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Nic's Information Club Bi-Weekly Newsletter

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Member of the Month Bianca Brigden

NEWS/MOVIE UPDATES

The official Ghost Rider Blog site has a new area where fans can ask Questions and the director answer them.

<http://www.sonypictures.com/movies/ghostrider/blog/>

Nicolas Cage, adding more fuel to speculation that he might be moving to Las Vegas,

attended Lance Burton's magic show (Monte Carlo) on Saturday, his third visit to see Burton in recent months. Cage plays a Las Vegas showroom magician with powers to see the future in an upcoming thriller entitled "Next." He's also in pre-production for "Amarillo Slim," the story of poker legend "Amarillo Slim" Preston, winner of the 1972 World Series of Poker.

<http://www.benmaller.com/archives/2006/october/30#119512>

World Trade Center on DVD, HD-DVD & Blu-ray

Paramount Home Entertainment will release Oliver Stone's "World Trade Center" on DVD, HD-DVD & Blu-ray this December 12th. The film, starring Nicolas Cage, Maria Bello, Maggie Gyllenhaal, and Michael Pena, will be available in five different editions: single disc full screen, single disc widescreen, 2-disc Commemorative Edition, HD-DVD, and Blu-ray.

The single disc editions will include: a "Commentary by Oliver Stone," a "Commentary by real-life survivor Will Jimeno and real-life rescuers Scott Strauss, John Busching and Paddy McGee," and "Nine deleted/extended scenes (Extended Locker Room, Extended Roll Call, Concerned Business Woman, Fireman Johnny, Original Hole Two Through Allison Making Lunch, Judy Gets Word Jay Is OK, John's Ghost, Barbeque Flashback, and Paramedic Tends To John) - each with optional commentary by Stone."

The 2-disc Commemorative Edition, HD-DVD, and Blu-ray Disc will include all of the above plus, a "Making-of featurette, which is split into three parts (Committing to the Story, Shooting in New York and Los Angeles, and Closing Wounds)," a "Two-part Common Sacrifices featurette (Rescue and Recovery)," "Building Ground Zero: a Visual & Special Effects featurette," "Oliver Stone's New York," a "Q&A with Oliver Stone," the "Theatrical Trailer," "Five TV Spots," and a "Photo Gallery."

For the HD-DVD and Blu-ray, all but the: Q&A, TV Spots and Gallery, are presented in high definition.

Be sure to check under Related DVD's below for more details.

Synopsis:

Academy Award-winning director Oliver Stone tells the true story of the heroic survival and rescue of two Port Authority policemen – John McLoughlin and Will Jimeno – who were trapped in the rubble of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, after they went in to help people escape. The film also follows their families as they try to find out what happened to them, as well as the rescuers who found them in the debris field and pulled them out. Their story shows how the best in people rose above the tragic events of that day.

<http://www.dvdtown.com/news/worldtradecenterondvdhddvdbluray/4180>

A huge profit potential

Nicolas Cage wants \$35 million for house bought for \$7 million.

By Ruth Ryon Special to The Morning Call

Nicolas Cage already had won a best actor Oscar when he bought his Bel-Air home in 1998 for close to its asking price of \$7 million. He has now put it on the market at \$35 million.

Why so much?

First, appreciation. Home values in Cage's ZIP Code have increased by nearly 90 percent since his purchase, according to DataQuick Information Systems.

Next, improvements. The estate was built in 1940 but has been updated and restored regularly through the years.

Then, there's style. The Tudor has a circular driveway and a fountain. It's hard to argue with classic good looks. The property is a local landmark just off Sunset Boulevard, yet much of it is hidden by a brick wall. Behind the wall, there are lush gardens.

And size — it does matter. On slightly more than an acre, the home has seven bedrooms and seven bathrooms in 11,000-plus square feet, including a two-bedroom, two-bath guesthouse.

There are toys: a game room, an Olympic-size pool, a theater, a professional projection room, a custom wine cellar.

And architectural eye candy: a two-story entrance, a suspended staircase, high ceilings.

The house also has a history of celebrity owners. Tom Jones called it home for more than 20 years; Dean Martin lived there before that. Cage also has owned homes in Venice and Malibu plus considerable land along the coast.

