

OPENING OR RETURNING:

Akeelah and the Bee: 11-year-old Akeelah (Keke Palmer) has a gift for words. Though her mother (Angela Bassett) isn't behind her, Akeelah (with the help of tutor Laurence Fishburne) enters spelling bees, eventually winning a chance to compete nationally. PG. Movies 12.

Carnal: Argentinian director, writer and producer Fabian Forte's first feature film is about two men caught in a sadistic nightmare. Not rated. Bijou LateNite.

Creature from the Black Lagoon: The horror classic about the discovery of a prehistoric gill-man screens at 2 pm July 5 at the Downtown Library as part of the Teen Summer Reading program. Free.

Devil Wears Prada, The: Meryl Streep stars as demanding, high-powered fashion magazine editor Miranda Priestley, whose new assistant (Anne Hathaway) is fresh from college and a small-town girl to boot. Based on Lauren Weisberger's bestselling novel. PG-13. Cinema World. Cinemark.

Idiot, The: Reading and film series focusing on Fyodor Dostoevsky's *The Idiot* and Vladimir Bortko's adaptation of the text. Second reading and episode June 29, third reading and episode July 6: 7 pm film, 8 pm discussion. 142 Law, UO.

Monumental: David Brower's Fight for Wild America: Documentary about the former Sierra Club director's fight to keep wild places wild. "See it and just try not to get inspired," said *Outside* magazine. Part of Wilderness Week, the film plays at 7 pm June 29 at REI. Chandra, 344-0675.

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest: Johnny Depp

reprises his role as over-the-top swashbuckler Jack Sparrow in the second *Pirates* film, which we rather fervently hope is as entertaining as the first. Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightley are the in-love eye candy – actually, it's a toss-up as to which of the three leads is prettiest. With Bill Nighy all betentacled as watery bad guy Davy Jones. PG-13. Sneak screenings at 12:01 am, 12:02 am, 12:03 am and 12:04 am July 6 at Cinemark.

RV: In Barry Sonnenfeld's latest film, Robin Williams tells his family they're going on vacation to Hawaii – but instead packs his wife and kids into an RV and heads to Colorado. Jeff Daniels heads up a wacky bunch of full-time campers. It's a sure bet there are hijinks involved. PG-13. Movies 12.

Shrek 2: Mike Myers returns as Shrek, Cameron Diaz is his new wife, Princess Fiona, and Eddie Murphy's his sidekick, Donkey. Now the newlyweds face Queen Lillian (Julie Andrews) and King Harold (John Cleese). With a fairy godmother (Jennifer Saunders), Prince Charming (Rupert Everett) and the ferocious Puss in Boots (Antonio Banderas). Sequel is so-so. PG. Plays at 10 am July 4 only at Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Stick It: From the writer of *Bring It On* comes this slightly absurd-sounding film in which a rebellious former gymnastics star, forced to return to the world of gymnastics after trouble with the law, butts heads with a hard-nosed coach (Jeff Bridges). *Bring It On the Floor Mat?* Nah, their title is better. PG-13. Movies 12.

Superman Returns: At long last, the man of steel returns to movie screens – and to Earth. In director Bryan Singer's new film, Superman's been gone five long years, during which his former

flame Lois Lane has had a son and found a new fellow. Oh, and crime is rising in Metropolis and Lex Luthor has broken out of prison. Starring Brandon Routh as the man in tights, Kate Bosworth as Lois and Kevin Spacey as Lex. PG-13. Cinemark. Cinema World. **See review this issue.**

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

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Benchwarmers, The: Got picked last for kickball? So did these guys. David Spade, Jon Heder (aka Napoleon Dynamite) and Rob Schneider play grown-up geeks who start a baseball tournament to get revenge on nasty Little League teams. PG-13. Movies 12.

Break-Up, The: Jennifer Aniston and Vince Vaughn star in the latest from director Peyton Reed (*Bring It On*) as a Chicago pair who apparently aren't very good at breaking up. PG-13. Cinemark. **Online archives.**

Cars: The animation wizards at Pixar (*Toy Story*, *Finding Nemo*) team up with Disney for the story of a rookie race car (voiced by Owen Wilson) taking an unexpected detour on his way to a big race. Bonnie Hunt and Paul Newman also voice characters. G. Cinemark. Cinema World. **See review this issue.**

Click: Christopher Walken gives Adam Sandler a truly universal remote: it lets him put the wife on fast forward, put the boss on pause, help the kid get even ... until the remote goes all TiVo on him and starts making decisions on its own. PG-13. Cinemark. Cinema World.

Da Vinci Code, The: Dan

Brown's gazillion-selling book about a centuries-old religious mystery arrives in cinematic form with a glowing pedigree. As if the book isn't popular enough, the adaptation is directed by Ron Howard and stars Tom Hanks. And you probably know this. You're actually on the way to the theater already, aren't you? PG-13. Cinemark. Cinema World.

