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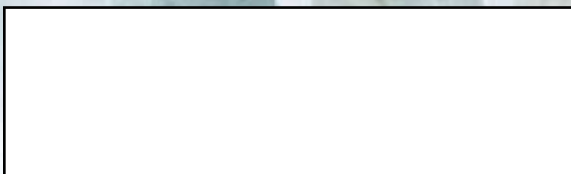
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Seth Rogen is Dale Denton, a serious stoner who works as a process server. Before delivering a subpoena to dangerous drug lord Ted Jones (*Gary Cole*), he witnesses Jones and a female cop (*Rosie Perez*) commit a murder. Certain he's been seen, he rushes to the apartment of his spaced out drug dealer Saul Silver (*James Franco*), to warn him that they may be in trouble, as the weed he dropped at the scene could be traced back to them. So Saul calls his connection and good friend Red (*Danny McBride*) to make sure they're in the clear. Too late. Now the guys must run from Jones's henchmen, and preclude their finding them through Dale's girlfriend (*Amber Heard*). It's a riotous ride which includes a hilarious cop car chase, and ends up with the boys involved in war between Jones's men and their rival Asian gang. *Bill Hader*, as a military guinea pig, kicks off the flick with a clever cameo. 111 min. (Slavin)

DVD Extras: *Commentary; Deleted/Extended Scenes; Gag Reel. 2-disc includes Rehearsal Footage; Featurettes.*

Partial Credits: **James Franco** (In the Valley of Elah; Spider-Man 3; The Holiday; (Fly)boys; Annapolis; Tristan & Isolde; The Great Raid; City By the Sea; Spider-Man 1, 2 & 3; Whatever It Takes). **Seth Rogen** (Step Brothers; Kung Fu Panda; Horton Hears a Who!; Superbad; Knocked Up; You, Me & Dupree; The 40 Year Old Virgin). **Danny R. McBride** (Tropic Thunder; Drillbit Taylor; The Heartbreak Kid; Heat Road). **Gary Cole** (Breach; Talladega Nights; Cry Wolf; The Ring 2; Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!; I Spy; One Hour Photo; Office Space). **Rosie Perez** (Riding In Cars With Boys; It Could Happen To You Fearless; White Men Can't Jump).

Turk (*Robert DeNiro*) faces the video camera and calmly recites a confession to fourteen murders. He and his partner Rooster (*Al Pacino*) have been loyal friends and partners for thirty years, dedicated to their jobs as NYPD homicide detectives. But several years ago, Turk planted evidence against a child rapist who was eventually acquitted, and since then a series of killings has taken place, each victim the scum of the Earth. Via flashback, we follow the last four killings as Turk and Rooster investigate, assisted by Turk's sometime bed partner, policewoman Karen Corelli (*Carla Gugino*). Even though they know the perpetrator is the same because of poems that are left at each scene, they can't seem to crack the case. Then when two young colleagues (*John Leguizamo* and *Donnie Wahlberg*) are convinced that the serial killer is a cop, tensions rise between the two teams of detectives, and Turk panics when he becomes the prime suspect. *Brian Dennehy* plays their boss. 101 min. (Slavin)



DVD Extras: *Commentary; Making-of Featurette; Behind the Scenes footage; more.*

Partial Credits: **Robert De Niro** (Stardust; The Good Shepherd; Hide & Seek; Meet the Fockers; Godsand; Analyze That; City by the Sea; Showtime; The Score; 15 Minutes; Men of Honor; Meet the Parents; Flawless; Analyze This; Ronin; Jackie Brown; Wag the Dog; Cop Land; Sleepers; Heat; Casino; A Bronx Tale; Cape Fear; Awakenings; Goodfellas; Midnight Run; The Untouchables; The King of Comedy; Raging Bull; The Deer Hunter; Taxi Driver; The Godfather II). **Al Pacino** (88 Minutes; Two for the Money; The Recruit; Simone; Insomnia; Any Given Sunday; The Devil's Advocate; Donnie Brasco; Heat; Glengarry Glen Ross; Scent of a Woman; Frankie & Johnny; The Godfather: Part I-III; Sea of Love; Scarface; Dog Day Afternoon; Serpico).



Welcome to the neighborhood. What could be better for Chris and Lisa Mattson (*Patrick Wilson* and *Kerry Washington*) than they move in? Living right next door is Abel Turner (*Samuel L. Jackson*), a twenty-eight year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Force. He's the widowed father of two youngsters and is conscientious about his responsibilities: he has important rules for his children; he patrols the neighborhood each evening, and he takes his job very seriously. But he has a problem with the Mattsons. They're a nice young couple, but he's white and she's black. From the start, Chris can tell that there's a problem, as Abel's polite conversations are full of innuendo. And as the days go by, things get worse and worse... floodlights directed into their bedroom, slashed tires, and finally when the Mattson's begin to argue and Turner is being investigated by Internal Affairs, the heat is turned up... way up. 110 min. (Slavin)

