

movie clips

OPENING OR RETURNING:

9/11 Citizens Commission in New York: Video excerpts at 7 pm on 5/18 in Cozmic Pizza. Free.

Baadasssss! (2004) Mario Van Peebles directed this film homage to his father, Mario Van Peebles, the independent filmmaker who single-handedly created the 1970s-era phenomenon called Blaxploitation. Film stars Joy Bryant, T.K. Carter, Terry Crews, Ossie Davis, David Alan Grier, Nia Long. *Village Voice* review: "It's packed with Hollywood wiseguys, self-promoting hotties, craven agents, hippie stoners, porn purveyors, ghetto hotheads, and miscellaneous white weirdos." Plays at 6 pm on 5/15 at DIVA. Free.

Clash, The: Westway to the World: Directed by Don Letts, whose career paralleled that of the punk rock group. With still photos, album cuts, live interviews and additional unseen concert footage from filmmaker Julien Temple, Letts pulls together coverage of the band from the start to the breakup in 1984. At 7 pm on 5/18 in 180 PLC, UO. Free.

Cold Summer of 1953 (1987): Alexander Proshkin's tale of the post-Stalin emptying of the gulags and two prisoners who save a village from maruding criminals. At 7 pm on 5/17 in 115 Pacific, UO campus. In Russian with English subtitles. Free.

Jacket, The: A John Maybury twisted thriller starring Adrian Brody as a military veteran who, with the help of a sensory deprivation jacket, foresees his own death. R. Movies 12.

Kicking and Screaming: Will Ferrell and Robert Duvall as rival youth soccer team coaches. Directed by Jesse Dylan, it also stars Mike Ditka and Kate Walsh. PG. Cinema World. Cinema mark.

Look at Me: Agnès Jaoui directs Marilou Berry, Jean-Pierre Bacri, with Laurent Grevill, Virginie Desarnauds and Keine Bouhiza in a character-driven film about Parisian acquaintances whose social lives circle around a self-absorbed writer and publisher (Bacri) and his needy grown daughter (Berry). Imperfect characters played by naturalistic actors. I love this little film. Highest recommendations. PG-13. Bijou. **See review this issue.**

Mindhunters: A serial killer hides within a group of eight FBI profilers, and they must find the murderer before they fall into his or her net. Directed by Rennie Harlin, the ensemble cast includes Val Kilmer, Christian Slater, LL Cool J, Jonny Lee Miller and more. R. Cinema mark.

Mission Against Terror: The Case of the Cuban 5: Plays at 7 pm on 5/16 in Cozmic Pizza. Free.

Monster-in-Law: Jane Fonda and Jennifer Lopez duke it out verbally in this comedy directed by Robert Luketic (*Legally Blonde*). Also stars Michael Vartan and Wanda Sykes. PG-13. Cinema mark. Cinema World.

Moulin Rouge (1952): At 7:30 pm in 177 Lawrence, UO campus. Free.

Off the Map: An unusual family lives in the rural sagebrush near Taos, New Mexico, in the mid-1970s, when an IRS man comes to audit their taxes but decides to stay and be part of the family circle. Directed by Scott Campbell (*The Secret Lives of Dentists*) from a play by Joan Ackerman, this offbeat drama stars Joan Allen, Sam Elliot, Valentina de Angelis and Jim True-Frost. Let the film cast its spell. Highly recommended. Bijou.

Oil on Ice: Film about wildlife, communities and other issues pertinent to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Plays at 3 pm on 5/16 in Building 3, LCC. Free. Also plays at 7 pm on 5/19 at EWEB, followed by a discussion led by Patrick Shannon of the Alaska Coalition. Free.

Ong Bak Muay Thai Warrior: Trained warrior Yony Jaa arrives in Bangkok to find a stolen head of a Buddhist statue only to realize he must not use his skills to harm people, so he uses his head, arms and legs. NR. Bijou.

Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith: Opens at 12:01 am on Thursday, 5/19. PG-13. Cinema mark. Cinema World.

