

OPENING OR RETURNING:

Bewitched: Nora Ephron (*You've Got Mail*, *Sleepless in Seattle*) directs this story about a producer remaking the classic sitcom "Bewitched" who unknowingly casts an actual witch for the lead role. Stars Will Ferrell and Nicole Kidman. PG-13. Cinemark. Cinema World.

House of Wax: "Prey. Slay. Display." Elisha Cuthbert, Chad Michael Murray star, Jaume Serra directs, and Paris Hilton's in it. R. Movies 12.

Land of the Dead: The master of zombie movies, George Romero, brings us another wacky gore-fest in which the undead have taken over the world, closing in on the living holed up in a walled city. Stars Simon Baker, John Leguizamo & Dennis Hopper. R. Cinemark. **Mad Hot Ballroom:** Directed by newcomer Marilyn Agrelo, this documentary follows 11-year-old public school New Yorkers as they learn the meringue, rumba, tango, fox-trot & swing, transforming from reluctant students into determined competitors. This inspirational story is told by the kids, themselves, filmed in and around their schools, neighborhoods and homes. PG. Bijou.

The Ingredients: The band, The Ingredients, produced and star in this unusual comedy. In an attempt to make the band famous, their evil manager comes up with an evil plan that may have lethal consequences. Features music by the band and cameos by local celebrities Mr Appliance and

Frog. NR. Bijou LateNite.

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, who is planning to overthrow the government. Directed by Lee Tamahori. PG-13. Movies 12.

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CONTINUING:

A Lot Like Love: Ashton Kutcher and Amanda Peet are opposites who keep running into each other over the years after an initial disaster. Are they friends or is this love? Directed by Nigel Cole (*Calendar Girls*). PG-13. Movies 12.

Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girls in 3D, The: Cayden Boyd stars as a boy whose imaginary superhero friends come to life and join him on a series of adventures. Directed by Robert Rodriguez (*Sin City*, *Spy Kids*). PG. Cinemark.

Batman Begins: Christopher Nolan (*Insomnia*, *Memento*) directs an all star cast to bring you the story of how young Bruce Wayne (Christopher Hale) becomes the Dark Knight. Also stars Michael Caine as Alfred Pennyworth, Liam Neeson, Gary Oldman, Morgan Freeman and Katie Holmes. PG13. Cinema World. Cinemark.

Cinderella Man: Russell

Crowe stars as real-life, Depression Era boxer Jim Braddock; Renee Zellweger plays his supportive wife, Mae. Directed by Ron Howard, picture also stars the great Paul Giamatti. A complicated, focused and courageous fighter, Braddock not only spars in the ring but also struggles to keep his family together despite the country's widespread, crippling poverty and record unemployment. Very highest recommendations. PG-13. Cinemark. Cinema World. **Online Archives.**

Guess Who: Bernie Mac stars as the father of Zoe Saldana, who brings her boyfriend, Ashton Kutcher, home, and he's white! Comic retake on the 1967 Sidney Poitier movie. PG-13. Movies 12.

Herbie, Fully Loaded: More hijinx and shennanigans from that animated, but so unlike *Christine*, VW bug, Herbie as he heads to NASCAR. Starring Lindsay Lohan and Justin Long. G. Cinemark. Cinema World.

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

Howl's Moving Castle: Another phenomenon by Hayao Miyazaki (*Spirited Away*, *Princess Mononoke*) at the top of the charts in Japan, finally makes its way to Eugene. This time he brings us a love story about a young woman cursed into an old

woman's body who must, of course, make her way in the world and find a cure. Beautiful animation and powerful stories characterize his films. Don't miss this one. PG. Bijou. **See review this issue.** **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. Movies 12.

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. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Longest Yard, The: Lots of world-class athletes from NFL players to kick-boxers and wrestlers star along with Adam Sandler, Burt Reynolds and Chris Rock in this comic tall tale of a group of diverse inmates who team up to play against their guards. PG-13. Cinemark.