DVD Extras: *Commentary; Deleted Scenes; three Behind the Scenes Featurettes.*

Partial Credits: **Samuel L. Jackson** (Iron Man; Jumper; Resurrecting the Champ; 1408; Black Snake Moan; Snakes on a Plane; Freedomland; The Man; XXX 1 & 2; Coach Carter; Twisted; S.W.A.T.; Formula 51; Star Wars: Episodes I-III; Changing Lanes; Unbreakable; Shaft; Rules of Engagement; Deep Blue Sea; Sphere; The Negotiator; 187; Eve's Bayou; Jackie Brown; A Time To Kill; The Long Kiss Goodnight; Die Hard 2; Pulp Fiction). **Patrick Wilson** (Running With Scissors; Little Children; Hard Candy; The Phantom of the Opera; The Alamo). **Kerry Washington** (Fantastic Four 1, 2; I Think I Love My Wife; The Last King of Scotland; Little Man; Mr. & Mrs. Smith; Ray).



Now that Agent Strahm (*Scott Patterson*) has found the corpse of Jigsaw (*Tobin Bell*), and at the memorial service for his victims, the Chief of Police has declared the end to all the grisly murders, we can breathe easier... not! During his investigation, Strahm became trapped and had to perform a tracheotomy on himself. He woke in the hospital where he heard something from his partner before he died, that pointed to supposed hero Mark Hoffman (*Costas Mandylor*). Meanwhile five people are trapped in a sewer with traps around their necks. After one of them is beheaded, the others continue to be confronted with more deadly tests. Each trap results in selfish conflict and more deaths. Strahm is convinced that Hoffman is the culprit, and through a series of flashbacks, we learn the truth. Now we are held captive by a tense game of cat and mouse between Strahm and Hoffman. One of them will make it. The other won't. 88 min. (Slavin)

DVD Extras: Unrated Editions include Commentaries; Featurettes include "The Coffin Trap."

MAX PAYNE (PG-13: m, bl, bpn, bs, v) Action/Thriller

January 20

Sinking to the bottom of a freezing river, Max (*Mark Wahlberg*) narrates the story of his investigation into the cold case murder of his wife and newborn child. At a party, Max meets and goes home with Natasha (*Olga Kurylenko*), who is killed after leaving his apartment. Max learns from his former partner Alex (*Donal Logue*) that he is considered a prime suspect. Alex also tries to tell Max that the tattoo on Olga's arm is the same as one of his wife's killers, but when Max goes to his apartment he finds Alex dead, and then is beaten senseless himself. He wakes up in the hospital next to his mentor B.B. Hensley (*Beau Bridges*). Then, after convincing Olga's sister Mona (*Mila Kunis*) that he didn't kill her, the two of them work together to find out who did. Their investigation leads to a hallucinatory drug and the company who produced it for the government. Based on the video game. 99 min. (Slavin)



DVD Extras: 2-disc will include an unrated Extended Cut; in-depth Documentary, Commentary; Deleted Scenes.

TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13: m, bd, bv) Comedy/Drama

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Alice Pratt (*Alfre Woodard*) and Charlotte Cartwright (*Kathy Bates*) are from two different walks of life, but they have been best friends for thirty years. In that time Charlotte, socialite and head of a large construction company, raised her son William (*Cole Hauser*) to become an executive of the firm. Alice, who runs a diner, has two daughters: Andrea (*Sanaa Lathan*), married to Chris (*Rockmond Dunbar*), and Pam (*Taraji P. Henson*), married to Ben (*Tyler Perry*, who also wrote, directed, and produced the film). Charlotte, who for good reason can't trust her son, hires an intelligent and experienced woman (*Robin Givens*) to run the company, further alienating William from her. And while paternity issues, adultery, greed, and unsavory business dealings threaten to bring both families down, Charlotte and Alice decide to take a breather from it all by making a cross-country road trip in which they share a troubling secret and uncover a way to put everything in proper order. 111 min. (Slavin)

MIRRORS (R: m, l, bn, bs, gv) Horror/Suspense/Thriller

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He hasn't had a drink in three months, and he's really trying to recover since being suspended from his job as a New York detective, and having been separated from his wife (*Paula Patton*) and kids. Now Ben Carson (*Kiefer Sutherland*) is staying with his sister (*Amy Smart*) and is working as a night watchman at a large burned out department store. The place is full of mirrors and Ben keeps seeing things in them... horrible things. He's also hearing excruciating screams for help, but can't find where they're coming from. If that weren't bad enough, some of his relatives are seeing things in their mirrors too. Then Ben gets a package from the guy he replaced, the day before that man is found dead, having slashed his own throat with a piece of mirror. Ben must find the answer to the mysterious force that threatens his whole family. The shocking finale makes one wonder if it was worth it. 110 min. (Slavin)





At work, inside burning buildings, Capt. Caleb Holt (*Kirk Cameron*) lives by the old firefighter's adage; never leave your partner behind. At home, in the cooling embers of his marriage feeling he feels he gets no respect from his wife and lives by his own rules. After seven years of marriage, Caleb and Catherine Holt (*Erin Bethea*) have drifted so far apart that Catherine wishes she had never married... tired of him and their fighting. As the couple prepares to enter divorce proceedings, Caleb's father (*Harris Malcolm*) challenges his son to commit to a 40-day experiment he calls "The Love Dare." When Caleb discovers the book's daily challenges are tied into his parents' newfound faith, his already limited interest is further dampened. Is it too late to fireproof his marriage? Caleb Holt's job is to rescue others, but now he has to face his toughest job ever... rescuing his wife's heart. 122 min.

