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Aniston, Vaughn in Town for "The Break-Up"

There was only one way to describe the Monday night scene in the 3700 block of North Southport: Pandemonium. The moment Jennifer Aniston stepped from a black SUV in front of the Music Box Theatre for the premiere of her Chicago-made movie "The Break-Up," the crowd of several thousand went wild.

For a few moments it appeared the police lines would be overwhelmed and the diminutive actress virtually swallowed up by a crowd of adoring fans.

Only moments before, threatening storm clouds -- and more than a few rain sprinkles -- made it appear that "The Break-Up" premiere might be something of a washout. But Aniston and co-star Vince Vaughn's devoted fans did not budge and, right on cue Hollywood style (or perhaps "Chicago-wood" style), the clouds cleared and the evening progressed without a hitch.

Though Aniston and Vaughn -- who have yet to confirm they are a couple in real life -- did appear together at the Cubs game earlier in the day, the two stars arrived separately for the premiere.

The two did not address their relationship and made it clear through their representatives that they definitely would not discuss the weekend birth of Aniston's ex-husband Brad Pitt's new baby daughter with Angelina Jolie.

No, Monday night was all about Chicago, their Windy City-crafted film and, of course, Vaughn's role as the Cubs' apparent lucky charm. ("Hey! I'm four for four -- four wins at all of the games I've attended so far this year!" he said.)

As for making his Monday opening pitch a strike, Vaughn laughed, "For me, I just try not to one-hop it to the plate. Getting the strike was just a lucky bonus."

Aniston was more effusive: "I think he did great! Hey, he got it over the line, didn't he?" The former "Friends" star was delighted to be back at Wrigley Field -- last visited when she, Vaughn and co-star Jon Favreau filmed one of the opening scenes of "The Break-Up."

"But this time was the first time I got to go to a real game there," Aniston said Monday night. "I had a ball. I can't think of a better place to have spent Memorial Day. I felt like such an American."

Though the actress didn't talk about her alleged romance with Vaughn, she did confirm they have great on-screen chemistry -- something "you really can't fake or create." She compared it to her experience on "Friends," where "you just find that ease, that ability to volley back and forth almost effortlessly. I think that's what made that show so special."

So does that put Vaughn at the top of her favorite leading man list?

"Hmm. Well, he's right up there. Yes," she said with a wink.

Gov. Blagojevich, joined by his wife, Patti, used the occasion to sign the just-passed bill extending and expanding the tax incentive program for television and film production -- a program that can put as much as 20 percent back in filmmakers' pockets for hiring Illinois residents to work on a movie or TV project here.

"It's very gratifying to sign a bill like this. ... The passage of this law means as much as 15,000 jobs for people in Illinois, and could account for tens of millions in revenue for the state."

On a lighter note, the governor also wanted "to thank Vince Vaughn for going to the Cubs game Monday [when they beat the Cincinnati Reds]."

"It's clear the combination of Vince Vaughn and Kerry Wood is what we need," said the governor. "We're on our way now, we just need Vince for the rest of the season."