



Savoy Pictures

Andy Garcia engages in a court battle over land ownership in 'Steal Big, Steal Little,' a romantic comedy about a family, a feud and an enormous fortune.

## Three new films fall short

NEW YORK (CNS) — The following are summaries of movies recently reviewed by the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting.

### "Steal Big, Steal Little" (Savoy)

Comic misfire about twins (both played by Andy Garcia) pitted against each other when their adoptive mother leaves an estate to one son, prompting the other to measures to wrest it from him. Director Andrew Davis relies on contrived whimsy and weak romantic complications in an overlong story that eventually affirms family loyalty and marital fidelity. Minor violence, references to adultery and a few profanities. The USCC classification is A-III — adults. The MPAA rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

### "Seven" (New Line)

Gruesome thriller about a veteran homicide detective (Morgan Freeman) and his cocky new partner (Brad Pitt) on the trail of a serial killer, each of whose tortured victims represents one of the

seven deadly sins. David Fincher directs a pointless exercise in shock value, as increasingly horrific murders come full circle to ensnare the detectives as well as the killer. Features a muddled theme of religious fanaticism, intermittent violence, graphic shots of mutilated corpses with full nudity, base sexual references and much rough language. The USCC classification is O — morally offensive. The MPAA rating is R — restricted.

### "To Die For" (Columbia)

Black comedy about an ambitious small-town TV weather forecaster (Nicole Kidman). While filming a documentary about three teenagers, she persuades them to murder her husband so that the film will be sensational enough to attract TV and movie sales. Director Gus Van Sant's biting satire lampoons the pursuit of fame and the media's avid coverage of killers. Yet it tends to trivialize the murderous act of vengeance that climaxes the story. Contains ambiguous treatment of revenge murder, brief violence, a few bedroom encounters and intermittent rough language. The USCC classification is A-IV — adults, with reservations. The MPAA rating is R — restricted.

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## Catholic Courier

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Dear Reader:

Last week an advertisement sponsored by local businesses and organizations ran in the *Catholic Courier's* "To Life!" supplement. The advertisement was similar to a sponsorship ad that ran in 1994.

Some of the businesses who participated in this year's Respect Life sponsorship have voiced their concern with being associated with such a message. While they participate in the *Courier's* advertising program, they cannot, and did not intend to, make a statement regarding life issues. Rather, they were participating in an annual advertising program to show their support of the *Courier* and generate goodwill with you, our reader.

Other sponsorship ads during the year, like Christmas, Easter and Back-to-School, include generic messages without making a statement. Unfortunately, when soliciting participation from businesses and organizations for our Respect Life sponsorship, our representatives may not have fully explained the message to be connected with this sponsorship ad.

Because the message in the advertisement portrayed support of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Rochester's stance on life issues, some participating businesses have been asked to refute or defend their position on these issues. Obviously, this places them in an awkward situation.

As advertising director for the *Catholic Courier*, I apologize to these businesses for placing them in such an awkward situation. I also ask you, our reader, to offer them your support and understanding.

Sincerely,

CATHOLIC COURIER

*Ray Frey*  
Raymond J. Frey  
Advertising Director

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