DVD Extras: Commentary; Deleted Scenes; Featurettes; Bloopers.

BABYLON A.D. (PG-13: bl, bs, v) Action/Sci-Fi/Thriller

In this post-apocalyptic action thriller Vin Diesel is Toorop, a mercenary hired by an underworld gang boss (*Gérard Depardieu*) to transport Aurora (*Mélanie Thierry*), a young convent girl from Central Asia to New York. Along with the girl's older companion Sister Rebeka (*Michelle Yeoh*), the three of them must brave thugs, explosions, and even global warming in their efforts to get to the other side of the world. All the while, Aurora displays some alarming behavior, exhibiting both extra-sensory and schizophrenic characteristics as well as knowledge she never could have attained having lived all her life in the convent. As they become closer to each other, Rebekah tells Toorop about how a doctor gave Aurora a pill. He is also told that she must be carrying a strange virus. But that's not it at all. What she is carrying is much more important to a cult headed by a high priestess (*Charlotte Rampling*) who is at the center of all the intrigue. 90 min. (Slavin)



DVD Extras: Featurettes "Babylon Babies" and "Arctic Escape"; more.

VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (PG-13: m, d, bs) Comedy/Drama/Romance



Rebecca Hall is Vicky. *Scarlett Johansson* is Cristina. Barcelona is where the two best friends are spending the summer. Engaged to be married, Vicky is studying for her Masters degree in Catalan Identity. Cristina is a footloose photographer/filmmaker, presently doing nothing, who is up for anything. So when Juan Antonio (*Javier Bardem*), a bohemian painter approaches them with an offer of a weekend of sex and adventure, Vicky is insulted, but Cristina is ready to go. So the girls get onto Antonio's plane and head for the town of Oviedo. There, Vicky studies the beautiful artifacts of the small village while Cristina and Antonio hit the bed. But when Cristina comes down with food poisoning, Vicky and Antonio go sightseeing and guess what happens? Later, Cristina gets well, moves in with Antonio and becomes involved in a strange relationship when Antonio's ex-wife Maria Elena (*Penélope Cruz*) enters the picture. *Woody Allen's* intelligent script is enhanced by fine performances and breathtaking scenery. 96 min. (Slavin)

MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R: m, gd, gl, bn, s) Comedy/Romance

Sherman "Tank" Turner (*Dane Cook*) has two jobs. By day he is a customer no-service representative, and by night he hires out as a rude, crude jerk, dating the girlfriends of dumped guys in order to show them how good they had it before, causing them to beg their old boyfriends for forgiveness. When his lovesick roommate and best friend Dustin (*Jason Biggs*) finds it difficult to woo co-worker Alexis (*Kate Hudson*), he reluctantly allows Tank to try his evil magic with her. But the plan backfires as Alexis, even after a lousy date, decides to see more of Tank... and he starts to fall in love with her too. Unbeknownst to Dustin, Tank and Alexis continue to have sex. Poor Dustin is lulled into believing that he has a chance with Alexis if they start out as friends, but when she invites Tank to escort her to her sister's wedding, all hell breaks loose. *Alex Baldwin* plays Tank's sleazy dad. 101 min. (Slavin)



DVD Extras: Commentaries; Deleted/Extended Scenes; Gag Reel; Featurettes include "Like Father Like Son."

APPALOOSA (R: m, bgd, bl, bv) Western/Drama/Romance

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Ed Harris wrote, produced, directed, and stars in this excellent film which combines a story line true to the westerns of the good old days with an in-depth look into human relationships. When the aldermen of Appaloosa are fed up with how the evil Randall Bragg (*Jeremy Irons*) and his gang of thugs have abused the town, even to murdering the city marshal, they hire professional gunman Virgil Cole (*Harris*) and his loyal sidekick Everett Hitch (*Viggo Mortensen*) to solve their problem. Tough as nails, Cole and Hitch are successful in bringing Bragg to trial, but their efforts are hampered by the appearance of the widow Allison French (*Renée Zellweger*), whose attempts at wooing Cole are equally successful. Her behavior seems sincere to Cole, not so by Hitch, but certainly results in putting everyone in danger. This fascinating tale takes us down suspenseful trails, full of betrayal, emotion, and questions about the wisdom of our heroes and the motives of everyone else. 114 min. (Slavin)

DVD Extras: Commentary; Additional Scenes; Featurettes include "The Town of Appaloosa."

