

OPENING OR RETURNING:

Bad Politics, Good Music: San Francisco video artist Bryan Boyce's program includes music-inspired videos and found footage used to create political satire. Q&A session follows. 8 pm Oct. 12 at DIVA. \$5.

Barnyard: When the farmer's away, the cows will ... order pizzas and throw a party? Don't think too much about this animated feature or you might begin to wonder why carefree Otis (Kevin James) has udders. PG. Movies 12.

Departed, The: Martin Scorsese's new film is a remake of the 2002 Hong Kong thriller *Infernal Affairs*. Leonardo di Caprio plays a cop undercover in the mob; Matt Damon is the gangster mole in the police force. Jack Nicholson and Mark Wahlberg round out the stellar cast. R. Cinema World. Cinemark.

Employee of the Month: Dane Cook and Dax Shepard are two slacker clerks working to become the employee of the month in hopes of getting in Jessica Simpson's pants. Ah, cinematic brilliance. PG-13. Cinema World. Cinemark.

9/11 - Press for Truth: Ray Nowosielski's documentary takes Paul Thompson's *The Terror Timeline* and the stories of several women widowed by 9/11 as its central threads, and takes the media to task for not pushing for answers about what happened that day. Not rated. 7 pm Oct. 8, 15 and 22 at Cozmic Pizza. Free.

Peculiarities of the National Fishing: Part of a popular Russian comedy series, in which a fishing trip to Finland leads to misadventures. In Russian with English subtitles. 7 pm Oct. 10 in 111 Pacific, UO. Free.

Reel Rock: Rockclimbing film

tour features *First Ascent* and *Dosage Vol. 4*, two films following climbers on the sport's cutting edge. 7 pm Oct. 12 at 177 Lawrence, UO. \$5.

Tai Chi Master: Also known as *Twin Warriors*, this 1993 film stars Jet Li as a Shaolin monk who, after being betrayed by a friend, turns to tai chi and plans his revenge. R. Bijou LateNite.

Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning: Gore, chainsaws, pretty girls in distress ... and the backstory about why ol' Leatherface the way he is. R. Cinema World. Cinemark.

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

CONTINUING:

Accepted: Putting the liberal in liberal arts, "B" Gaines (Justin Long) and friends open their own university. It's just to impress a girl, of course, but the "college" is way more popular than B anticipated. And, like, totally illegal, too. PG-13. Movies 12.

Creature from the Black Lagoon: Catch a new print of the classic monster flick - he's half man, half fish! - in 3D with glasses tuned specially for the restored movie. PG. Bijou LateNite.

Black Dahlia, The: Brian De Palma's new film is based on James Ellroy's novel about two cops searching for a killer in 1940s L.A. Josh Hartnett and Aaron Eckhart play the cops; Scarlett Johansson and Hilary Swank are their significant others - one of whom has connections to the killer's victim. R. Movies 12.

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. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

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. Movies 12.

Descent, The: In this surprisingly well-reviewed film, something nasty attacks a group of women adventuring in Appalachian caves. Director Neil Marshall has said of his film, "It's a bit of a nod and a wink to *Deliverance*." R. Movies 12.

Flyboys: James Franco (*Spiderman*) heads up a cast of chiseled young men playing the Lafayette Escadrille, a group of American pilots who flew for the French during WWI. Sounds like your standard young-men-become-heroes plot, but the old planes look sorta neat. PG-13. Cinema World. Cinemark.

Guardian, The: A hotshot young Coast Guard rescue swimmer (Ashton Kutcher) learns how to be a real hero from a retired swimmer who lost his team in an accident (Kevin Costner). PG-13. Cinema World. Cinemark.

Gridiron Gang: In a variation on at least a dozen other inspirational sports movies, The Rock plays a counselor at a juvenile detention facility who teaches his young charges life lessons via football. PG-13. Cinemark.

How to Eat Fried Worms: The classic children's book by Thomas Rockwell comes squirmingly alive

as, on a dare, an 11-year-old comes up with creative ways to eat 10 worms in one day. PG. Movies 12.

Illusionist, The: In the first of the year's two magician movies (the second, the buzzworthy *The Prestige*, comes out in October), Edward Norton plays a Venetian stage magician caught up with an old love (Jessica Biel), a dogged inspector (Paul Giamatti) and a crown prince (Rufus Sewell). PG-13. Cinema World. **Online archives.**

Inconvenient Truth, An: Director Davis Guggenheim combines footage of Al Gore's traveling multimedia presentation on climate crisis with Gore's personal story, creating an effective and engaging film. PG. Plays at 5:30 pm Oct. 8 at Unitarian Universalist Church. Free. **Online archives.**

Invincible: Mark Wahlberg stars in the based-on-a-true-story tale of Vince Papale, an ordinary guy who made the team at an open tryout for the Philadelphia Eagles. With Greg Kinnear and Elizabeth Banks. PG. Cinemark. **Online archives.**

