

OPENING OR RETURNING:

Hellboy II: The Golden Army: Gotta love a movie that describes its lead as “the world’s toughest kitten-loving hero from Hell.” The big red guy (Ron Perlman) – with sidekick Abe (Doug Jones, last seen as the Faun in director Guillermo del Toro’s *Pan’s Labyrinth*) and love interest Liz (Selma Blair) – finds himself standing between an army of fantastic creatures and the world as we know it when an ancient truce is broken. PG13. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15.

Journey to the Center of the Earth: Brendan Fraser stars as a less-than-traditional scientist who finds himself leading his nephew and a friend into the center of the earth, where there’s ... another world! In 3D, which makes all those falling rocks and underground dinosaurs even more exciting. PG. 89 min. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15.

Meet Dave: Eddie Murphy stars as a spaceship that looks like a man – but is manned by a whole lot of very small people (including, of course, a mini-Eddie Murphy). They’ve been promoting this one with a giant Eddie Murphy head that gets driven around L.A. I just can’t approve of that. PG. 90 min. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15.

Raiders of the Lost Ark: Steven Spielberg’s 1981 faux-’30s adventure flick stars Harrison Ford as archaeologist Indiana Jones and Karen Allen as his ex-girlfriend with an attitude. Great chase scenes, great fun! PG. 9 pm July 11, Washington Park. Free.

Rape of Europa, The: This fascinating award-winning documentary explores Nazi Germany’s plundering of Europe’s great works of art, and the resulting work to recover as many pieces as possible. “A startling documentary,” said Roger Ebert. Not rated. 111 min. 7 pm July 11 & 12 and 1 pm July 13, DIVA. \$6. **See review this issue.**

Video Slam: Monthly event invites video artists to submit short videos for a competition that follows the format of the poetry slam. 7 pm July 14, DIVA. Free.

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

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Baby Mama: When successful businesswoman Kate (Tiny Fey) finds that she can’t conceive the kid she wants, she hires Angie (Amy Poehler) as her surrogate. It’s a clash of personalities and more when Angie shows up on Kate’s doorstep. “An essentially sweet-natured picture that doesn’t go as far as it could,” says Salon. com. PG13. 96 min. Movies 12.

Fall, The: In a Los Angeles hospital in the 1920s, an injured stuntman (Lee Pace) weaves a multi-layered fantastic tale for a young girl (Catinca Untaru). Director Tarsem (*The Cell*, but don’t hold that against him) filmed in countless locations around the world to create an unforgettably beautiful story about connection – and the way a story depends not only on who’s telling it, but who’s listening. R. 117 min. Bijou. ★★★★★ (6/29)

Forbidden Kingdom: When an American teenager finds a lost relic of the legendary Monkey King, he also finds himself sent back in time to join a band of warriors fighting to free said king. The important bits? Jackie Chan and Jet Li costar, and Wo Ping (*Crouching Tiger; The Matrix*) handles the fight sequences. Awesome. PG13. Movies 12.

Forgetting Sarah Marshall: The Apatow Onslaught continues with this romantic comedy about a guy (Jason Segel, who also wrote the screenplay) who tries get away from it all after his famous girlfriend (the fantabulous Kristen Bell) dumps him – only to find that she, and her strange new boyfriend, are at the same Hawaiian resort. With Mila Kunis, Jonah Hill, Paul Rudd and a lot of other funny people. R. 112 min. Movies 12. ★★★★★ (4/24)

Get Smart: Steve Carell is newly promoted former CONTROL analyst Maxwell Smart, sent on a mission to save the world from agents of KAOS; Anne Hathaway is his sidekick (who one suspects may be slightly more competent), Agent 99. This adaptation of the 1960s TV show also gives us Terence Stamp as a baddie and The Rock as a superspy. PG13. 110 min. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15.

Hancock: Grumpy, drunken, superpowered Hancock (Will Smith, aka Mr. July) has a habit of wreaking considerable destruction when saving lives. But a PR guy (Jason Bateman) somehow shows Hancock that he does have a softer side. He can be better! At least I think that’s what he says in the ads. PG13. 92 min. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15.

Happening, The: Are you willing to give M. Night Shyamalan another chance? His followup to *Lady in the Water* is about a couple (Mark Wahlberg and the very likable Zooey Deschanel) trying to survive after some sort of ... er ... *happening*. From what I hear, it’s ecological in nature. Run! Global warming is chasing you! R. 91 min. Movies 12. ★☆☆☆☆ (6/19)

Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay: John Cho and Kal Penn revisit their hilarious stoner characters from *Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle*. When they sneak a bong onboard a flight to Amsterdam, our heroes are suspected of terrorism. And, needless to

say, all manner of wackiness ensues. R. 102 min. Movies 12. ★★☆☆☆ (5/1)

Horton Hears a Who: The Dr. Seuss classic gets the animated treatment from the creators of *Ice Age*, with Jim Carrey as Horton and Steve Carell as the mayor of Who-ville, the tiny world on a speck that Horton discovers and defends from his fellow animals, who think he’s gone nuts. G. 110 min. Movies 12.