SWING VOTE (PG-13: bl) Comedy

January 13

Earnest "Bud" Johnson (*Kevin Costner*) lives in a rundown trailer with his daughter Molly (*Madelaine Carroll*) in the small town of Texico, New Mexico. Young Molly is intelligent and devoted to her dad. She has to be, because in spite of the fact that he loves her very much, hard drinking Bud is lazy, forgetful, and irresponsible. Reminding him of his civic duty to vote in the presidential election falls on deaf ears, so Molly has to take matters into her own hands, resulting in Bud becoming the single vote needed to choose the winner of the election. Both incumbent President Boone (*Kelsey Grammer*) and his opponent Donald Greenleaf (*Dennis Hopper*) go to great lengths to win his allegiance, listening to their campaign managers (*Stanley Tucci*, *Nathan Lane*) who cause them to totally violate their own beliefs in order to win. *Paula Patton* is featured as a local news reporter, and cameos are provided by *Tom Petty* and *Willie Nelson*. 120 min. (Slavin)



PRIDE AND GLORY (R: m, bgd, gl, bn, bs, gv) Drama/Action

January 27



It's a tradition in the Tierney family. Francis, Sr. (*Jon Voight*) is a retired high ranking police officer whose two sons have followed in his footsteps. Ray (*Edward Norton*) is a talented and dedicated detective, and Francis, Jr. (*Noah Emmerich*) is a commanding officer, with son-in-law Jimmy Egan (*Colin Farrell*) a member of his team. High moral standards are a part of the Tierney code, but when Ray senses that Jimmy has put the family in a very compromising position by his dirty tactics, which recently have resulted in the death of four policemen, all their hard work and respect is about to go down the drain. Ray loves, trusts, and believes in his dad and brother, but also has a commitment to honesty and justice. This is a compelling tale of the search for the truth and how to deal with it once it is unearthed. Each step of the way leads to a twist that makes that decision harder. 129 min. (Slavin)

DVD Extras: 2-disc includes Making-of Documentary.

BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R: m, l, bn, s, gv) Action/Thriller

January 6

Joe (*Nicolas Cage*) is an assassin, working for whomever pays him. He's a loner who likes his job, and the money is good. He goes where he's told and lives out of a suitcase. Sent to Thailand to kill four people, he hires a local pickpocket named Kong (*Shahkrit Namyarm*) to act as his messenger and translator. Joe is a heroin user, and a tough boss who insists that Kong, like himself, stays invisible and does exactly as he's told. Once Joe begins to trust Kong, he trains him to become his partner. But when Kong is attracted to an exotic dancer and Joe falls for a pretty deaf/mute pharmacist (*Charlie Yeung*), all his rules seem to go out the window. Now with two kills under his belt, Joe is in love, and even dumps his drugs. But the third job is trouble, and the last presents a moral dilemma causing the targets to shift. 99 min. (Slavin)



DVD Extras: 2-disc includes an Alternate Ending; Featurette "From Hong Kong to Bangkok - A Cinematic Movement"

DISASTER MOVIE (PG-13: m, d, bl, s, bv) Comedy

January 6



DVD Extras: Commentary; Featurettes; Sing-alongs; more.

Will (*Matt Lanter*) awoke from his nightmare, in which he was told that the world would be coming to an end on August 29, 2008. And that was today... the day of his Sweet Sixteen birthday party (even though he was twenty-five years old.) Over the course of that day, Matt and his pals (*G. Thang, Crista Flanagan, Kimberly Kardashian, Vanessa Minnillo*) find themselves experiencing every kind of natural disaster and catastrophe. All the while, celebrities such as *Amy Winehouse, Dr. Phil, Jessica Simpson, Justin Timberlake, Hannah Montana, Flava-Flav, and Michael Jackson* are lampooned, along with plenty of films and movie characters such as *Juno, Superbad, No Country for Old Men, Sex and the City, High School Musical, Jumper, Enchanted, Step Up, Iron Man, Alvin and the Chipmunks, Speed Racer, Kung Fu Panda, Hancock, Batman, The Incredible Hulk, Hellboy, Indiana Jones, Beowulf, and The Love Guru. Carmen Electra* is featured as the *Angelina Jolie*-type assassin from *Wanted*. 90 min. (Slavin)

THE EXPRESS (PG) Drama

January 20

The true story of Ernie Davis is one that will touch the hearts of everyone, football fan or not. By the time he was in high school, everyone knew the young Ernie was a top prospect for college football. Offered about fifty scholarships, Davis (*Rob Brown*) decided to take the offer of Ben Schwartzwalder (*Dennis Quaid*), head coach at Syracuse University, but only after alumni Jim Brown (*Darrin Dewitt Henson*) was sent to recruit him. Times were tough for African-Americans in the early sixties, and Ernie had to remain strong but silent, in the manner of his hero Jackie Robinson. Denied access to hotels and restaurants in the South, Davis and his teammate Jack Buckley (*Omar Benson Miller*) suffered indignities together, both winning places on All-American teams. Eventually Davis went on to lead his team to a national championship and to become the first African-American to win the Heisman trophy. But he was never to play in a professional game. 130 min. (Slavin)



DVD Extras: Commentary; Deleted Scenes; Featurettes include "The Story of Ernie Davis."