Stop Making Sense (1984): Jonathan Demme's 1984 concert film of the Talking Heads is arguably the best ever made. The band is fabulous, with songs such as "Burning Down the House," "Psycho Killer" and "Once in a Lifetime." David Byrne races around the stage in a very big white suit, adding more than a touch of surrealism

to the enterprise. Demme's camera is everywhere at once. Terrific show. Unrated. Bijou.

Super Size Me: Morgan Spurlock's documentary features snappy graphics, talking heads and the slow decline of Spurlock's health as he eats only at McDonalds for three meals a day, 30 days. Highly recommended. NR. The Food-On Project and the Lane County Food Coalition present "the child-friendly version" at 6:30 pm on 5/16 in Cesar Chavez Elementary School. \$1 donation. **Online archives.**

Unleashed: Jet Li stars as a "human pit bull" raised by a Scottish guardian (Bob Hoskins), who runs underground matches. Morgan Freeman is a blind piano teacher who changes Li's life. R. Cinema mark.

Films open the Friday following EW publication date unless otherwise noted. See archived reviews at www.eugeneweekly.com

CONTINUING:

Amityville Horror, The: Ryan Reynolds and Melissa George star in this psychological horror about a family's dream home turned nightmare. A remake of the 1979 blockbuster and based on a true story, this suspenseful film directed by Andrew Douglas is sure to chill you. R. Movies 12.

Are We There Yet?: In Brian Levant's new movie, Ice Cube takes his recently divorced girlfriend Nia Long's two kids on a road trip from Portland to Vancouver, BC, on New Year's Eve. Jay Mohr plays his best friend. PG. Movies 12.

Aviator, The: Martin Scorsese's 169-minute film about lover, aviation pioneer and eccentric billionaire industrialist Howard Hughes stars Leonardo DiCaprio as Hughes, with Kate Blanchett, Kate Beckinsale, John C. Reilly, Alec Baldwin, Jude Law, Alan Alda, Frances Conroy and Ian Holm. DiCaprio and Blanchett are brilliant, and Scorsese makes the film his own. Very highest recommendations. 2004 Academy Awards to Blanchett; Robert Richardson, cinematography; Sandy Powell, costumes; Thelma Schoonmaker, editor. PG-13. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Beauty Shop: Hair stylist Queen Latifah leaves a posh salon with

shampoo girl Alicia Silverstone to open her own shop. Also stars Alfre Woodard, Mena Suvari, Andie MacDowell and Djimon Hounsou. Directed by Billy Woodruff. PG-13. Movies 12.

Constantine: Stars Keanu Reeves, Rachel Weisz, Shia LeBeouf, Tilda Swinton, Pruitt Taylor Vince, Djimon Hounsou and Peter Stormare. An epic set in a world of demons and angels. Hmmm. Based on comic, *Hellblazer*. R. Movies 12.

Crash: Paul Haggis (*Million Dollar Baby*) wrote, directed and produced this urban drama set in Los Angeles, which looks at the complexities of racial tolerance in contemporary America. Stars Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle, Matt Dillon, Jennifer Esposito, William Fichtner, Brendan Fraser, Terrence Howard, Chris "Ludacris" Bridges, Thandie Newton, Ryan Phillippe and Lorenz Tate. R. Cinema World. Cinema mark.

Fever Pitch: The Farrelly brothers direct a Lowell Ganz screenplay based on a Nick Hornby novel about a fanatic Red Sox fan (Jimmy Fallon) who may have to choose between the team and a woman (Drew Barrymore) he loves. PG-13. Cinema mark.

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy: Irreverent sci-fi comedy based on the late Douglas Adams' cult novel follows the adventures in space of the most ordinary man in the world, Arthur Dent (Martin Freeman). Dent and his best friend (Mos Def) barely make it off the planet before it is demolished to make way for a hyperspace freeway. Directed by Garth Jennings, film also stars Sam Rockwell, Zooey Deschanel, John Malkovich, Warwick Davis, Helen Mirren, Thomas Lennon, Anna Chancellor, Alan Rickman and Bill Nighy; with Stephen Fry as the narrator. PG. Cinema mark. Cinema World. **See review this issue.**

