

movie clips

OPENING OR RETURNING:

Cabinet of Dr. Caligari, The (1919, silent): Classic German film about a hypnotist and a sleepwalker, expressionist in style, is directed by Robert Wiene and often imitated. At 7:30 pm on 5/24 in 177 Lawrence, UO campus. Free.

End of Suburbia: Oil depletion and the collapse of the American Dream: At 7 pm on 5/26 at Hilyard Community Center. Free.

Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room: Documentary filmmaker Alex Gibney wades into the Enron debacle and tracks the primary culprits – Andrew Fastow, Ken Lay and Jeff Skilling – as they orchestrate the spectacular demise of a once-respectable natural gas pipe-line company into the greediest kid on the block. Based on *Fortune* reporters Bethany McLean and Peter Elkind best-seller. Bijou. **See review this issue.**

Hitch: Will Smith stars in this romantic comedy as a New York “date doctor” who helps hapless men woo the women of the their dreams. Costars Kevin James, Amber Valletta, Eva Mendes, Michael Rappaport and Adam Arkin. Directed by Andy Tennant. PG-13. Movies 12.

Ice Princess: Fantasy about a smart high-school student who must choose between a career in physics (and a chance to go to Harvard) and a career as an ice skater. Hmm. Stars Michelle Trachtenberg as Casey, Joan Cusack as her mother, and Kim Cattrall (“Sex and the City”) as a former ice skater. G. Movies 12.

Life and Times of Harvey Milk, The: Moving documentary about San Francisco city supervisor assassinated by a deranged man who got off with the infamous “Twinkies” defense. Milk was the first gay man elected to office in the country, and his death was mourned by many gatherings across the country. Plays all day on 5/23 in LCC’s Multicultural Center, Building 1, Room 20. Drop by. Free.

My Universities (Russian, 1940. Subtitled): Mark

Donskoi’s third film about Gorky’s revolutionary development is set at university in Kazan where Gorky was radicalized. At 7 pm on 5/24 in 115 Pacific, UO campus. Free.

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

Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith: The long-awaited final episode in George Lucas’s series stars Hayden Christensen, Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman. From *Village Voice* reviewer Ed Halter: “Lucas packs his latest with physics-defying deep-space dogfights and zhoozhing lightsaber battles, frequently cutting back and forth between two simultaneous melees on separate planets, deploying his signature *Flash Gordon* wipes.” PG-13. Cinemark. Cinema World.

Very British Coup, A (1988): Made for British television, this fictional tale of dirty politics follows a radical British steelworker (Ray McNally) elected Prime Minister, which sets a coup in motion. At 7 pm on 5/25 in 180 PLC, UO campus. Free.

Zatoichi: Gangster film director, Takeshi Kitano, also stars as the blind samurai under his acting name, Beat Takeshi. Based on the stories of Kan Shimozawa, the film is realistically violent but also humorous. LateNite Bijou.

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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 Cate 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. Hmm. 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. Cinemark.

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. Cinemark. Cinema World. **Online archives.**

House of Wax: “Prey. Slay. Display.” Elisha Cuthbert, Chad Michael Murray star, Jaime Serra directs, and Paris Hilton’s in it. R. Cinemark.

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. Cinemark. Cinema World. **Online archives.**

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. Cinemark.

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. Cinemark. **Online archives.**

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.

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 punky 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.** **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. Cinemark.

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. Cinemark. Cinema World.

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.

Off the Map: An unusual family lives in the high-desert sagebrush near Taos, New Mexico, in the mid-1970s, when an IRS man comes to audit their taxes but stays and becomes part of the family. 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. **See review this issue.**

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.

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.

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. Movies 12. **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. Cinemark.

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. Cinemark.

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. Cinemark.

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Thursday through Saturday

Unleashed R
(1:30, 4:10) 7:00, 9:30

Mindhunters R
(12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 7:45, 10:10

Crash R
(12:30, 2:50, 5:10) 7:30, 9:50

House of Wax R
(1:45, 4:30) 7:05, 9:40

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy PG
(12:15, 2:40, 5:05) 7:30, 9:55

XXX2: State of the Union PG-13
9:45

The Interpreter PG-13
(1:15, 4:15) 7:00, 9:50

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(1:15, 4:45) 7:30, 9:55

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