

Batman, Ghostbusters II battle for Number one video spot

Batman: What? On Video? Already? No joke. Coming to video stores everywhere November 15. I warned you Spring term of how Batman in the theaters would affect you, now about the video release. Beware of overstocking in your local video store. Fifty, even 100 copies should not be surprising. Kudos to Warner Brothers for keeping the Bat-flame burning bright.

Chances Are: This romantic comedy is about a couple whose storybook marriage is shattered when the groom is accidentally hit by a car and the wife (Cybill Shephard) drudges on with her life, totally ignoring that her husband's best

friend (Ryan O'Neal) is in love with her as always, then Robert Downey, Jr. coincidentally comes into her life as a young college graduate, who becomes confused with his memories and eventually turns out to be her husband reincarnated. This film is actually refreshing and highly comical despite the outlandish storyline. It could happen, right?? Downey, Jr. gives his best performance since *Less Than Zero*. Also starring Mary Stuart Masterson and from the director of *Dirty Dancing*.



Capt. Kirk (Bill Shattner) and Spock (Leonard Nimoy) take shore leave at Yosemite Park in "Star Trek V: The Final Frontier."

Photo courtesy Paramount Pictures.

Dead Calm: It suprisingly was missed by moviegoers in the theaters. Do not pass it over in your video store. This is a thrilling nautical nerve-shredder that will knock your Sperry Topsiders off.

Ghostbusters II: This one too? Yup. Slime-a-plenty for your home theater. The whole gang is back and ready to fight ghosts (and bats??) to be number one at the video store. If you are really in the ghostbusting mood, try renting the original *Ghostbusters* also and have a double feature party.

Lawrence of Arabia: This wonderful epic film starring the masters Peter O'Toole and Omar Sharif has been released in the restored, wide-screen version (shown by the black bars on the top and bottom of the screen that ensures the original 70mm directorial shots.) This multi-award winning mopic must not be missed and should be viewed more than once for full effect.

Leviathan: This flick was released in the movie theaters months before the *Abyss*, but after the ill-fated *Deep Star Six*. This is a truly fascinating, perfectly decent underwater adventure film. However, it is more of a dark tale—in fact, one might call it "Aliens Diver Down." But it's cast well and shot nicely. It will look great on your television at home and more than likely entertain you, if not cause a little "creature-anxiety."

Loverboy: Purely bubble gum, but fun and en-

tertaining. Just the type of role nerd-turned-stud Patrick Dempsey (*Can't Buy Me Love*) is famous for. Dempsey is a pizza delivery boy who falls into a high-class callboy during one of his deliveries. This Tri-star picture came and went in the theaters, but it is a match made in Heaven for you and your Beta-max. Also starring Kirstie Alley (*Cheers*) and Carrie Fisher (The *Star Wars* trilogy, *The 'Burbs*).

Pet Sematary: Although the ghosts and goblins have returned to their world for another year, Stephen King thrills his audiences year-round. This flick did okay at the big box office, but not as well as it will probably do with the baby box office. This ad

heart-rending in between Ned Perry's (Martin Short) pathetic attempts to be a honest bank robber and newly reformed ex-con/bank robber Lucas' (Nick Nolte) string of bad luck due to klutzy amateur Perry, whom he takes under his wing out of pity during Perry's first robbery attempt. The character that grabs your heart and only adds to the plot, is Perry's adorable 5 year old daughter (Sarah Rowland Doroff) who hasn't spoken since her mother died 2 years before. The people at Touchstone rarely disappoints the movie-going public, and certainly will not with this movie.

Troop Beverly Hills: Shelley Long plays a rich, bored, soon-to-be ex-housewife who spontaneously decides to be a Girls' Club troop leader in order to become closer with her daughter. This flick was ill-fated at the box office, but is rather humorous and the parody of the Beverly Hills lifestyle is anything but missed. This is Long's first release since *Hello Again!*, however Troop is far less entertaining. It was released during a time when there were at least 4 movies running that actually had "Beverly Hills" in the title; maybe the public just got bored with this particular geographic location. Recommend only if you are a true Long fan and enjoy light entertainment. Also starring Craig T. Nelson, Mary Gross and Betty Thomas; produced by Ava Gardner.

Who Framed Roger Rabbit? - That wild and crazy hare-raising cartoon is now available for home viewing. Although Mickey and Roger share the same father, there was some sibling rivalry in Disneyland last year. This half-animated/half live-action comedy received 3 technical Oscars in 1988 and set the box-office on fire.

Working Girl - Melanie Griffith, Sigourney Weaver and Harrison Ford star in this terrific comedy. Both Weaver and Griffith received Oscar nominations for their performances here, which is surprising for a light comedy. Hurray for the working girl and now it's yours on video cassette.

Also released on video and worth viewing: *Scandal*, based on a true British government sex expose' in 1962 with John Hurt and Bridget Fonda...*A World Apart* with Barbara Hershey. A subtle, well-filmed, independent movie based factually in 1960's South Africa...*Bambi*, a favorite Disney classic is out on cassette which should not be missed by young and old alike. It is also the current number one rental...*K-9*, starring Jim Belushi, is also coming this month as is the box-office summer bomb, *Star Trek V*.

adaptation of King's best seller is surprisingly good, unlike *Silver Bullet* and other King best-seller-turned-film flops. Although the book is somewhat better, the film is thrilling, not to mention genuinely eerie.

Say Anything...: John Cusack and Ione Skye play young adults at intense moments in both of their lives trying to decide between living for other people or responsibly for themselves. Director Cameron Crowe did not leave out one emotion or any genuine humor. You'll laugh, you'll cry. John Mahoney also stars. Don't fail to feed this rare film to your VCR.

Three Fugitives: This Touchstone picture is very



Martin Short (pictured left) stars as bungling bandit Ned Perry, in Touchstone's comedy "Three Fugitives." Perry (Short; photo right) and gruff ex-con/pro-bank robber Dan Lucas (Nick Nolte; right) who takes charge of the bickering duo's escape from police.

Photo courtesy Touchstone Pictures

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