Jackass: Number Two: Johnny Knoxville, Steve-O, Bam Margera and crew regroup for more nasty, brutal, naked, crude, snortingly funny pranks and stunts. Don't try this at home. R. Cinema World. Cinemark. **See review this issue.**

Jet Li's Fearless: Supposedly, this is Jet Li's last martial arts film, but in a recent *Entertainment Weekly*, the action star mentioned working with Jackie Chan in the future. Either way, here Li plays legendary Huo Yuanjia, who became China's most famous fighter in the early 20th century. PG-13. Cinemark. **See review this issue.**

Little Miss Sunshine: Directors Valerie Faris and Jonathan Dayton guide a stellar cast (particularly Paul Dano, Steve Carell and Abigail Breslin) through a quirky family trip on the road to the titular beauty pageant. Sweet, smart and funny, though you can see the road bumps coming a mile off. R. Bijou. Cinemark. **Online archives.**

Monster House: Three kids face off against a creepy neighborhood house that's something other than haunted. With the voices of Maggie Gyllenhaal, Steve Buscemi and Jon Heder. PG. Cinemark, in 3D for an additional \$1.50. **Online archives.**

Mr. Sean's Cartoon Club: Crazy, weird and old cartoons featuring anchor tattoos, partying cats and dancing buildings. Noon-2 pm Sundays at the Bijou. Program consists mostly of shorts, so punctuality is not essential. \$4.

Open Season: Sony breaks into the animation game with the story of a clueless grizzly bear (Martin Lawrence) whose friend Elliot (Ashton Kutcher) lures him into the wild life. PG. Cinema World. Cinemark.

Over the Hedge: A gang of woodland creatures finds a big green thing 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 critters. PG. Movies 12.

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. Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightley are the in-love eye candy. With Bill Nighy all betentacled as watery

bad guy Davy Jones. PG-13. Cinemark. **Online archives.**

School for Scoundrels: NYC meter "maid" Roger (Jon Heder) takes a confidence-building class led by Dr. P (Billy Bob Thornton). The surer of himself Roger becomes, the more competitive his instructor gets. PG-13. Cinema World. Cinemark.

Science of Sleep, The: Director Michel Gondry (*Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*) goes back into the human brain - this time exploring the largely interior life of Stéphane (Gael García Bernal), who mixes up dreams and reality. Sweet but slight, the film charms with quirky visuals and natural performances. R. Bijou. **Online archives.**

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 (Brandon Routh) been gone five long years, during which his former flame Lois Lane (Kate Bosworth) has had a son and found a new fellow. Oh, and Lex Luthor (Kevin Spacey) is out of prison. PG-13. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby: Will Ferrell and NASCAR. What more do you need to know? OK, well, Ricky Bobby (Ferrell) and his racing partner face a new challenge when a French Formula One driver (Sacha Baron Cohen) arrives on the scene. PG-13. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Zoom: Tim Allen leads a team of superpowered young'uns off to fight a supervillain in what's supposedly a *Galaxy Quest*-like satire of, say, some other super-powered young'uns who fight supervillains. PG. Movies 12.



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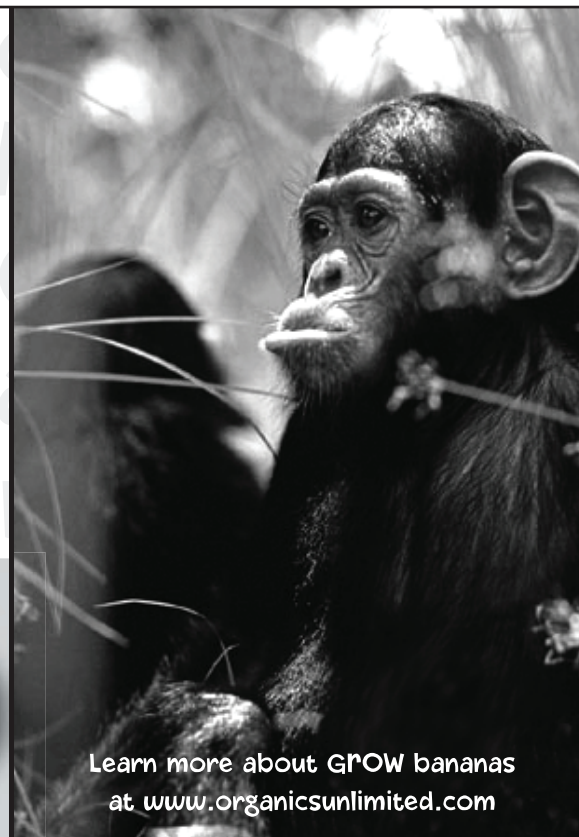
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