



Stay cool this summer in theaters with the latest films

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Summer is here and the movie season is upon us. More money has been spent for this summer's movies than ever before. Over a whopping \$700 million has been spent on production costs for this summer's movies.

There are lots of big name stars lined up for what could be the biggest summer for movies ever. What movies will be hot, what will be not? It's hard to tell, but based on the stars, the plot, the directors and the distributor here is a good idea of what is hot and what is not.

Apollo 13

This movie is based upon the Apollo 13 moon mission that went awry and was almost a disaster. The movie was directed by Ron Howard (Backdraft) and is distributed by Universal.

It stars such great actors as Tom Hanks, Ed Harris, Gary Sinise, Kevin Bacon and Bill Paxton. With actors like this, Apollo 13 should be a sure hit. Even if the acting is horrible the competent directing of Howard should help the movie be a hit. Apollo 13 comes out in June so be ready. This movie gets a 9 out of a possible ten on the hit meter.

Batman Forever

Yes another bat movie, but this time it will be a much lighter Batman movie. With the release of original director Tim Burton and the acquisition of new director Joel Schumacher the movie should be less dark and moody.

This Batmovie will see a new Batman as Micheal Keaton passes the Bat cowl to Val Kilmer of Top Gun fame. Kilmer's enemies in this movie will be Two-Face played by Tommy Lee Jones and the Riddler played by Jim Carrey. Batman's new love interest will be played by Nicole Kidman.

This movie is produced and distributed by Warner Brothers and has enough star power to be a mega-hit. Carrey alone can make a movie a hit but with his partners in this movie it will be a definite must see.

Batman's new movie debuts June 16 across the nation. This

movie gets a ten out of a possible ten on the hit meter.

Cutthroat Island

This is a movie about a female pirate and her woes as a captain on the high seas in the age of pirates.

This movie has had its problems considering it was supposed to star Michael Douglas but he "jumped ship" early on in preproduction.

Since his departure things have been sailing smoothly, with Renny Harlin as the director and Douglas's replacement Matthew Modine filling in nicely. But who is this female pirate? None other than Geena Davis.

This movie is distributed by MGM and gets a five out of a possible ten on the hit meter.

Johnny Mnemonic

The easiest way to explain this movie is a nineties version of Blade Runner. This movie is about a futuristic courier carrying secret information in a chip in his brain.

This movie is directed by Robert Longo and stars Speed megastar Keanu Reeves. This movie also stars Dolph Lundren, Ice-T and Henry Rollins.

This film is distributed by Tri-star and is set to premiere in June. This movie gets an eight out of a possible ten on the hit meter.

Judge Dredd

This movie is the screen adaptation of a cult favorite comic book by the same name. This movie takes place in a future earth where there is a judge system where the judge can decide who is guilty and the he or she will execute the criminal.

This movie was directed by Danny Cannon. This movie has one of the judges named Judge Dredd (Sylvester Stallone), framed for murder, he then enlists the help of a female judge (Diane Lane) and a computer hacker (Rob Schneider) to clear his name and save his home in Mega City.

Judge Dredd is distributed by Buena Vista and is set to come out in June. The movie gets a six on the hit meter.

Species

What if aliens came to earth? This is the basis for this movie except it is not the alien it is an

alien hybrid of human and extraterrestrial DNA mixed during a lad mishap to form a creature bent on multiplying itself. The creature was designed by H.R. Giger the guy who designed the alien from the movie Alien.

The movie stars first time actress and model Natasha Henstridge who plays the monster's human face and figure. The scientist who is responsible for cleaning up the mess is played by Ben Kingsley.

The movie is directed by Roger Donaldson and produced by MGM. It is set to debut in June and gets an eight out of a possible ten on the hit meter.

Under Siege 2: Dark Territory

The sequel to the 1992 action thriller of the same name. This movie looks to have the same basic plot as the first with just a new atmosphere and new bad guys.

This movie stars Steven Seagal as the ex-navy Seal who is in the wrong place at the right time. The bad guy is played by Eric Bogosian.

This movie was directed by Geoff Murphy and is produced by Warner Brothers. It is set to come out this summer and gets a six out of a possible ten only because it is a sequel.

Virtuosity

This movie is the story of a cybrecop hunting down a virtual reality villain. The cybrecop is played by Denzel Washington.

The movie is directed by Brett Leonard who also directed the Lawnmower Man. The movie is produced by Paramount and is set to debut in August. This movie gets a five on the hit meter.

Waterworld

Kevin Costner stars in what is said to be a movie set in a post-apocalyptic earth. Costner is joined in this movie effort by Jeanne Tripplehorn, Dennis Hopper and Tina Majorino.

Waterworld is directed by Kevin Reynolds and is produced by Universal. It is set to be released in July and gets a five on the hit meter.