BRIDESHEAD REVISITED (PG-13: m, bs) Drama

January 13



Charles Ryder (*Matthew Goode*) thinks back, remembering the moment aboard ship when he sees Julia (*Hayley Atwell*), the sister of his Oxford classmate, gay Sebastian Flyte (*Ben Whishaw*). He hasn't seen either of them in years, but he can't forget the time Sebastian first brought him to his palatial home at Brideshead. Motherless and unappreciated by his father, Charles falls prey to the attention Sebastian pays him, becomes his close affectionate friend, and is overwhelmed by the mansion he lives in. He agrees then to be a summer guest at the invitation of Sebastian's mother, Lady Marchmain (*Emma Thompson*), a devout Catholic who, in spite of Charles' atheism and background, regards him as someone who can keep her son out of trouble. But when he accompanies Julia and Sebastian to Venice to see their father (*Michael Gambon*), Charles' attentions shift to Julia and his relationship with the family takes a dramatic turn. It's a masterful story of love, faith, and guilt. Which is stronger? 142 min. (Slavin)

DVD Extras: Commentary; Deleted Scenes; "World of Brideshead" Featurette.

THE ROCKER (PG-13: bd, bl, bpn) Comedy/Music

January 27

Robert "Fish" Fishman (*Rainn Wilson*) was the heart and soul of the band Vesuvius, so needless to say he wasn't happy when they replaced him. And twenty years later, he still hadn't gotten over it. His angst had cost him his job, his girlfriend, and her apartment, so he moved in with his sister (*Jane Lynch*), his brother-in-law (*Jeff Garlin*), and eighteen year-old nephew Matt (*Josh Gad*). At first he refused to fill in for the drummer in Matt's garage band so they could play at the prom, but finally agreed in spite of the concerns of the other members of their group, Curtis (*Teddy Geiger*) and Amelia (*Emma Stone*). Because of his very unorthodox behavior, "Fish" was able to turn the band into a success. But when he got even nuttier, Curtis's mom (*Christina Applegate*) was forced to travel with them on tour. Misunderstandings turn into problems and a possible missed opportunity, but will friendship and family win out? 102 min. (Slavin)



DVD Extras: Commentaries; ten Deleted Scenes; Gag Reel; six Featurettes.

TELL NO ONE (NR) Drama/Suspense/Thriller

January 27



Based on the best-selling novel by Harlan Coben, this suspenseful thriller takes place in France, where a young doctor Alex Beck (*François Cluzet*) and his wife Margot (*Marie Josée Croze*), who have been sweethearts since childhood, are attacked, with Alex surviving and initially being considered the prime suspect in the death of Margot. Eight years later, and after a serial killer is convicted and executed for the crime, two more bodies show up at the scene of Margot's murder, and Alex begins to get strange e-mails apparently from his dead wife. Although told to tell no one about the messages, he shares the information with his sister's lover (*Kristin Scott Thomas*) who hires a lawyer for him, as the discovery of the two bodies has reopened the case, and once again Alex is suspected. Internationally known French actors Jean Rochefort and André Dussollier have key roles as grieving fathers in this fascinating film full of twists, turns, and chilling chases. 125 min. (Slavin)

HENRY POOLE IS HERE (PG) Comedy/Drama

January 20

He's angry. He's sad. And he wants to be left alone. Having been told he has a terminal disease, Henry Poole (*Luke Wilson*) moves into the neighborhood of his youth to live out his last days. His next-door neighbor Esperanza (*Adrianna Barraza*), nice but nosy, annoys him to no end when she sees the face of Christ on his wall. Insisting that it's just a watermark, Henry rudely dismisses her and tries to go back to his lonely existence. However, she forces the issue, having her priest (*George Lopez*) and others come to see it, angering Henry even more. Even when a seemingly miraculous event happens, Henry's resolve is strong. But it weakens when he meets another neighbor, Dawn (*Radha Mitchell*) and her six-year-old daughter (*Morgan Lily*), both of whom give him a reason for a healthier introspection into life. A beautiful and relevant soundtrack underscores this thoughtful and uplifting drama which features *Cheryl Hines* as Henry's real estate agent. 100 min. (Slavin)



DVD Extras: Commentary; Making-of Featurette; two Music Videos.

