

OPENING OR RETURNING:

Barton Fink (1991): John Turturro plays a New York playwright enticed to Hollywood in the 1940s to write a screenplay for a wrestling movie. Fink loses his mind at a seedy Hollywood hotel. The Coen Brothers take gleeful swipes at the studio system. With John Goodman, John Mahoney and Judy Davis. Brilliant, dark comedy won awards at Cannes for best director, actor and film. R. At 6 pm on 7/17 at DIVA. Free.

Brooklyn Connection, The: Documentary filmmaker Klaartje Quirijns shows how easily Brooklyn roofing company owner Florin Krasniqi raised \$30 million during the Kosovo war, purchased weapons and sent them through Albania to Kosovo. Chilling. At 10 pm on 7/19, "P.O.V." on OPB, cable channel 10.

Brothers: Danish filmmaker Susanne Biers' family drama about adult siblings caught in the family dynamic as warring opposites. Stars Connie Nielsen as the wife of the "good son" played by Ulrich Thomsen, and Nikolaj Lie Kaas as an anti-hero worth cheering for. Highly recommended. R. Bijou. **See review this issue.**

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory: Tim Burton's reimagining of Roald Dahl's perennial children's favorite dark chocolate treat stars Johnny Depp as Willy Wonka with Freddie Highmore, his child co-star from *Finding Neverland*, along with Helen Bonham Carter. PG. Cinema World. Cinemark.

Lords of Dogtown: Written by Stacy Peralta, a former skateboarder himself, this is the commercial, fictionally enhanced version of his outstanding documentary, *Dogtown and the Z Boys*, about the Venice, California kids who combined the moves of surfing with the art of skateboarding. Stars Emile Hirsch, Victor Rasuk, John Robinson; directed by Catherine Hardwicke. PG-13. Movies 12.

Oldboy (2003): Chan-Wook Park's action, mystery, thriller

is about the kidnapping and imprisonment of an average man, who is let loose after 15 years, given money and clothing but no explanation. Warning: extreme violence. R. Bijou.

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. Movies 12.

Wedding Crashers: Hyper pranksters Owen Wilson and Vince Vaghn star in this throwback to a rowdier time in movies. Things go well for the boys until they meet up with Rachel McAdams and Isla Fisher and their parents, Christopher Walken and Jane Seymour. R. Cinemark. Cinema World.

Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill, The: Nonfiction narrative feature film about a flock of wild parrots who co-exist with native species to make San Francisco's waterfront and gardens their territory. Mark Bittner is the gentle, observant man who feeds, cares for and studies the birds. Judy Irving is the filmmaker. Outstanding film, with very highest recommendations. PG. Bijou. **See review this issue.**

Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars (1973): Influential documentary biography by D. A. Pennebaker (*Don't Look Back*) captures David Bowie's last concert on July 3, 1973 at Hammersmith Odeon in the suburbs of London as his cross-dressing alter ego, Ziggy Stardust. PG. LateNite Bijou.

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CONTINUING:

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. **Online archives.**

Bewitched: Nora Ephron (*You've Got Mail*, *Sleepless in Seattle*) directs this story about the remaking of the classic 1960s sitcom "Bewitched" starring Will Ferrell as Darrin and Nicole Kidman as Samantha. Best when it's a sweet love story but always watchable. PG-13. Cinemark. Cinema World. **Online archives.**

Cinderella Man: Russell Crowe stars as real-life, Depression Era boxer Jim Braddock; Renee Zellwegger 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. **Online Archives.**

Dark Water: Psychological thriller directed by Walter Salles (*The Motorcycle Diaries*) stars Jennifer Connelly as a young mother starting a new life with her daughter in an apartment that takes on a sinister life of its own, including persistent leaks of dark water. PG-13. Cinema World. Cinemark.

Fantastic Four: Marvel Comic's superheroes, transformed by cosmic rays while on an outer space mission, battle the evil powers of Doctor Doom. Directed by Tim Story, movie stars Jessica Alba, Ioan Gruffudd, Chris Evans, Michael Chiklis, Julian McMahon. PG-13. Cinemark. Cinema World.

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.

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. Great fun! PG. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

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

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 and Dennis Hopper. R. Movies 12.

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-ani-

mated 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.

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. **Online archives.**

Pacifier, The: Disgraced Navy SEAL Shane Wolf (Vin Diesel) is given a new assignment to protect five 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. Movies 12.

Rebound: Martin Lawrence plays a jaded, benched college basketball player who takes on teaching the fundamentals of the game to the hapless players at a junior high school. Directed by Steve Carr, also stars Breckin Meyer. PG. 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. Movies 12.

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. Movies 12. **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 Halter: "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. **Online archives.**

War of the Worlds: Directed by Steven Spielberg, this retelling of H.G. Well's seminal sci-fi adventure thriller about an invasion of Earth by Martians, as seen through the eyes of ordinary people played by Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning, Justin Chatwin, Miranda Otto, and Tim Robbins. Riveting, challenging and moving; very highest recommendations. PG-13. Cinemark. Cinema World. **Online archives.**

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8:00, 9:50, **10:30 FRI & SAT**

Fantastic Four PG-13
(12:00, 1:30, 1:55, 2:30, 4:15,
4:45, 5:15) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00,
9:30, 9:55

Mr. & Mrs. Smith PG-13
(1:15, 4:10) 7:05, 10:00

Herbie: Fully Loaded G
(12:00, 2:25, 4:50) 7:15

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

Batman Begins PG-13
(1:00, 3:00, 4:00) 7:00, 8:15,
9:55

Cinderella Man PG-13
9:40

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

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The Longest Yard PG-13
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