage in an effort to promote their new album Electric Honey.

The committee is hoping that during set changes, the concertgoers will visit the "Philly College Town Village" in the area surrounding Fairmount Park.

In the village, corporate recruiters, university representatives, and alumni will promote job opportunities in Philadelphia and try to build a bond between the students and the city.

"A free concert will not make students stay in the area. There are other reasons to live here," said Junior Benjamin Byrne.

The issue has become a priority after a recent Universum poll of business school graduates revealed Philadelphia as one of the least desired cities for residence. City and business leaders are counting on the

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Bangin' Summer Movies

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hottest summers of the millennium. As temperatures rose to nearly 90 degrees daily, so did boredom. Many people were urged to stay in doors, keep cool and beat the heat the best way they could. For me, the way I escaped boredom was going out to a place with friends, laughs and long lines. I'm talking about America's favorite pastime, the movies! Just about every weekend I

saw the top blockbusters of the summer.

Some movies were short, This summer was one of the boring or poorly written, i.e. WWW (Wild Wild West). Some of the top summer movies included The Spy Who Shagged Me, Star Wars: The Phantom Menace, Entrapment, The Mummy and Big Daddy, just to name a few. My favorite movie was The Deep Blue Sea. It wasn't just as hark movie; it had great special effects, a good cast, action and mellow drama.

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The Ultimate Guide to This Fall's TV Season

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Hollywood.'

ANGEL (Tu. 9p, WB): This is a spin-off of the low rated but critically acclaimed Buffy the Vampire Slayer. Angel himself is a 300 year old vampire played by David Boreanaz. The show has the vampire fighting evil with a dead private investigator and a bitchy college chick in seedy L.A. HARSH REALM (Fri. 9PM, Fox): From the mind of Chris Carter, the creator of The X-Files and the now defunct Millennium, comes this dark sci-fi drama. The premise involves a soldier getting trapped in a military created virtual reality world where nothing is as it seems. It may sound corny, but Chris Carter is a talented enough guy to produce a watchable show.

sitcom that features the so called 'true Munch role from Homicide, plus Dean Taz, and 'The Homicidal, Suicidal, Winters and Christopher Meloni from Genocidal' Sabu duke it out with

Douglas in this 'Larry Sanders'-esque Richard Belzer, reprising his John Show' Rob Van Damme, New Jack, chairs, barbed wire, flaming tables, and cheese graters.

So far 1999 has been a good year for TV. The excellent mob drama, The Soprano's, and the hilarious Norm MacDonald vehicle, Norm, premiered. Homicide ended its series in great fashion while HBO's gritty prison drama, Oz, sizzled through the summer with a fantastically intense third season.

Now we embrace the final new TV season of the century. There are over 35 new TV shows hitting airwaves this season, showcasing plenty of star power and at least a few interesting concepts to keep you watching. Because of the all mighty ratings, this time next year only a scattered few of these shows will still be on. Here is a preview of the 1999 Fall TV season:

ACTION (Thu. 9:30PM, Fox): It was developed over at HBO but was eventually dropped for unknown reasons. Guess who picked it up? Fox, of course. Jay Mohr and Illeana

LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT (Mon. 9p, NBC): Originally titled Law & Order: Sex Crimes, they opted for the new, toned down title, even though the show is about...sex crimes. The cast includes

TIME OF YOUR LIFE (Mon. 8PM, Fox): Jennifer Love Hewitt stars in this Party of Five spin-off as a New Yorker looking for her biological father. Wouldn't it be a lot easier to just go on Jerry Springer?

WWF'S SMACKDOWN! (Thu. 8PM, UPN) and EXTREME CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING (Fri. 8PM, TNN): If you are a prowrestling fan, then you have a reason to rejoice. If you are not, then you have a reason to hate. The World Wrestling Federation invades UPN to give it an adrenaline boost and some much needed ratings. See Chris 'The Iatolla of Rock 'n Rolla' Jericho, 'The People's Champ' The Rock, 'Stone Cold' Steve Austin, and The Dudley Boyz beat the crap out of each other.

Meanwhile, South Philly's own ECW premieres nationally for the first time on The Nashville Network. Watch Raven, Balls Mahoney, 'The Whole F'N

WEST WING (Wed. 9PM, NBC): At first the show was called Interns, but the network changed their mind. Now it is a serious drama about the President and his staff, minus the interns. Martin Sheen is the President, while Rob Lowe plays an adviser. The surprise? It's getting good buzz.

WASTELAND (Thu. 9 PM, ABC): From Kevin Williamson, the writer of 'Scream' and creator of Dawson s Creek, comes a soap opera type drama about twenty-somethings growing up in New York City. It stars Rebecca Gayheart, the girl from those old Noxema commercials.

And finally, the WB surprises us yet again with a show titled ROSWELL (Wed. 9PM). The plot? Aliens disguise themselves as teenagers in a New Mexican High School. Be afraid of the WB. Be very afraid.