OPENING OR RETURNING:

Closer: Director Mike Nichols (*Angels in America*) looks at the relationships of four strangers, played by Julia Roberts, Jude Law, Natalie Portman and Clive Owen. As A.O. Scott (*NY Times*) notes: "Taste, fashion and social arrangements may mutate and evolve, but in Mr. Nichols's movies, the comedy and cruelty of human relations - at work, at home, at parties, in bed - remain pretty much constant." R. Cinemark.

Enduring Love: Directed by Roger Michell and starring Daniel Craig (*Sylvia*), Rhys Ifans (*Notting Hill*) and Samantha Morton, film is based on Ian McEwan's novel about obsessive, unrequited love. Set in England. In a harrowing scene, bystanders attempt to hold down a hot-air balloon but are unable to do so, and one is killed. R. Bijou.

Mr. 3000: Baseball player (Bernie Mac) makes a comeback when he's in danger of losing his place in the Baseball Hall of Fame. With Angela Bassett and Michael Rispoli. Lots of music. PG-13. Movies 12.

Night of the Hunter (1955): The only film actor Charles Laughton directed, this black and white thriller is a masterpiece of suspense and strange beauty. In a brilliant turn, Robert Mitchum plays a psychotic preacher man, who is dead set on killing his stepchildren. Also stars Shelley Winters, Lillian Gish. Script by James Agee, based on Davis Grubb's novel. At 6pm on 12/5 at DIVA.

Other Side of Sunday, The (Norway, 1996): Coming of age comedy about the daughter of a conservative priest who just wants to have fun but learns instead to think for herself. Plays at 7 pm on 12/7 in International Resource Center, UO campus. Free.

Team America: World Police: With animated wooden marionettes, Trey Parker and Matt Stone (*South Park*) create an action adventure film about an international police force devoted to global stability and battling bad guys. Not for kids. R. Cinemark. **Online archives**.

Three Seasons (Vietnam): Double prize winner at '99 Sundance, Tony Bui's beautifully rendered, sweet look at Vietnam today follows the stories of four major characters in Saigon. One is a cyclo driver who connects all the others — a young woman who picks and sells lotuses, a prostitute he falls in love with, a street boy who sells trinkets, and a returned American vet who's looking for his daughter. Lovely, human film. PG-13. Plays at 6:30 pm on 12/3 in International Lounge, UO campus above the EMU Post Office. Free.

We Are Going to America: Efim Gribov's 1992 film is told through the eyes of an 11year-old, whose family moves from Russia to America, in a journey filled with wonder and dramatic adventure. At 7 pm on 12/7 in 115 Pacific. In Russian with English subtitles. Free.

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After the Sunset: Just one more heist and he'll retire, master thief Pierce Brosnan promises his girlfriend (Salma Hayek). But a pesky FBI agent (Woody Harrelson) comes to his island paradise. Bret Ratner directs; also stars the great Don Cheadle. R. Cinemark.

Alexander: Oliver Stone's action adventure epic stars Colin Farrell as Alexander the Great, with Val Kilmer, Angelina Jolie, Jared Leto, Rosario Dawson and Anthony Hopkins. Tedious at three hours, this epic by Oliver Stone misses the mark. R. Cinemark. Cinema World. **See review this issue.**

Bourne Supremacy, The: Paul Greengrass (writer, director of Bloody Sunday) directs Matt Damon as assassin Jason Bourne in the second installment of Robert Ludlum's espionage thrillers Also stars Joan Allen, Brian Cox, Julia Stiles, Kurt Urban and Franka Potente. One of the summer's best films. Highly recommended. PG-13. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Bridget Jones The Edge of Reason: Lackluster Bridget Jones sequel stars Renee Zellwegger, Colin Firth and Hugh Grant again. Directed by Beeban Kidron, romantic comedy also stars Jacinda Barrett, Jemma Jones and Jim Broadbent. R. Cinemark. Cinema World. **Online archives.**

Christmas With the Kranks: Based on John *Grisham's Skipping Christmas*, this comedy stars Jamie Lee Curtis, Julie Gonzalo and Tim Allen and is directed by Joe Roth. Also stars Dan Aykroyd, Cheech Marin and M. Emmet Walsh. PG. Cinema World. Cinemark.

Grudge, The: The curse of one who dies in the grip of a powerful rage kills and is passed like a virus from victim to victim. PG-13. Cinemark.

Friday Night Lights: High-school football is a big deal in 1988 Odessa, Texas, and director Peter Berg has fun with the fictional locals played by Tim McGraw, Billy Bob Thornton and Jay Hernandez. PG-13. Movies 12.

