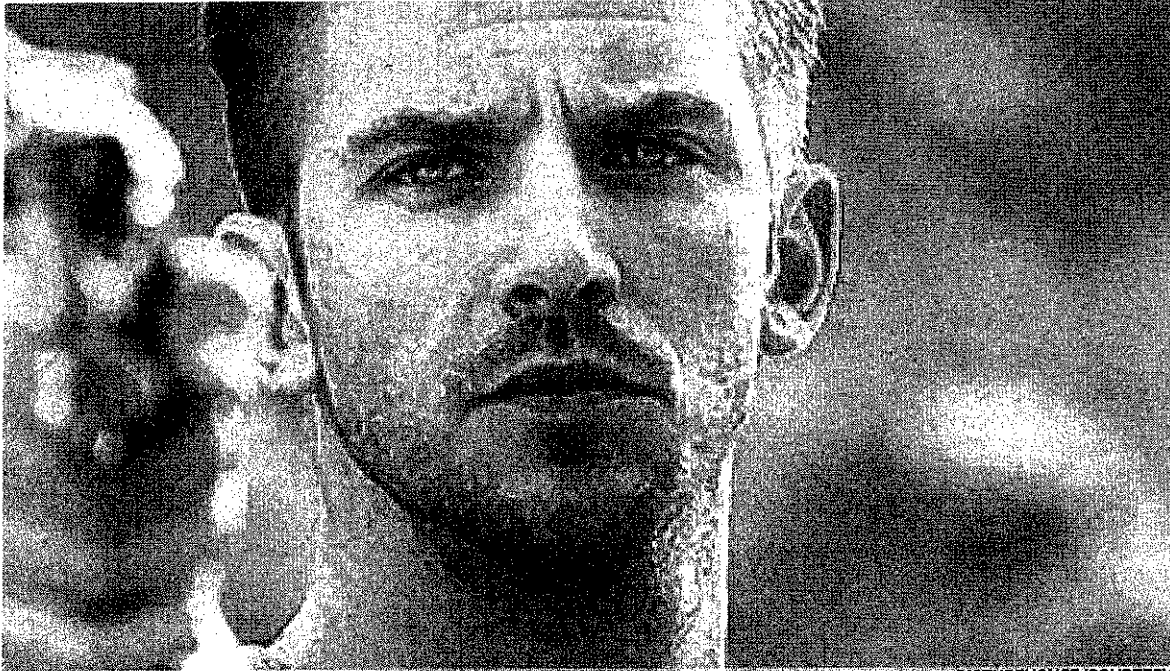


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## MOVIE REVIEW

# 'Guest' services



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ming, two-faced American bad guy who shows up at a friend's home in "The Guest."

## ens of 'Downton Abbey' takes a malicious turn in this clever thriller

### 'The Guest' ★★★

**MPAA rating:** R (for strong violence, strong language, some drug use and sexuality)

**Running time:** 1:39

**Opens:** Wednesday

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rd and writer Simon ade the 2011 horror ave fashioned a sly, t to John Carpenter's ks on its own terms as ment that never de-

riel, a recently re- hows up out of the f of Caleb, one of his Daniel informs Caleb's

still distraught mom (Sheila Kelley) that one of Caleb's final wishes was that he find them and tell them how much their son loved them.

The family — including dad (Leland Orser), sister Anna (Maika Monroe) and bullied brother Luke (Brendan Meyer) — is so taken with this polite, clean-cut young man that they invite him to stay a few days. After all, a photo of Caleb with some Army friends includes Daniel, so this guy must be on the up and up. What's the harm in letting him stay awhile? The an-

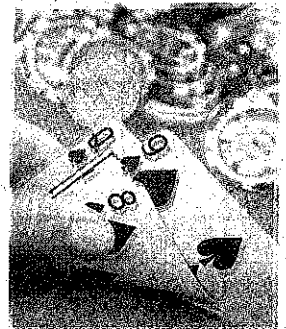
swer, of course, would fill a laundry list.

While much of what follows is predictable, it's how Wingard and Barrett get Daniel to artfully insinuate himself into this family's life before revealing his true self that makes "The Guest" so much fun. Humorous without being a comedy, clever without being cute, and violent without being overly grisly, the film moves swiftly enough to mask the usual logic flaws in movies like this.

Englishman Stevens — with the likes of "Sense and Sensibility," "Dracula," "Agatha Christie's Marple" and, of course, "Downton Abbey" on his resume — may seem more PBS than SpikeTV, but his take on a charming but tough, two-faced American bad guy is pitch-perfect. The soundtrack, including '80s flavor-of-the-month Stevie B, adds to the film's strengths.

## Today

### Poker



**High hands:** Sometimes, it takes only one good hand to make for a good day of poker, especially when a card room is offering a high-hand promotion. Take Stax Poker Lounge at Seminole Casino Coconut Creek. Every half-hour in September, the person with the best hand from 8:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. will win \$150. And if no one has a good enough hand — in this case, a full house with aces — that \$150 will roll over into the next half-hour. SeminoleCoconutCreekCasino.com.

— **Nick Sortal**

### Music

**Alexandra Marie:** The Argentinean soprano vocalist and opera singer will perform 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the auditorium of the Broward County Library (100 S. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale). At the free event, Marie will sing classic songs in Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and English, including "Don't Cry for Me Argentina," "O Mio Babbino Caro" and "Besame Mucho." For people who appreciate Broadway tunes and Latin favorites, Marie has released two albums, "Esencia de Mujer" and "Soprano — Broadway, Webber, Puccini, Zarzuela," which you can find on her website, AlexMarie.com.

— **Micaela Hood**

## 'Project Runway' contestant at fashion show

### Dining