

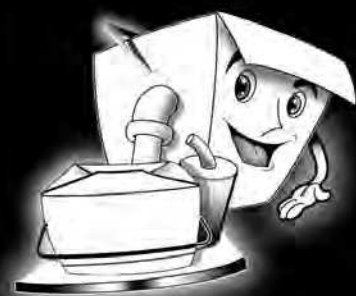
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OPENING OR RETURNING:

Chronicles of Narnia, The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe: One of the most beloved adventure stories written, this is the tale of four siblings who walk into a magic land and meet astonishing creatures who change their lives forever. Based on C.S. Lewis' timeless stories, the film is directed by New Zealander Andrew Adamson. It stars Tilda Swinton, Rupert Everett, Jim Broadbent, Ray Winstone and children: Anna Popplewell, Skandar Keynes and William Moseley. PG. Cinema World. Cinemark.

Elizabethtown: Cameron Crowe (*Vanilla Sky*, *Almost Famous*) directs Orlando Bloom as a young man who's just lost his job, his girlfriend and his father. He meets Kirsten Dunst on a plane. This romantic comedy-drama tells his story of returning home to Kentucky and finding new meaning in his life. PG-13. Movies 12.

French Lieutenant's Woman, The (1981): Meryl Streep and Jeremy Irons star as lovers in two parallel stories – one Victorian, one modern – in this screen adaptation of the novel by John Fowles written by Harold Pinter and directed by Karel Reisz. Excellent film. R. At 6:30 pm on 12/19 in the Lorane Grange Hall 54 in Lorane, OR. \$7.

King Kong: Peter Jackson's highly anticipated re-imagining of the original film stars Naomi Watts as an actress, Jack Black as an adventurous filmmaker, and Adrien Brody as a playwright. Their troubles begin when they capture a giant ape and bring him to the city. Midnight show 12/13 at Cinemark. Opens 12/14.

Kiss, Kiss, Bang, Bang: A popular play performed at Lord Leebrick Theater some seasons ago is now a film directed by writer Shane Black, starring Robert Downey Jr., Val Kilmer and Michelle Monaghan. Downey should be great as Harry, a charming petty thief who stumbles into a one-way ticket to Hollywood and finds himself over his head in the murky waters of Los Angeles. Great reviews! R. Bijou.

Syriana: Long-anticipated Middle East thriller about oil and the treacherous politics of producers vs. business interests was written and directed by the great Stephen Gaghan (*Traffic*). Stars George Clooney as CIA agent, energy analyst Matt Damon and Washington attorney Jeffrey Wright. Also Chris Cooper, William Hurt, Mazhar Munir, Tim Blake Nelson, Amanda Peet, Christopher Plummer and Alexander Siddig. Don't miss. R. Cinemark. Cinema World.

Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price: Highly critical of Wal-Mart's corporate tactics and the impact the company has on local economies across the country, this documentary was produced and directed by Robert Greenwald (*Outfoxed*). Bijou.

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

CONTINUING:

Aeon Flux: Starring Charlize Theron and Marton Csokas and directed by Karyn Kusama (*Girlfight*), this futuristic sci-fi thriller is based on characters created by Peter Chung for the MTV animated series. PG-13. Cinema World. Cinemark.

Capote: Director Bennett Miller and writer Dan Futterman create a moving portrait of writer Truman Capote (*In Cold Blood*) during the years following grisly Kansas murders that rocked the country. Philip Seymour Hoffman gives an indelible performance, likewise Catherine Keener. Clifton Collins plays Perry Smith, one of the killers befriended by Capote. Very highest recommendations. R. Bijou. **Online archives.**

Chicken Little: Disney's first fully computer-animated feature film is a comedy adventure that brings a satirical twist to the classic fable. Voices by Zach Braff, Garry Marshall, Joan Cusack, Steve Zahn. G. Cinemark.

Corpse Bride, Tim Burton's: Stop-motion animated film set in a 19th

century European village is voiced by Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham-Carter and Emily Watson. Movies 12.

First Descent: Documentary by Kemp Curly and Kevin Harrison about snowboarding – its history and future. Stars snowboarding greats (as themselves): Shawn Farmer, Terje Haakonsen, Nick Peralta, Hannah Tefer and Shaun White. Mountain scenery, music and action! PG-13. Cinemark

Flightplan: Jody Foster stars in this Brian Grazer-produced psychological thriller about a woman whose 6-year old daughter disappears without a trace mid-flight in a state-of-the-art aircraft. Directed by Robert Swenke, film also stars Peter Sarsgaard and Sean Bean. PG-13. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Fog, The: Remake (and slight rewrite) of John Carpenter's horror flick by the same name, this version tells the story of ghostly lepers returning to take their revenge on a small town's descendants. Stars Tim Welling, Maggie Grace and Selma Blair. PG-13. Movies 12.

Forty-Year Old Virgin: Andy Sitzer (Steve Carell) has lived a life of involuntary chastity, and his friends are determined to do something about his state. Directed by Judd Apatow, the film stars Catherine Keener, Paul Rudd and others. R. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Good Night and Good Luck: Edward R. Murrow did more to make television a serious news venue than almost any other journalist. George Clooney's film is set in 1953, when the CBS newsmen (played by David Strathairn) battled powerful Senator Joseph McCarthy (shown only in archival shots and speaking his own words).. McCarthy's witch hunting tactics were on display in the House Un-American Activities Committee, and Clooney wants us to remember Murrow's courage. As *The New York Times* puts it: "Murrow, a war hero in his own right, recognized McCarthyism as a domestic echo of Nazism." This may be the best movie of the year. Very highest recommendations. PG. Cinema World. **Online archives.**

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire: Starring Daniel Radcliffe. Emma Watson and Rupert Grint, this episode finds Harry's friends trying to help him through difficult times, as evidence of the presence of Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes) appears. Voldemort was last seen 13 years ago, the night he murdered Harry's parents. PG-13. Cinema World. Cinemark.