House of Wax: "Prey. Slay. Display." Elisha Cuthbert, Chad Michael Murray star, Jaume Serra directs, and Paris Hilton's in it. R. Cinema mark. Cinema World. **Interpreter, The:** Nicole Kidman, Sean Penn, and Catherine Keener star in Sydney Pollack's assassination-threat film set inside the actual United Nations building in New York. Kidman is a UN interpreter;

Penn's a Secret Service agent. PG-13. Cinema mark. Cinema World. **Online archives.**

Kingdom of Heaven: Set in the 12th Century, this epic Crusades film is directed by Ridley Scott (*Gladiator*). It stars Orlando Bloom, Liam Neeson, Jeremy Irons and Eva Green. Highly recommended. R. Cinema World. Cinema mark. **See review this issue.**

Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events: The misadventures of three orphans who fall into the hands of an evil count are popular with children and adults. Jim Carrey stars, with many co-stars. Directed by Brad Silberling. PG. Movies 12.

Man of the House: Tommy Lee Jones stars as a Texas Ranger whose job is to protect cheerleaders who witnessed a murder. Action comedy directed by Stephen Herek. PG-13. Movies 12.

Meet the Fockers: Jay Roach follows *Meet the Parents* (2000) with Ben Stiller's bride and in-laws to-be Teri Polo, Robert De Niro and Blythe Danner meeting his rather eccentric parents, Dustin Hoffman and Barbara Streisand. Culture clash writ small. PG-13. Movies 12.

Million Dollar Baby: Clint Eastwood, who directed, produced and composed the music for this film, co-stars with Hilary Swank and Morgan Freeman in this story of a spunky fighter, a reluctant trainer and an ex-boxer who looks after the gym. One of 2004's best films. Very highest recommendations. 2004 Academy Awards for best picture, Eastwood director, Swank actress, Freeman supporting actor. PG-13. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Millions: Directed by Danny Boyle (*Trainspotting*) and written by Frank Cottrell Boyce, this enjoyable fantasy about two brothers who discover a satchel full of money, then find different ways of spending it. Recommended. PG-13. Bijou. **Online archives.**

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. Movies 12.

Racing Stripes: A farmer (Bruce Greenwood) and his daughter (Hayden Panettiere

raise a baby zebra to become a champion racer. Live action, computer animation. Voices: Frankie Muniz, Dustin Hoffman, Whoopi Goldberg, Snoop Dogg. PG. Movies 12.

Return2Sender: Star Timmy O'Neill and director Peter Mortimer present for screening at 7 pm on 5/5 in 177 Lawrence. \$9 general public/\$7 UO students.

Ring 2: Sequel to Gore Verbinski's remake of Hideo Nakata's 1998 Japanese horror film is directed by Nakata this time. Naomi Watts stars again, seeking the truth behind a videotape that kills people who watch it. Rated PG-13 for violence/terror, disturbing images, thematic elements and language. PG-13. Movies 12.

Robots: Chris Wedge's amusing tale of a robot lad who dreams of being an inventor. This creative world of mechanical beings is never dull because these endearing, pieced-together, talking tin cans convey comfort and safety. Voices by Ewan McGregor, Halle Berry, Robin Williams, Mel Brooks, Amanda Bynes, Stanley Tucci, Greg Kinnear. Not preachy, but a good teaching tale about differences. Warmly recommended. PG. Cinema mark. **Online archives.**

Sahara: Penelope Cruz, Matthew McConaughey and Steve Zahn team up to look for a long-lost Civil War battleship that protects a secret cargo. PG-13. Cinema World. Cinema mark.

Sin City: Based on the graphic novel by Frank Miller and directed by Miller, Robert Rodriguez (and "special guest director" Quentin Tarantino), film stars a host of players including Jessica Alba, Rosario Dawson, Elijah Wood, Bruce Willis, Benicio Del Toro, Clive Owen and Josh Hartnett. Highly recommended for style. R. Cinema mark. **Online archives.**

XXX: State of the Union: Samuel L. Jackson takes on the role of the agent who needs a new face (Ice Cube) he calls XXX to track a military splinter group led by Willem Dafoe. The group's planning to overthrow the government. Directed by Lee Tamahori. PG-13. Cinema mark.

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