Incredible Hulk, The: Edward Norton slips into the torn pants recently worn by Eric Bana in this reinvention of the Hulk franchise. Norton’s Hulk is trying to find a cure, but warmongers want to use his powers for evil. With Tim Roth and Liv Tyler. PG13. 114 min. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15. ★★☆☆☆ (6/26)

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull: It’s the only mainstream movie opening this weekend! It’s got Harrison Ford and Cate Blanchett and Shia LeBoeuf and sassy *Raiders of the Lost Ark* dame Karen Allen! Also, it takes place 19 years after the underrated third film in a world facing the possibility of nuclear annihilation. That’s about all I’ve got. That and a big plastic Indy whip. PG13. 124 min. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15. ★★☆☆☆ (5/29)

Iron Man: The first major summer flick (summer? Huh?) stars Robert Downy Jr. as Tony Stark, a wealthy industrialist who devises a suit that gives him the superheroic ability to take down baddies who misuse his destructive technology. Awesome. With Jeff Bridges, Terrence Howard and Gwyneth Paltrow. PG13. VRC Stadium 15. ★★★★★ (5/8)

Kit Kittredge: American Girl: The insanely popular book series comes to life in the form of perky young Abigail Breslin, who stars as aspiring reporter Kit Kittredge, who needs to save her family’s home and prove that the baddies behind a string of robberies aren’t who the cops think they are. G. 101 min. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15.

Kung Fu Panda: Jack Black – or at least his voice – stars as Po the Panda, a waiter whose love for kung fu serves him well when it turns out there’s a prophecy about him saving the world from some powerful enemies. With the voices of Dustin Hoffman, Angelina Jolie and Jackie Chan. PG. 88 min. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15.

Made of Honor: Even Dr. McDreamy, Patrick Dempsey, as the guy who figures out too late that he’s in love with his best friend (Michelle Monaghan) isn’t enough to make this look anything but embarrassing. PG13. 101 min. Movies 12.

Mongol: A sweeping, decades-spanning origin story about the man who would become Genghis Khan,

Mongol is gorgeous – and jumpy and unsatisfying. This multinational production (Russian director, Finnish composer, Mongolian, Japanese and Chinese stars) is admirably ambitious, but sadly sometimes comes across as another shallow epic in the vein of big American productions. R. 125 min. Bijou. ★★☆☆☆ (7/3)

Nim’s Island: Moppet-of-the-moment Abigail Breslin stars as Nim, a girl who lives with her scientist father (Gerard Butler) on an island and has a literary heroine whose life is rather similar. When Nim’s father disappears, life brings Nim and her favorite author together to find him. With Jodie Foster. PG. 95 min. Movies 12.

Speed Racer: Here it comes, here comes ... the Wachowski Brothers’ color-saturated, whiz-bang take on the oddball Japanese cartoon that some of us never understood when we were children. Emile Hirsch stars as Mach 5 racer Speed; Matthew Fox (as baddie Racer X), John Goodman, Christina Ricci and Susan Sarandon round out the cast. PG. 129 min. Movies 12.

Strangers, The: Scary masked folks invade the meant-to-be-romantic post-wedding getaway of troubled couple Kristen (Liv Tyler) and James (Scott Speedman). R. 90 min. Movies 12.

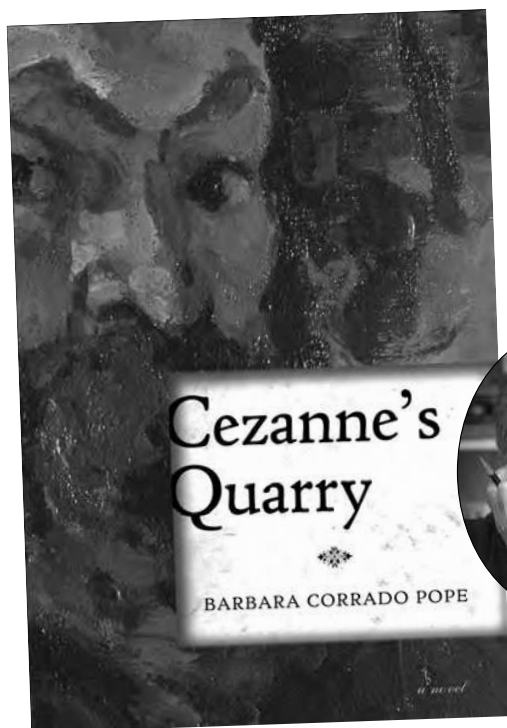
WALL-E: The latest from the geniuses at Pixar is about a lonely trash-cleaning robot on what’s left of Earth. A sleek robot named EVE discovers, when she visits the deserted planet, that WALL-E’s figured out something important, so off to the stars (and the humans) she races, a besotted WALL-E in pursuit. “One of the best movies of the year,” said Richard Roeper. G. 97 min. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15. ★★★★★ (7/3)

Wanted: This Angelina Jolie-starring assassin flick is directed by Timur Bekmanbetov, who was behind the underseen *Night Watch*. Jolie and Morgan Freeman are part of the Fraternity, a secret society of assassins; the delightful James McAvoy is the former office drone who gets recruited after his estranged father is killed. R. 110 min. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15.

What Happens in Vegas: Cameron Diaz and Ashton Kutcher star as a couple that gets rather spontaneously wed in Vegas, then realizes they hate each other – only to wind up stuck together when he puts her quarter in a slot machine and hits the jackpot. PG13. 99 min. Movies 12.

You Don’t Mess With the Zohan: Adam Sandler plays an Israeli commando who really wants to be a hairstylist in this gently mocking and fun comedy from the minds of Sandler, Judd Apatow (*Knocked Up*) and Robert Smigel (*Triumph the Insult Comic Dog*). PG13. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15. ★★☆☆☆ (6/12)

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