Hero: Jet Li, Tony Leung, Chiu Wai, Maggie Cheung, Zhang Ziyi and Donnie Yen star in this rousing martial arts epic. Set in a war-torn China at the violent dawn of the Qin dynasty more than 2,000 years ago, three opponents plan to assassinate the king, but one loyal subject stands in their way. PG-13. Movies 12.

I Heart Huckabees: The delirious, new laugh-out-loud comedy from David O. Russell (*Three Kings*, *Flirting with Disaster*) stars Jason Schwartzman, Lily Tomlin, Dustin Hoffman, Isabelle Huppert, Mark Wahlberg, Naomi Watts and Jude Law. One of 2004's top films, it gets my very highest recommendations. R. Bijou. **Online archives**.

Incredibles, The: Writer, director Brad Bird and Pixar Animation Studios create an action-adventure story set in suburbia where a former top crime fighter, Mr. Incredible, gets the call to jump back into actions. PG. Cinemark. Cinema World. **Online archives.**

Napoleon Dynamite: Jared Hess' indie comedy stars Jon Heder as a high schooler, who lives in Idaho with his grandmother. The *Village Voice* says, "the film is an epic, magisterially observed pastiche on all-American geekhood, flooring the competition with a petulant shove." PG. Movies 12.

National Treasure: Directed by Jon Turteltub and producer Jerry Bruckheimer, adventure stars Nicolas Cage searching for treasure George Washington hid during the Revolutionary War. Sean Bean plays his British rival who's anxious to score the treasure first. PG. Cinema World. Cinemark.

Polar Express, The: Robert Zemeckis (*Who Framed Roger Rabbit?*) directs a wholly CG animation adventure, starring Tom Hanks in multiple roles in this adaptation of children's book by Chris Van Allsburg. Called "performance capture," the technique uses actors' live-action performances to drive the emotions and movements of the digital characters. G. Cinemark. Cinema World.

Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement: Anne Hathaway is being groomed to be queen of Genovia, but she has to land a husband before she can be crowned. Garry Marshall directs. Julie Andrews costars. G. Movies 12.

Ray: Jamie Foxx plays late, great Ray Charles in this musical, biographical drama, directed by Taylor Hackford. Co-stars Kerry Washington, Regina King, Clifton Powell, Harry Lennix, Terrence Dashon Howard, Richard Schiff, Aunjanue Ellis and Sharon Warren. Outstanding performance by Foxx. One of the year's finest films. PG-13. Cinema World. Cinemark. **Online archives.**

Resident Evil: Apocalypse: Milla Jovovich, Sienna Guillory, Sandrine Holt, Oded Fehr, Mike Epps and Zack Ward must survive and escape near certain death by the ravenous undead and bioengineered weapons. R. Movies 12.

Saw: James Wan's bloodthirsty horror tale about a serial killer who commits suicide, leaving would-be victims chained up, stars Cary Elwes, Danny Glover, Monica Potter and Leigh Whannell. R. Cinemark.

Sideways: Fresh social comedy by Alexander Payne follows two guys on a bachelor week in California wine country. Great performances by Paul Giamatti (*American Splendor*) and Thomas Haden Church ("Wings") sweetens the tale, as do Virginia Madsen and Sandra Oh. One of the best films of the year. Don't miss. R. Bijou. **Online archives.**

Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow: Starring Jude Law, Gwyneth Paltrow and Angelina Jolie, this digital special effects sci-fi action film was shot without sets and locations. Brainchild: writer/director Kerry Conran in collaboration with producer Jon Avnet. Other stars include Giovanni Ribisi, Michael Gambon and Bai Ling. PG. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Spider Man 2: Peter Parker aka Spidey (Tobey Maguire) returns as a college student by day who still loves Kirsten Dunst and a superhero when needed against his new nemesis, Otto Octavius (Alfred Molina). Sam Raimi directs. Excellent film! See it. PG-13. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

SpongeBob SquarePants: Animated feature starring one of Nickelodeon's most absorbing characters. Voices by Alec Baldwin, Scarlett Johansson and others. PG. Cinemark. Cinema World.

Surviving Christmas: Ben Affleck, James Gandolfini, Christina Applegate and Catherine O'Hara star in this holiday comedy, in which Ben wants so badly to spend Christmas with a family, he goes to his boyhood home, meets the people now living in the house, and buys Christmas with them. PG-13. Movies 12.

Taxi: If you've seen the trailer for Tim Story's movie, you'll recognize the inept police detective (Jimmy Fallon) who takes a taxi to work on his cases. Of course, with Queen Latifah behind the wheel, anything can happen. PG-13. Movies 12.

Without a Paddle: High-speed comedy adventure stars Seth Green, Matthew Lillard and Dax Shepard as clueless adventurers who go into the Oregon wilderness in search of lost treasure. PG-13. Movies 12.

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