Cage, 42, recently starred as Port Authority officer John McLoughlin in Oliver Stone's "World Trade Center." The actor earned his Oscar playing the alcoholic screenwriter in "Leaving Las Vegas" (1995).

http://www.mcall.com/business/local/all-hot1029oct29_0.1433746.story

Movie File: Jessica Simpson, Luke Wilson, "National Treasure 2" & More

You might want to hold your breathe for that fourth, forever-in-the-works Indiana Jones adventure, but fans can at least shift their excitement over to the return of another well-

known treasurer hunter. "I met with Nic yesterday, and it's getting close," superproducer Jerry Bruckheimer said of "National Treasure 2" the soon-to-shoot sequel to Nicolas Cage's 2004 hit. "We're going to start filming in January." Discussing the flick's script, Bruckheimer revealed, "It's another little treasure hunt, and this time it involves [Abe] Lincoln and John Wilkes Booth and 18 pages which are actually missing from [Lincoln's] diary," Teasing the plot further, Bruckheimer posed the central question of the sequel. "What was in those 18 pages?"...

<http://www.mtv.com/movies/news/articles/1544539/story.jhtml#/movies/news/articles/1544539/story.jhtml>

Sideshow Brings Two New Ghost Rider Collectibles Stateside

<http://www.superherotimes.com/newsarchive/001778.php>

"World Trade Center" expresses 9/11 anguish of America, says Oliver Stone

BEIJING, Nov. 1 (Xinhua) -- U.S. director Oliver Stone defended the timing of his latest movie "World Trade Center" in Beijing on Wednesday, saying the "pain" of the 9/11 attacks needed to be expressed.

"It's a shame, but part of our life. Maybe there would be another movie about it (if I hadn't shot it). To see it can be painful, and you can cry in the movie, but pain and crying sometimes is good," the award-winning director told reporters.

"World Trade Center", starring Nicolas Cage, is based on the true story of two policemen who were trapped in the rubble of the Twin Towers in 2001 and supported each other for 12 hours before their rescue.

Stone said he had tried to accurately portray the disaster, shooting a third of the film in New York, but using a Los Angeles set for the ruined Twin Towers and chaotic street scenes. He also persuaded witnesses to recall their experiences.

"It was a nightmare (to make the movie) because you want to be as realistic as possible, but you cannot really show the pain. It's too much. The audience would go screaming from the theater," Stone said.

The two policemen in the movie were among 20 people rescued from the rubble in which 2,749 people died. Stone said he selected them as the main characters because the story was coherent.

"They were not only together, but cooperated with each other. They're maybe better stories than the others," he said. Stone is known for his politically-themed films such as "JFK", "Nixon" and "Platoon", but he said "World Trade Center" had nothing to do with politics, but humanity and responsibility.

"We have the true story now. We have a moment-by-moment, hour-by-hour account which we know is true. I'm still scarred and wounded, but the question should be told as quickly as possible." He told reporters the movie was a way to tell a big story through a narrow angle in which two people help each other and people help them.

"World Trade Center" has reaped over 200 billion U.S. dollars since its release in North America on Aug. 9, and is scheduled to make its release in China on Nov. 10.

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2006-11/02/content_5278753.htm?rss=1

Links

<http://www.elitestv.com/pub/2006/Oct/EEN45462ff064623.html>

<http://www.dvdtown.com/reviews/gonein60seconds/4062>

<http://www.rottentomatoes.com/news/comments/?entryid=376663>

<http://business.bostonherald.com/realestateNews/view.bg?articleid=165475>

http://www.savesnl.com/2006/11/tiny_elvis.html

MOVIE OF THE WEEK

By: *Nicole*

Review - **National Treasure**

By [Scott Andrews](#).



In Brief: The Gates family are an odd bunch. From father to son they have passed down a legend of a great forgotten horde - the Lost Treasure of the Templars - and the sole known clue to its existence, entrusted to an ancestor by the last surviving man to sign the Declaration of Independence. Down the centuries the Gateses have tried to solve the clue and locate the treasure. In the process they've become renowned as crackpot conspiracy theorists and nutters. But the latest generation, Nic Cage's Benjamin Franklin Gates, has solved the clue at last, and he realises that to locate the treasure he has to do something a bit drastic. He has to steal the Declaration of Independence.