ROCKNROLLA (R: m, d, l, bs, v) Action/Drama

January 27



When a wealthy Russian property dealer by the name of Uri (*Karel Roden*) looks to Lenny (*Tom Wilkinson*) for help on a major new deal, Lenny is eager to assist... for a very large fee. Uri agrees to pay, and as a show of faith, he insists that Lenny borrow his "lucky painting." Uri then asks his accountant, Stella (*Thandie Newton*), to transfer the money to Lenny, but things quickly go awry when two crooks known as Mumbles (*Idris Elba*) and One Two (*Gerard Butler*) intercept the money before it reaches him. To make matters worse, the lucky painting has mysteriously been stolen, and the number one suspect is a crack-addicted pop star, Johnny Quid (*Toby Kebbell*), who is presumed dead. Lenny desperately tries to locate the painting. Uri calls in some sadistic thugs to recover his money, and Johnny Quid suddenly resurfaces. With *Chris "Ludacris" Bridges* and *Jeremy Piven*. Written and directed by *Guy Ritchie*. 114 min.

DVD Extras: 2-disc includes Commentary; Deleted Scenes, "Guy's Town" Featurette.

THE WACKNESS (R: m, d, l, bn, s) Comedy/Drama

January 6

On the day before his high school graduation, we first meet Luke Shapiro (*Josh Peck*) in the office of the unorthodox Manhattan psychiatrist Jeffrey Squires (*Ben Kingsley*), where visits are paid for with marijuana. Luke, you see, is a teenaged pot dealer with problems. He has no friends, he can't hook up with a girl, and his parents are constantly at war with each other. Luke has a crush on Squires' step-daughter Stephanie (*Olivia Thirlby*), and she seems to show some interest in him. But Luke's relationship with Squires is the one we watch as the two of them wander through the streets of New York in 1994 when the newly elected Mayor Giuliani declared war on the so-called crimes that were so prevalent then: like noisy boom boxes, graffiti, and drinking in public. A bouncy hip-hop score serves as background to this off-beat tale of two lost souls looking for maturity. *Famke Janssen* and *Mary-Kate Olsen* are featured. 95 min. (Slavin)



DVD Extras: Deleted Scenes; Commentary; Featurettes.

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Top 50 Views

* Indicates a new entry - This list reflects current popularity



1. *EAGLE EYE (PG-13: bl, v) Action/Suspense/Thriller *Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan, Billy Bob Thornton, Rosario Dawson, Michael Chiklis, Anthony Mackie.* Jerry Shaw and Rachel Holloman are two strangers that are brought together by mysterious phone calls from a woman they have never met. Threatening their lives and family, she pushes Jerry and Rachel into a series of increasingly dangerous situations... using the technology of everyday life to track and control their every move. Jerry and Rachel are told to follow the directions of the voice. Confused, but obviously in great danger and knowing that the government considers them terrorists, they are pushed into a series of increasingly dangerous situations, while their every move is tracked. 117 min.

2. *THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13: v) Action/Adventure *Christian Bale, Heath Ledger, Aaron Eckhart, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Gary Oldman, Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine, Eric Roberts.* Directed by Christopher Nolan. Set within a year after the events of "Batman Begins." With the help of Lieutenant Jim Gordon and District Attorney Harvey Dent (who is dating Bruce's ex-girlfriend Rachel Dawes), Batman sets out to destroy organized crime in Gotham for good. This proves to be effective, but they soon find themselves prey to a rising criminal mastermind known as the Joker, a deranged psychopath, with heavy makeup accentuating large "smile" cut scars on his face who thrusts Gotham into anarchy and forces the Dark Knight ever closer to crossing the fine line between hero and vigilante. 152 min.



3. *MAMMA MIA! (PG-13: bd) Musical Comedy/Romance *Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth, Stellan Skarsgård, Julie Walters, Christine Baranski, Amanda Seyfried, Dominic Cooper.* Adaptation of the hit stage musical inspired by the lyrics and melodies from ABBA songs. An independent, single mother who owns a small hotel on an idyllic Greek island, Donna is about to let go of Sophie, the spirited daughter she's raised alone. For Sophie's wedding, Donna has invited her two lifelong best girlfriends. Sophie wants her father to walk her down the aisle but doesn't know who he is. After reading her mother's diary, she narrows it down to three guys, and invites them all to the wedding at the same Mediterranean paradise they visited 20 years earlier. 98 min.

4. *BURN AFTER READING (R: m, bd, gl, bs, bv) Comedy/Drama Directed by the Coen brothers, *George Clooney, Frances McDormand, Brad Pitt, John Malkovich, Tilda Swinton, Richard Jenkins, J.K. Simmons.* CIA analyst Oswald Cox has just been demoted and his wife Katie doesn't listen to anything he says. She's too busy with other things, like her affair with Harry Pfarrer, a married man who also surfs the Internet for women to hook up with. Having quit his job, Oswald is now writing his memoirs, a computer disc of which is found at Hardbodies Fitness Center. Two of the trainers there, Linda Litze and Chad Feldheimer, thinking the disc contains top secret information, see an opportunity for blackmail. Meanwhile Linda, also a date surfer, hooks up with Harry, and the plot thickens. 96 min.



