

Detroit meets quiche set

Beverly Hills Cop
 Paramount Pictures
 Capitol Square Cinemas

review by David Jordan

From the promo clips you see on TV you'd think that *Beverly Hills Cop* is a hybrid of *Cannonball Run* and *Meatballs III*. It isn't. *Beverly Hills Cop* is a good cop/detective thriller that happens to have some funny moments.

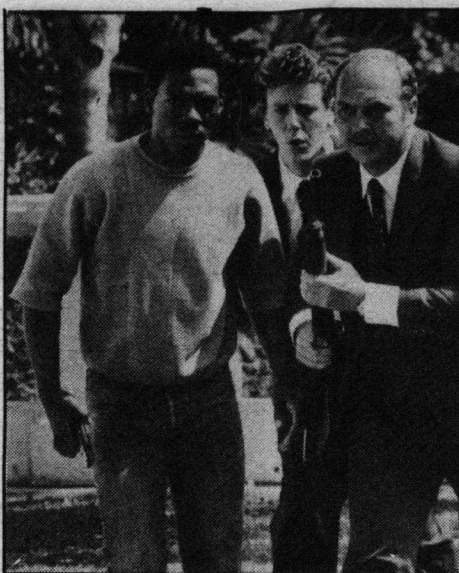
Eddy Murphy plays Axel Foley, a Detroit cop who heads west to Beverly Hills in search of the killer of his best friend. There the street-wise gumshoe runs up against a do-it-by-the-book Sgt. Taggart (John Ashton), and the classic conflict of the determined detective-with-a-hunch battling the regimented system results.

The humour comes mostly in the character of Detective Billy Rosewood (Judge Reinhold), a rookie L.A. cop who eventually sides with Axel Foley's Detroit-style crime busting.

There is one extremely violent scene near the end, and there is even a bit of t. and a. in the bar scene. But *Beverly Hills Cop* is not an exploitation film. To director Martin Brest's credit, he relies on acting and dialogue to keep our attention.

Unfortunately, these are the two weak points in the film. Murphy has some brilliant moments, but at times he falters. Some lines

are particularly stilted, as in the predictable chew-out between Foley and his superiors. *Beverly Hills Cop* is good entertainment. Of course, you could always stay home and watch *Cannon* reruns, but if you feel like going out for some good detective drama, see *Beverly Hills Cop*.



Eddy Murphy, Judge Reinhold and John Ashton team up in East meets West cop thriller, *Beverly Hills Cop*.

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