History of Violence, A: After foiling a robbery in his small-town diner, Viggo Mortensen's quiet life with his wife and two children is plunged into a media circus, which attracts unsavory characters who claim they are from his shady past. Directed by the great David Cronenberg, the film also stars Maria Bello, William Hurt and Ed Harris. One of the best films of 2005, despite its violence. R. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Ice Harvest: John Cusack plays a mob lawyer and Billy Bob Thornton's a pornographer who get themselves in a bind one Christmas Eve in this action comedy from director Harold Ramis and writers Richard Russo and Robert Benton. Connie Nielsen, Randy Quad and Oliver Platt also star.. *Variety* calls it "a treat for grown up audiences with an ear for sardonic dialogue." Let's go! R. Cinemark. **See review this issue.**

In Her Shoes: Directed by Curtis Hanson. Sisters Maggie (Cameron Diaz) and Rose (Toni Collette) have little in common, but after a major break, they find their way back together with the help of a grandmother (Shirley MacLaine) they didn't know existed. Unsentimental tale of sisters who must find their way to self-awareness, film features great performances by all three principals. Perfect little film deserves highest recommendations. PG-13. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Jarhead: Screen adaptation of Marine Anthony Swofford's memoir of his disorienting experiences in the Gulf War stars Jake Gyllenhaal as "Swoff," Jamie Foxx and Peter Sarsgaard. Directed by Sam Mendes. Highest recommendations. R. Cinemark. **Online archives.**

Just Friends: When Chris (Ryan Reynolds) returns to his 10-year high school reunion, he's hoping his best friend (Amy Samart) will be more than friends. PG-13. Cinemark.

Just Like Heaven: Romantic comedy starring Reese Witherspoon and Mark Ruffalo is set in San Francisco, where both claim a charming apartment is theirs alone. When she discovers she can walk through walls, they determine to solve the mystery. Directed by Mark Waters (*Mean Girls*, *Freaky Friday*). PG-13. Movies 12.

Lord of War: International arms dealer (Nicolas Cage) tries to stay ahead of an Interpol agent (Ethan Hawke), his competitors and his ruthless customers. Also, Bridget Moynahan, Jared Leto, Ian Holm. R. Movies 12.

March of the Penguins: Documentary director Luc Jacquet's film chronicles the oft-repeated survival of the species in the wind-strewn wilderness of Antarctica. Film tracks a pair of Emperor Penguins across continent. Includes intimate scenes of the big birds mating. This unique film has now played in every theater in Eugene, Springfield. G. Movies 12.

Paradise Now: Excellent multinational film by Hany Abu-Assad and Bero Beyer about two young Palestinian men selected to be suicide bombers and how their subsequent actions affect their families, the wider community and their own inarticulate desires for life. Great performances by Kais Nashif, Ali Suliman and Lubna Azabel. Don't miss! Very highest recommendation. PG-13. Bijou. **Online archives.**

Pride & Prejudice: Jane Austen's romantic, witty and emotionally delicious romance stars Keira Knightley as Lizzie and Matthew Macfadyen as the man she loves to hate, Mr. Darcy. Ably directed by Joe Wright and adapted by Deborah Moggach, film also stars Rosamund Pike, Jena Malone, Brenda Blethyn, Donald Sutherland, Simon Woods, Tom Hollander. Playful and pleasing but with strong subtext of the situation of poor women, this excellent social comedy has stayed timely since its publication in 1813. Highest recommendations. PG. Cinemark. Cinema World. **Online archives.**

Prime: Therapist (Meryl Streep) helps a client (Uma Thurman) involved with a younger man (Bryan Greenberg), who is the therapist's son. Comedy written and directed by Ben Younger. PG-13. Movies 12.

Rent: The acclaimed Broadway show based on Puccini's classic opera, *La Boheme*, comes to the small screen with performances by Rosario Dawson, Taye Diggs, Jesse L. Martin, Idina Menzel, Adam Pascal, Anthony Rapp, Wilson Heredia and Tracie Thoms. Set in New York's East Village, the film follows a group of artists struggling with obstacles of poverty, illness and the AIDS epidemic. PG-13. Cinemark.

Sky High: Son of superheroes The Commander (Kurt Russell) and Jetstream (Kelly Preston), poor Will (Michael Angarano) must go to Sky High, an elite high school, where he battles a nasty gym coach (Bruce Campbell), a bully, teen angst, parental expectations and girl problems. Wow! PG. Movies 12.

Walk the Line: The new Johnny Cash biopic stars the excellent Joaquin Phoenix as the singer, songwriter known as the Man in Black and Reese Witherspoon (with dark hair) as singer, songwriter June Carter Cash, his second wife and partner for 35 years. Directed by James Mangold. Highest recommendations for this musical love story. PG-13. Cinema World. Cinemark. **Online archives.**

Yours, Mine and Ours: When single parents Frank (Dennis Quaid) and Helen (Rene Russo) marry they have 18 children between them. The kids don't approve of the merger. Trouble follows. Co-stars Rip Torn and Linda Hunt. PG. Cinema World. Cinemark.

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