In Full: Well now here's an unexpected concoction. The crash-bang action movie formula of Jerry Bruckheimer slaved to a family-friendly Disney adventure pic. And what do you know, it works an absolute treat. Bruckheimer movies are slick thrill rides, relentless yet not entirely neglectful of character in the way that, say, 'Van Helsing' tragically was. But they can often be soulless vehicles, more about spectacle than character, and routinely feature very high body-counts and lots of casual bloodletting and gunplay.

How refreshing, how delightful, then, to see that formula applied to a film in which no-one dies (well, except for one red shirt and that's bloodless and no-one actually kills him, he just slips) and in which the hero never picks up a gun. Think about that for a moment - a big budget Hollywood blockbuster action movie in which the hero never fires a shot.

When you think of some of the tawdry exploitative dross that Hollywood has foisted on unsuspecting parents under the guise of 'family' entertainment, it's a joy to find a film that is exciting, suspenseful and spectacular and that you really can take kids to without worrying that there'll be a 'Temple of Doom' style heart-removal scene in there somewhere. Okay, there's one scary bit with a frozen skeleton at the start, but that's pure Scooby-Doo.

The key to the film is a heist sequence in which Gates attempts to execute his impossible theft while wearing a tuxedo, signaling the film's intention to throw in its lot with 'To Catch A Thief' and the effortlessly cool, suave sophistication of the original 'Ocean's Eleven' rather than 'The Rock'. Cage admits that it was this sense of cool homage that drew him to the film, and it was a sound choice.

Nic Cage is fabulous as Ben Gates, a hero who wins the day by thinking, by solving

problems, by just being smarter than the bad guy rather than harder or more violent. Sean Bean gives able support as his nemesis, and manages the tricky feat of making him almost sympathetic, never allowing him to devolve into a cackling Hooded Claw villain. His only disadvantage is that he's just not quite as on the money as Gates.

The plot is utter pants, of course - a load of old drivel about Templar Knights, freemasons and buried treasure, but frankly, who cares? It's a framework around which to weave derring-do set pieces and a good old fashioned treasure hunt movie, and as such it does its job admirably.

Reinventing Cage, Bruckheimer and Disney, this is a bravura film that genuinely understands the nature of true family entertainment and provides it in spades.

<http://www.filmfocus.co.uk/review.asp?ReviewID=198>

TRIVIA

1/ Gates went to the National Archives, after being laughed at by the FBI, to inform them about Ian's intentions to steal an important document. Again, he was laughed at. Finish the quote that the woman from the National Archives (Diane Kruger) said after Gates told her that they did not have the pipe with them: "Did _____ take it?"

2/ After Ben steals this document from the National Archives, the next clue is in the Silence Dogood letters. Silence Dogood was supposedly a middle-aged woman from the 1700s, but this was no woman. It was this famous person who wrote these letters under the penname Silence Dogood during his teenage years.

3/ The Knights Templar smuggled the treasure from Europe into the New World. The Knights Templar formed a new brotherhood that was known as what?

4/ What was the password that Ben needed to type to get into the area that housed the Declaration of Independence? This was the password that Riley tried to figure out by using anagrams, after being told all of the letters that the password contained.

1/ Big Foot 2/ Benjamin Franklin 3/ free masons 4/ valley forge

QUESTION FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

- 1) *What would you like to see more in the newsletter?*
- 2) *What was/is your favorite Nic Movie?*
- 3) *What is your favorite Nic related poem?*
- 4) *If you could call Nic right now what would you say?*
- 5) *What is it about Nicolas Cage you really like?*

Please send your answers in to be submitted in the next newsletter to mrsagan@exemail.com.au

<<<<INFORMATION>>>>

N.I.C. CHAT ROOM

Join us in chat. The chat nights are announced to the group via posts, if you are newsletter member only and would like to join, please do.

If you would like to hold a chat, email Angela at nicinfo-owner@yahogroups.com

TOP DOG

Please take a moment to add a brick for Nicolas Cage at Top Dog, if we do not add at least 20 bricks a month they will remove Nic's wall again permanently! They will not add it back again from what I was told. So let's all support Nic by adding bricks, go to <http://www.topdogcity.com/nicolascage4.htm>

SUPPORT YOUR GROUP

Please take a minute out each day to vote and show your support for the group.
http://www.starpages.net/N/I/Nicolas_Cage/index.html?VID=959132189

AT THE GROUP

Gallery – where you can add your own favorite Nic Pic.
<http://photos.groups.yahoo.com/group/nicinfo/lst>

Files area – where members have added pics and news articles and more.
<http://movies.groups.yahoo.com/group/nicinfo/files/>

Database – where you can add your birthday, IM info and more.
<http://movies.groups.yahoo.com/group/nicinfo/database>

Messages – catch up on past posts.
<http://movies.groups.yahoo.com/group/nicinfo/messages>

HELP NEEDED – Open Club Jobs

We are still seeking help in these areas, if anyone is interested – please let us know.