5. *THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13: v) Action/Adventure/Fantasy *Brendan Fraser, Jet Li, Maria Bello, John Hannah, Michelle Yeoh, Anthony Wong, Luke Ford.* It's 1946 and Rick and Eve O'Connell have retired to their English country home, no longer into war espionage. But somewhat bored, they agree to go to on a mission to Shanghai where run into their son Alex who is celebrating having found the tomb of Emperor Han, a vicious tyrant who centuries ago murdered for power and the elixir that would give him eternal life. But when he betrayed the sorceress who showed him where to find it, she put a curse on him, causing him and his 10,000 warriors to fall into a comatose state. Now, the O'Connell's must stop the awakened emperor before he takes over the world. 112 min.

6. *THE HOUSE BUNNY (PG-13: m, d, bl, bpn) Comedy *Anna Faris, Emma Stone, Colin Hanks, Kat Dennings, Katharine McPhee, Rumer Willis, Christopher McDonald, Beverly D'Angelo.* Shelley Darlington has lived at the Playboy mansion for the last nine years. On her 27th birthday, she is unceremoniously evicted from Hugh Hefner's (playing himself) pad for 'being too old.' Homeless and without essential skills, Shelley wanders around L.A. until she finds a new job... the housemother at the most unpopular sorority on campus, which must get thirty pledges in order to avoid being closed down. It includes the nerdy leader of the Zetas, a pregnant hippy, a pierced women's studies feminist and an insecure young woman who wears a backbrace even though she could have had it removed years ago. 97 min.



Top 50 Views

Continued

7. *DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO! (G) Animated Comedy (see page 15)



8. *WANTED (R: m, b, gd, gl, bpn, bs, gv) Action/Thriller James McAvoy, Angelina Jolie, Morgan Freeman, Terence Stamp, Common. Wesley Gibson has a dull job with a tyrannical boss; his girlfriend is cheating on him with his best friend; and he swallows pills like candy for his panic attacks. Then one day a beautiful woman steps in and takes him on a mind-blowing trip to a place where he is told that he is the son of a recently killed member of their Fraternity, a band of assassins. Their mission is to follow orders via a code from a textile loom, and murder evil people. Wesley is told he is the only one who can kill the rogue member of their group who murdered his father, and that he must go through some tough training to do so. Based upon Mark Millar's graphic novel series. 110 min.

9. *STEP BROTHERS (R: m, gd, gl, bs) Comedy Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly, Richard Jenkins, Mary Steenburgen, Adam Scott, Katherine Hahn. It's love at first sight for divorcée Nancy Huff and widower Dr. Robert Doback. They have a lot in common, including the fact that each of them has an adult son still living with them. Neither Brennan Huff nor Dale Doback is at all happy with his new step-brother or their living arrangements when Nancy and Robert get married. Both are spoiled brats with the attitudes of seven year-olds, resulting in a whole mess of friction. That is, until Brennan's successful but very arrogant younger brother Derek comes to visit. So their animosity turns into a close friendship, only to reverse itself again when they mess up their parents' lives. 95 min.



10. *THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN (PG) Action /Adventure/Fantasy (see page 15)



11. *DEATH RACE (R: m, bd, l, gv) Action/Thriller Jason Statham, Joan Allen, Ian McShane, Tyrese Gibson, Natalie Martinez. The year is 2012 and the world economy has collapsed, with unemployment and crime at their highest rates ever. Reformed ex-con Jensen Ames has been framed for the murder of his wife and is sent to the infamous Terminal Island Prison, home of the most dangerous criminals and now run by private enterprise. Corporate interests being what they are, Warden Hennessey runs a nationally broadcast pay-TV show called "Death Race," which pits prisoners against each other in a "kill or be killed" competition. And she needs Ames to take the place of her star racer Frankenstein, who unbeknownst to others, died in his last race. 89 min.

12. *GHOST TOWN (PG-13: bd, bl) Comedy/Fantasy/Romance Ricky Gervais, Téa Leoni, Greg Kinnear, Billy Campbell, Aasif Mandvi. The streets of Manhattan are full of ghosts, all of whom have unfinished business with which they need help. One of them is Frank Herlihy, who had been unfaithful to his paleontologist wife Gwen. And when grumpy dentist Bertram Pincus, waking up after having died for seven minutes while undergoing a colonoscopy, begins to see dozens of them... all running after him to seek his assistance... he runs from them as fast as he can. But Frank persists, calling for Pincus to break up Gwen's impending marriage to a human relations lawyer. Bertram decides to pretend to woo Gwen, never realizing that he would end up falling in love with her. 102 min.



13. *THE DUCHESS (PG-13: m, bd, bn, s) Drama/Romance Keira Knightley, Ralph Fiennes, Dominic Cooper, Hayley Atwell, Charlotte Rampling, Simon McBurney. The true story of Georgiana Spencer who in 1774 entered into an arranged marriage to William Cavendish, Duke of Devonshire. When the Duke had more affection for his dogs than he did for her. All he wanted was a male heir. So after the birth of their two daughters, William took his best friend, Bess Foster to his bed on a regular basis. Even after Georgiana finally gave birth to a son, her husband refused to give up his mistress, allowing her to continue to reside in their home. Understandably upset and in need of love, the Duchess willingly went to the arms of her longtime friend Charles Gray, leading to life changing complications. 110 min.