Madagascar: Computer-animated comedy stars voices of Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, David Schwimmer and Jada Pinkett Smith as animals who escape from the Central Park Zoo for a big city adventure. But they are captured and put on a ship headed for Africa, where they must survive in the wild. Directed by Eric Darnell (*Antz*) and Tom McGrath ("The Ren and Stimpy Show"). PG. Cinemark. Cinema World.

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. Movies 12.

Mr & Mrs Smith: An action adventure romantic comedy thriller about a bored married couple (Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt) who is surprised to learn that they are assassins hired to kill each other. Directed by Doug Liman (*Bourne Identity*). PG-13. Cinemark. Cinema World. **Online archives.**

Pacific, The: Disgraced Navy SEAL Shane Wolf (Vin Diesel) is given a new assignment to protect 5 kids from enemies of their recently deceased father - a government scientist whose top secret experiment is still in the house. Thriller? Drama? Tear-jerker? Nope, it's a comedy. PG. Movies 12.

Perfect Man, The: Mark Rosnan (*A Cinderella Story*) directs Heather Locklear and Hilary Duff in this romantic comedy about a teenager inventing the "perfect man" for her single mom. PG. Cinema World. Cinemark.

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

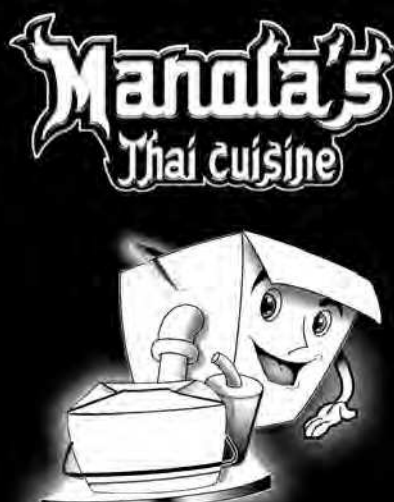
a long-lost Civil War battleship that protects a secret cargo. PG-13. Movies 12.

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants: Four young women who've been friends since childhood are now going their different ways. They wonder how they'll stay in touch until they discover a pair of jeans that fit each of them perfectly. Stars America Ferrera, Blake Lively, Alexis Bledel and Amber Tamblyn. PG. Cinema World. Cinemark. **Online Archives.**

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 Hatter: "Lucas packs his latest with physics-defying deep-space dogfights and zhoozing 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.

Online archives. **Travelers and Magicians:** Khyentse Norbu (*The Cup*) directs this story of two men: one, chasing love, ends up in a dream. The other, chasing a dream, leaves love behind. Filmed in Bhutan, *Travelers and Magicians* opens a window into this beautiful, tiny Buddhist kingdom and the Bhutanese culture. NR. Bijou.

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(12:00, 12:30, 2:25, 2:55, 4:50, 5:20) 7:15, 7:45, 9:40, 10:00

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants PG
(1:30, 4:15) 7:05, 9:50

The Honeymooners PG-13
(12:40, 2:50, 5:00) 7:10, 9:30

SHOWTIMES FOR THURSDAY JUNE 23 THROUGH THURSDAY JUNE 28, 2005:

Batman Begins PG-13
(11:30, 12:00*, 1:00, 2:25, 2:55*, 4:00, 5:20, 5:45*) 7:00, 8:15, 8:40*, 9:55 [*Thursday, June 23 time only]

Land of the Dead R
(1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:45, 10:00

Cinderella Man PG-13
(1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00

Madagascar PG
(12:30, 2:40, 4:50) 7:00, 9:10

The Longest Yard PG-13
(11:30, 2:05, 4:40) 7:15, 9:50

Star War Episode 3 PG-13
(12:00, 12:45, 3:00, 3:50) 6:00, 7:00, 9:00, 10:00

STARTING FRIDAY JUNE 24:

Perfect Man PG
(12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50

Bewitched PG-13
(12:15, 12:45, 2:40, 3:15, 5:05, 5:45) 7:30, 8:15, 9:55,
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