HELP NEEDED

- * Birthday coordinator – add birthdays to calendar – Fauve will be unable to do this as she is leaving for three months so she asked I go ahead and fill her spot, Fauve you have been doing this for a long time thanks for all your help!!
- * Welcoming Committee – Welcome new hires to the group
- * Birthday collector – add birthdays to the calendar

Please let me know at webmaster@cagefactor.net

Thanks

Colleen

I am also looking for any info on any Charity events Nic may have participated in, I found a few and some came from members back when we had this discussion, can anyone do a search and see if they can come up with any others??

STAFF LIST

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ABOUT THE CLUB

*N.I.C. *Nic's Information Club* is our main club site where you can..*

Post/Read Messages, Play/Build Polls, Join in the chats on scheduled nights/days. See/add your favorite pic of Nic. add your birthday to the database and receive a NICE special greeting on your day. Visit the calendar for movie updates, chat schedules, movie of the week and more.

<http://movies.groups.yahoo.com/group/nicinfo/>

Cagefactor.com is our home site where you can go see...

Member's area - Member photos - N.I.C FAQ - Wallpaper of the week - Pic of the week and more... <http://cagefactor.com/NIC.html> To add your pic to the member's photo page, send e-mail to webmaster@cagefactor.net



PLEASE READ

If your N.I.C. subscription ever becomes too heavy to handle or you're going on vacation or moving, you can do two things; have your mail options changed to...

- 1 - "Digest" (messages arrive in batches of 25 or fewer, without attachments)
- 2 - "No mail." With "no mail," you can read messages (and open attachments) directly from the Internet. (This is good if you don't have high-speed access.) You can change your mail options yourself by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nicinfo/>. You will be asked to sign in if you've never done so before. If you can't remember your password, request a change to a new one that you can remember. Once you've signed in, you can also access "Chat" and "Files" and "Photos" and other areas of interest.



Please keep the Nics Information Club discussion list fun for everyone

****Group Rules****

#1 Keep your comments respectful of Nicolas and his family. After all, he is the reason we exist, we do not condone the spread of hurtful tabloid rumors. We do, however, allow tabloid photos, as they tend to be more accurate. If you have doubts about a tidbit you just found, send it to one of the staff members so that the moderating staff can mull it over before sending it to the group.

#2 Nicolas's home address is not to be posted to the list-Privacy Rule!
Even though his house is on the Hollywood Star Tour, Nicolas's home address is not to be posted to the list in an effort to give him an inkling of privacy.

#3 Keep your comments respectful of other members!
Please keep your comments respectful of other members. By all means, have serious discussions. Just edit out any personal insults before sending. Remember Nicolas' golden rule: "It's ok to be different". Meeting people online from different cultures, religions, perspectives, and backgrounds makes our lives much richer. We can learn a lot from each other. Remember: "It is nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice."
(Cage)

#4 NO Offensive Language!
We all want a nice place to be a part of discussions on Nicolas Cage and we will not tolerate any offensive Language.

#5 Friendly Discussions Only! Enough Said. :)

Explanation of NNR – SNR - NENR...

NNR is Not Nic Related

SNR is Sorta Nic Related

NENR is Not Exactly Nic Related

"NNR" is used in the subject head when the topic is "not Nic related." This notifies members that they can simply delete the message and not miss any Nic-related discussion. "SNR" is used to mean "sorta Nic related." Please do not forward to the list chain letters or messages whose primary purpose is commercial.

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<http://movies.groups.yahoo.com/group/nicinfo/>

NNR (non Nic related) Topics – *A part of the NIC group*

<http://movies.groups.yahoo.com/group/nnr-topics/>

Newsletter Only Group

<http://movies.groups.yahoo.com/group/nicinfo-newsletter/>

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