

# ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS NEWS

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## MOULIN ROUGE CAPTURES EARLY ATTENTION

The National Board of Reviews recently selected *Moulin Rouge* as their number one choice for best movie of the year. The early National Board, along with the Golden Globe awards are usually a precursor for the Academy Awards. The best foreign film was Mexico's **Amores Perros**. **Shrek** was named best animated feature. **Billy Bob Thornton** and **Halle Berry** took best actor and actress honors, both for '**Monster's Ball**'. It's worthy of note that Nicole Kidman was not mentioned as best actress for her performance in *Moulin Rouge*. Many insiders believe Kidman was miscast in the quasi-shaksperian feature.

## LEVIN, BRONFMAN STEP DOWN - PARSONS APPOINTED

**Edgar Bronfman** will resign next year as Vivendi's vice chairman. This move will leave **Jean-Marie Messier** at the helm. There is no indication as to whether there will be a replacement for Bronfman or if Messier will remain as the solo decision maker for the media giant. Meanwhile, **Jerry Levin** has stepped down from his podium at AOL Time Warner. Levin, who rose to industry fame with his insight and management of HBO during the cable boom of the 80's, surprisingly has decided to involve himself more directly in film production. Although **Steve Case** has been acting chairman at AOL, many insiders believe that Levin has been the principal decision maker for the world's biggest media corporation. Replacing Levin's will be media industry newcomer Richard Parsons. Parsons has spent the past year with AOL learning the specifics of studio business.

## OTHER NEWS

**Gary Sinise** will be starring in a new release set for a December 25, 2001 opening. "**Impostor**", directed by **Gary Fleder** also stars actor **Tony Shalhoub** (*Big Night*); Actor

**Stacy Keach** will appear in "The Country Girl" with **Glenn Headly**. The play is a moving piece about a self-destructive alcoholic actor and his long suffering wife; **Rick Springfield** has signed another year long contract with the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas; Watch for a new CD release from "**Boy Meets Girl**" (Waiting for a Star to Fall).



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