✓ Fun in the sun

Safety tips for summer

by Jocelyn Gauthier, Feature Editor and Jon Roberts, Staff Writer

With more free time fast approaching and the beautiful weather luring us to the outdoors, remember to take precaution this summer with the harmful effects of the sun's UV rays.

Melanoma, a common form of skin cancer involving melanin-segmented cells, has increased faster than any tumor except lung cancer, according to H. Stephens Mosely, medical director at Emmanuel Hospital. According to the American Cancer Society more than 22,000 people will develop melanoma each year, and Oregonians represent 1 percent of this prediction. That means 200 Oregonians will develop melanoma this year.

Although the cause of melanoma is unknown, it is suspected that sunlight, sunburn (especially in the teens) and heredity play an important role in its development. People of Irish or Welsh ancestry, who are typically fair to red-headed, freckled and fair-skinned, have the highest ethnic risk for cancer.

Oregonians tend to overexpose themselves to the sun when it finally comes out after months of "rusting." Since it's so tempting, try to follow a couple of tips to protect yourself -- avoid mid-day sun (between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.) and use a sunscreen of at least SPF 15.

If melanoma does develop, the earlier the diagnosis the better. Early melanoma diagnosis is almost 100 percent curable, whereas late diagnosis (very advanced melanoma) is almost 100 percent fatal.

To help recognize melanoma, look at the number and type of moles on your body. (Don't confuse them for freckles, moles are usually raised from the skin). The average person has 25 moles, which usually develop after puberty and disappear in old age. Since it's not easy to recognize a melanoma, follow the "A, B, C, D" rule:

Assymetry - one-half of the mole is different from the other.

Border - irregular.

Color - not uniform. The mole may vary from tan to red to blue to black.

Diameter - any mole larger than 6 to 7 mm (about the size of an eraser).

A monthly skin check of moles is recommended, not only of yourself, but also of family members as well. If you see a spot that is changing or fits the "A, B, C, D" rule, consult your doctor.

Six Steps to reduce your risk of sunburn and skin cancer

1. Minimize your exposure to the sun at midday and between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
2. Apply sunscreen with at least a SPF 15 or higher to all areas of the body exposed to the sun.
3. Reapply sunscreen every two hours, even on cloudy days. Reapply after swimming or perspiring.
4. Wear clothing that covers your body and shades your face.
5. Avoid exposure to UV radiation from sunlamps or tanning parlors.
6. **Protect your children.** Keep them from excess sun exposure when the sun is strongest. (10 a.m. and 3 p.m.), and apply sunscreen liberally and frequently to children six months of age and older. **Do not use sunscreen on children under six months of age.** Parents with children under six months of age should severely limit their children's sun exposure.

The previous six steps have been recommended by the **American Academy of Dermatology** and the **Skin Cancer Foundation** to help reduce the risk of sunburn and skin cancer.

Employment Opportunities

Cruise Ships Now Hiring - Earn up to \$2,000+/month working on Cruise Ships or Land-Tour companies. World travel (Hawaii, Mexico, the Caribbean, etc.). Seasonal and full time employment available. No experience necessary. For more information call 1-206-634-0468 ext. C60571

Alaska Summer Employment - Students Needed! Fishing Industry. Earn up to \$3,000-\$6,000+ per month. Room and Board! Transportation! Male or female. No experience necessary. Call (206)545-4155 ext. A60571

Retail Customer Service - Summer Work. Start at \$10.25! International Chain, 100 PT/FT pos. No experience nec. - will train. Apply at Vancouver HQ - 1-360-737-2441 Work in Oregon.

Answers to the word scramble on page 5:

- Sports
1. Dennis Rodman
 2. Michael Jordan
 3. Joe Montana
 4. Mike Tyson
 5. Evander Holyfield
 6. Vince Lombardi
 7. Superbowl
 8. Mickey Mantel
 9. San Jose Sharks
 10. Dallas Cowboys
 11. Wimbledon
 12. Barry Bonds
 13. David Justice
 14. Andre Agassi
 15. Tonya Harding
 16. Chris Everet

17. Babe Ruth
 18. Minute Bol
 19. OJ Simpson
 20. World Series
 21. Oksana Bayul
 22. PGA Invitational
 23. Jerry Rice
 24. Walter Payton
 25. Wayne Gretsky
- Music Scramble
1. Hole
 2. Cream
 3. Steve Miller Band
 4. Billie Holiday
 5. Cranberries
 6. Metallica
 7. Stone Temple Pilots

8. B.B. King
9. Jimmi Hendrix
10. Nirvana
11. Led Zeppelin
12. Juliana Hatfield
13. Beastie Boys
14. Frank Zapap
15. Weezer
16. Bob Marley
17. Jimmi Buffet
18. Eek the Mouse
19. Smashing Pumpkins
20. Duran Duran
21. Pink Floyd
22. White Zombie
23. Grateful Dead
24. Portice Head
25. P.J. Harvey