Online archives.

Failure to Launch: Sarah Jessica Parker is a professional who aims to move Matthew McConaughey out of his parent's home. Also stars Zooey Deschanel, Terry Bradshaw and Kathy Bates. PG-13. Movies 12.

Fast and the Furious, The: Tokyo Drift: The series gets a new star in Lucas Black (*Friday Night Lights*), whose character moves to Japan and gets caught up in the underground world of drift racing. PG-13. Cinemark.

Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties: Bill Murray returns as the voice of the once-some-what-classic Garfield, who follows his owner Jon (Breckin Meyer) to London. Some kind of mad cat switcheroo ensues with a high-falutin' royal feline named Prince. PG. Cinemark.

Ice Age 2: The Meltdown: Manny (Ray Romano), Sid (John Leguizamo) and Diego (Denis Leary) are back for another adventure. The animals are excited that the ice is melting – it's a paradise of water parks! But where is all that new water going to go? PG. Movies 12.

Inconvenient Truth, An: Following the 2000 election, Al Gore changed tack, turning his focus to the worldwide crisis that is global warming. Director Davis Guggenheim combines footage of Gore's traveling multimedia presentation on climate crisis with Gore's personal story,

creating an effective and engaging film. PG. Bijou. **Online archives.**

Lake House, The: Kate (Sandra Bullock) and Alex (Keanu Reeves) are carrying on a correspondence through the mystical mailbox of a house on an Illinois lake – despite living in worlds that are two years apart. Time-challenged romance sounds kinda corny, but hey, Ebert and Roeper both liked it. PG-13. Cinemark. Cinema World.

Mission Impossible 3: Can Tom Cruise dodge the mountains of press about his personal life – er, many guys with guns and explosives in his way – and save the woman he loves from an impressively creepy Philip Seymour Hoffman? R. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Nacho Libre: Jack Black stars as Nacho, a cook in a Mexican monastery with a secret second life as a lucha libre wrestler. But the real story is that the goof-ball flick is directed by *Napoleon Dynamite*'s Jared Hess and written by Hess, his wife Jerusha and Mike White (*School of Rock*). PG. Cinema World. Cinemark. **Online archives.**

Notorious Bettie Page, The: In a star-making role, Gretchen Mol (*Rounders*) plays the 1950s pinup queen. Director Mary Harron's (*American Psycho*) new film is an engaging and stylish visualization of Page's life and times. R. Bijou LateNite. **Online archives.**

Omen, The: The evil child returns for a remake with an ominous release date (a rare Tuesday opening to hit 6/6/06). Julia Stiles and Liev Schreiber play the nice parents who don't know their adopted son Damien is actually the spawn of Satan. With Mia Farrow, the classic mom-of-evil, as the nanny. R. Movies 12.

Over the Hedge: A gang of woodland creatures wakes up from their winter hibernation to find a big green thing has appeared in their world. On the other side, they hear, wacky creatures called "humans" exist. Bruce Willis, William Shatner and Steve Carrell are among those voicing the critters that venture forth for an antic-filled exploration of suburbia. PG. Cinemark. **Prairie Home Companion, A:** Director Robert Altman and writer Garrison Keillor present a winning story about the imagined death of Keillor's radio classic, "A Prairie Home Companion" (still going strong in real life). A first-rate ensemble cast, including Keillor, Meryl Streep, Lindsay Lohan, Kevin Kline, Lily Tomlin, Woody Harrelson and Tommy Lee Jones, makes the film sparkle. PG-13. Bijou. **Online archives.**

Scary Movie 4: Director David Zucker (*Airplane!*) takes on the fourth entry in the seemingly endless series, which sends up *War of the Worlds*, *The Grudge*, *The Village*, *Saw* and more. Stars Anna Faris and Regina Hall with an outlandish array of celebrity cameos, including Shaq, Dr. Phil and Lil' John. PG-13. Movies 12.

Waist Deep: Tyrese stars as a young man trying to keep on the right side of the law for the sake of his son Junior. But he doesn't see a lot of legal options when Junior is kidnapped and held for ransom. R. Cinemark.

X-Men: The Last Stand: The third X-Men movie combines the loved-by-fans "Dark Phoenix" storyline with the discovery of a "cure" for mutancy. Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry, Famke Janssen and the rest of the core cast return (sans Nightcrawler, oddly). Stay through the credits for a vital scene. PG-13. Cinemark. **Online archives.**

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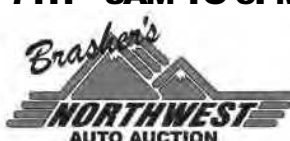
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