

# 'Stigmata': no miracle

Review

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When I saw the preview for "Stigmata," I couldn't wait to see the movie. If a preview says that a movie will "scare the hell into you", one would think it would be scary.

Well this is not a scary movie. I think that weird is more appropriate than scary.

The two main characters are Frankie Paige (Patricia Arquette) and Andrew Kiernan (Gabriel Byrne).

Kiernan is a Roman Catholic priest as well as a scientist who is sent by the Vatican to collect data on unexplained phenomena surrounding religion.

Kiernan is in a small village in Brazil where a priest has died.

He is there collecting data because a statue of Mary has been crying tears of blood.

At the funeral, the dead priest's rosary beads are stolen from the casket.

After Paige receives the rosary beads from her mother, her life drastically changes. Frankie begins to suffer from stigmata.

For those that do not know, stigmata is

the manifestation on the body of the five wounds associated with Christ's crucifixion.

As Paige's life begins to spiral out of control, she finds help in Father Kiernan, who is sent to report on what is happening to her.

The acting in "Stigmata" was decent. Arquette and Byrne made you believe everything was really happening.

The only thing that was even remotely scary was when Paige would get wounded. The special effects were also worth watching.

During the movie "the messenger" speaks through Paige and you really think she has been possessed, but over all the movie was still a waste of my money.

This movie lacked all entertaining value for me.

The plot for this movie took forever to be revealed, and once it was, the movie was over.

Another thing I didn't like was the fact that stigmata's are supposed to happen to people that are devout Christians, but Paige is a self-proclaimed atheist.

On the scale of must see, go see, could see and why see, "Stigmata" is definitely a why see.

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"sponsorship of legalized gambling is an improper role for government at all levels ... Expansion in legalized gambling may lead to ... increased crime, corruption, personal bankruptcies and family breakups."

The web site also points out certain U.S. cities, such as Atlantic City and Biloxi, have experienced increased crime rates with the introduction of legalized gambling.

State-run lotteries have also been criticized by the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, a Congress-authorized group. The Commission found that lotteries may be largely responsible for the creation of youth gamblers. The Commission also made several recommendations regarding lotteries that included not aiming lottery advertising directly at lower-income families and youth, and limiting the locations that permit lottery machines.

Duke University also did a lottery study for the Commission. The university found that low-income families tend to spend the most money on state-run lotteries.

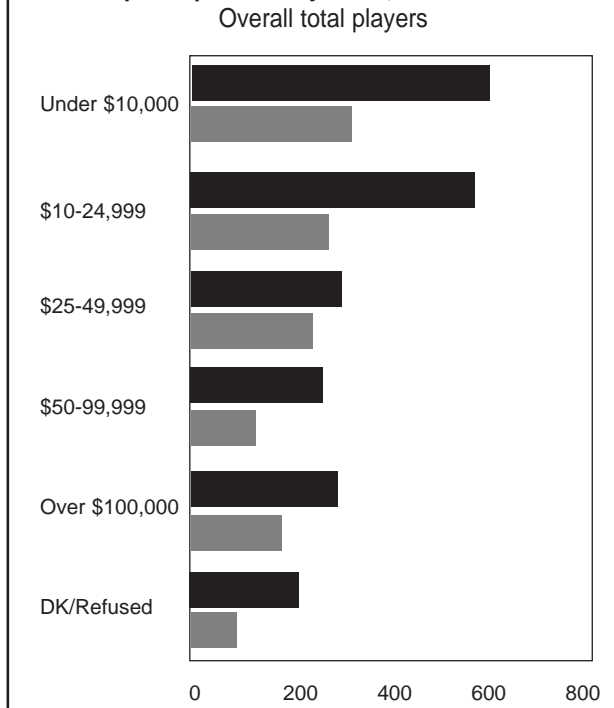
Siegelman, who is basing much of his lottery on Georgia's HOPE (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally) scholarship program, said that Alabamians have spent about \$450 million on Georgia's lottery.

Government officials have not said how much money will be needed to establish a lottery in Alabama or where the initial funds will come from. Georgia spent about \$3.5 million to start its lottery.

In the past six years, Georgia has amassed about \$9.8 billion from lottery ticket sales. Almost 360,000 Georgia students have received HOPE scholarships, either full tuition or money supplementing other financial aid, since the program was implemented in 1993.

Unlike Georgia, Alabama will ban all types of casino-

Annual per capital lottery sales, household income  
Overall total players



style lottery.

Also, Siegelman does not plan to set up funds for people who develop gambling problems. Georgia allots up to \$200,000 for excessive gamblers.

Siegelman promises that HOPE scholarships will be available by the spring or fall of 2000 and that \$43 million in scholarships will be available the first year. Government officials predict that after four years of implementation, 69,000 Alabama students will have received HOPE scholarships.

# Equipment stolen from band room

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Troy State felt the pangs of theft again this week.

For the third time in a year, sophisticated recording equipment has been stolen from a building in Troy.

Between 2 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, someone broke into the Sound of the South band room and then the band's recording room and stole an estimated \$25,000 worth of equipment.

"It was brand new, state of the art digital and audio recording equipment," said Robert Smith, Director of the Sound of the South.

Smith wouldn't make a speculation as to who burglarized the band room, but he did say that the break-in occurred within a secured room within another secured room.

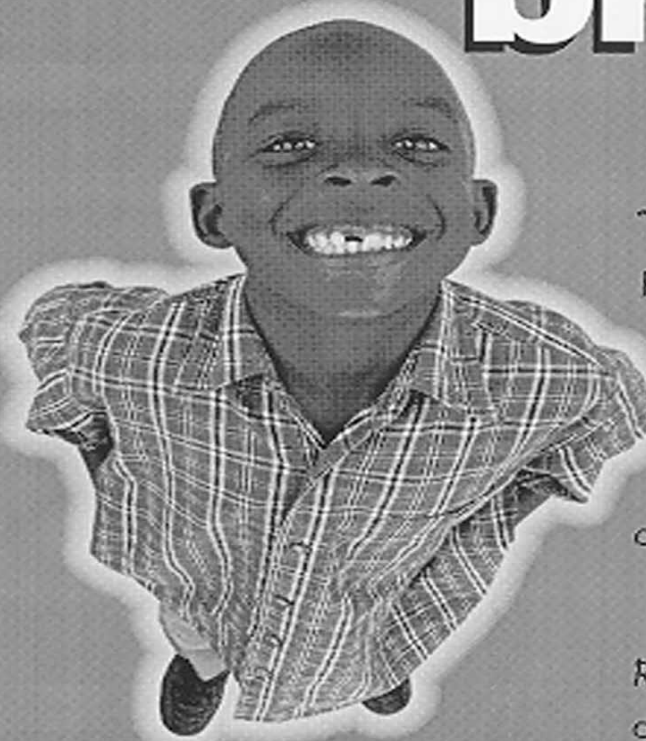
"Whoever the thief or thieves were, were able to bypass all of our security and alarm systems," Smith said.

The Sound of the South is scheduled to record for Warner Brothers in three weeks, however, due to the

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bright beginnings.

# brighter future



"He has quite a creative flain," beamed Tommy's father after the precocious 5 year old built a surprisingly accurate mud replica of the Leaning Tower of Pisa. His teachers said the same thing when he started writing poetry in the sixth grade. When Tommy searched for a company to start his career, he looked for a company where creativity wasn't just something they talked about in the interview...


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