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Darth Vader beckons to Luke Skywalker.

Return of the Trilogy

The time has come for 'Star Wars Special Edition' to meet the broad fan base that the original movie created

By Nicole Krueger
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Armed with money instead of blasters and sedans instead of spaceships, sci-fi fans of all types will converge this weekend not at the Death Star, but at two local cinemas. The prize: tickets to *Star Wars Special Edition*.

Though galactic peace

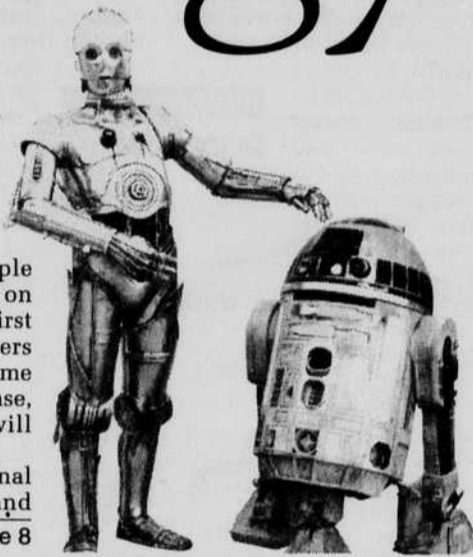
isn't hanging in the balance, fans of the George Lucas movie have been waiting anxiously to brave the mob scene and see the 20-year-old movie on the silver screen. Now the moment has arrived, and Movieland and Movies 12 opened their box offices early this morning to accommodate the crowds of people who arrived to battle

for opening-night tickets.

Many of these people will get to see *Star Wars* on the big screen for the first time ever, while others will do so for the first time in 20 years. In either case, winners of the prize will see something new.

Although the original trilogy was a hit and

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“A famous filmmaker once said that films are never completed, they are only abandoned. So rather than live with my 'abandoned' movies, I decided to go back and complete them.

— George Lucas
'Star Wars' Creator



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Chewbacca, Luke Skywalker, Obi Wan Kenobi and Han Solo approach the Death Star in the Millennium Falcon.

Swing band to play at WOW Hall

Swing band Royal Crown Revue will perform at WOW Hall today at 8:30 p.m.

Royal Crown Revue is a seven-piece band from Los Angeles that plays swing originals. They were featured in the movie *The Mask* playing the song "Hey Pachuco," which is included on their debut album *Mugzy's Move*.

Tickets are \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door. Doors will open at 8 p.m.



Play to explore political turmoil

University Theatre's 'Death and the Maiden' deals with the enduring effects of torture

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Political turmoil will take the stage Feb. 5 when the curtain rises on Ariel Dorfman's *Death and the Maiden* at the Arena Theatre.

Set in an unnamed country, *Death and the Maiden* tells of the lasting effects on a nation that has suffered from years of

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Autumn Madrano holds Chandler Melvin at gunpoint in 'Death and the Maiden.'



Trio Di Milano

Trio Di Milano, one of Italy's premier chamber ensembles, will perform Feb. 6 at Beall Concert Hall.

The trio will play music by Beethoven, Joseph Haydn and Camille Saint-Saens.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5-20.

Kathleen Battle

Soprano superstar Kathleen Battle will perform at the Hult Center today at 8 p.m.

Battle has performed with tenors Luciano Pavarotti and Placido Domingo and with violinist Itzhak Perlman.

Tickets are \$25-35.



Cherry Poppin' Daddies

Local band Cherry Poppin' Daddies will perform today at WOW Hall. Save Ferris and new band 52 Devil Babies will also perform.

The show will begin at 9:30 p.m. Doors will open at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door.

"Be There" is a weekly column highlighting the week's top local entertainment events.