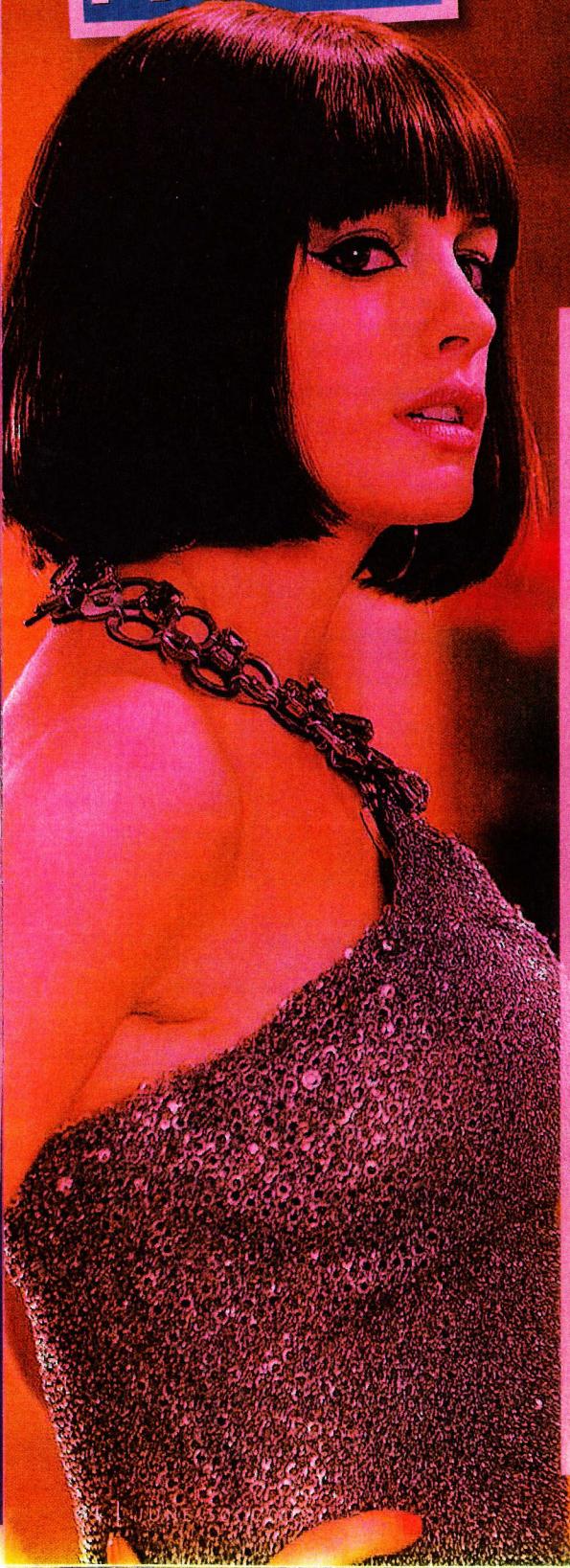


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Get Smart

Steve Carell coasts through a kooky flick

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In this action-comedy inspired by the '60s TV series, earnest spy Maxwell Smart (**Steve Carell**) teams up with — and tries to romance — aloof Agent 99 (**Anne Hathaway**). Their mission? Together with suave Agent 23 (**Dwayne Johnson**, a.k.a. The Rock), the duo must bring down an evil syndicate and save L.A. from an atomic bomb. While Carell charms as an idiot savant with a cache of cool gadgets (like a Swiss Army knife that's also a flamethrower), the film's filled with implausible stunts and repetitive gags. Plus, Carell and Hathaway seem less like romantic sparring partners and more like a bickering brother and sister. (Or maybe father and daughter, given that in real life, he's 44 and she's 25.) Overall, *Smart's* rather silly. — **BRADLEY JACOBS**



While Carell (right) shares kisses with Hathaway, watch for his same-sex liplock with Johnson!