14. *THE WOMEN (PG-13: m, bd, bl) Comedy/Drama Meg Ryan, Annette Bening, Eva Mendes, Debra Messing, Jada Pinkett Smith, Candice Bergen, Cloris Leachman. Mary Haynes is a well-to-do suburban housewife whose husband is having an affair with sultry Saks Fifth Avenue sales clerk Crystal Allen. When a chatty manicurist unwittingly spills the beans to Mary's closest friend, magazine editor Sylvia Fowler, who in turn shares the info with her other best pals, the ever-pregnant Edie Cohen, and lesbian Alex Fisher, they try to keep it a secret. But Mary goes to the same manicurist and when she finds out, Mary I throws the bum out. The difficult times over the next few months cause rifts between Mary and her friends. Remake of the 1939 Anita Loos classic. 114 min.





15. *TRAITOR (PG-13: m, bl, v) Drama/Suspense/Thriller *Don Cheadle, Guy Pearce, Said Taghmaoui, Jeff Daniels, Neal McDonough.* When straight arrow FBI agent Roy Clayton heads up the investigation into a dangerous international conspiracy, all clues seem to lead back to former U.S. Special Operations Officer, Samir Horn. A mysterious figure with a web of connections to suspect organizations, Horn has a knack for emerging on the scene just as a major operation goes down. The inter-agency task force looking into the case links Horn to a bombing in Nice and a raid in London, but a tangle of contradictory evidence emerges, forcing Clayton to question whether his quarry is a man without loyalties...or something far more complicated. 114 min.

16. HANCOCK (PG-13: bl, v) Action/Comedy/Fantasy *Will Smith, Charlize Theron, Jason Bateman.* John Hancock is an unhappy and reluctant superhero who is depressed and has started drinking very heavily. He has saved many lives in Los Angeles over the years, but in doing so, he has no regards for damaging buildings, trains, roads, cars, or anything that gets in his way. People have had enough of Hancock, and they want him to stop or go to another city. Then one day, Hancock saves the life of Ray Embrey from being run over by a train. Ray is a public relations executive who owes Hancock his life, and he makes it his mission to change his superhero's image and have the public cheering him. But his wife Mary had some real problems with that... and for good reason. 92 min.



17. TROPIC THUNDER (R: m, gd, gl, v) Comedy/Action *Ben Stiller, Robert Downey Jr., Jack Black, Nick Nolte, Matthew McConaughey, Tom Cruise, Bill Hader, Steve Coogan, Jay Baruchel, Brandon Jackson, Danny McBride.* They're shooting a movie based on the Vietnam war starring a five-time Oscar winner, an Australian who has undergone a surgical makeover in order to play a black sergeant; a Rambo-like action hero, whose career has plummeted; a dopehead, who has gained fame as a farting fatty in his films; and a rapper, known for his commercial ventures. Directed by an incompetent director and supported by an overzealous explosives expert, the actors, along with a new kid venture off to do their scene, when everything goes wrong and they find themselves in the middle of real-life danger. 107 min

18. *THE X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE (PG-13: m, v) Drama/Sci-Fi/Thriller *David Duchovny, Gillian Anderson, Amanda Peet, Billy Connolly, Xzibit.* It's been years since Fox Mulder and Dana Scully worked for the FBI investigating paranormal incidents. Now, she's a surgeon employed by a Catholic run hospital. Mulder has become a recluse and is bitter toward the way the FBI treated him, but he hasn't given up believing in the unbelievable. Which is good because one of the the FBI's agents has gone missing, and an excommunicated, pedophile-convicted priest is having visions he believes will lead them to her. They believe that Mulder is the only person who might be able to figure out the troubled priest and whether he truly has paranormal abilities. 100 min.



19. WALL-E (G) Animated Sci-Fi/Comedy (see page 15)



20. *HAMLET 2 (R: m, d, l) Comedy *Steve Coogan, Catherine Keener, Melonie Diaz, David Arquette, Elisabeth Shue, Amy Poehler.* He made a few TV commercials, but Dana Marsch never made it as an actor. So he and his hard-drinking wife moved to Arizona where he took a thankless job as the drama teacher at a high school that had little interest in its arts programs. And except for a couple a geeky acting addicts, his class consisted solely of totally disinterested roughneck kids. Dana's plays thus far had been duds, and he was given one last chance to keep his job. So he decided to write his own version of a Shakespearean classic and get the kids to do it. But when the principal and parents saw how sacrilegious it appeared to be, it was sure they would try to close it down. 92 min.

21. HELLBOY II: THE GOLDEN ARMY (PG-13: bl, v) Action/Fantasy

22. GET SMART (PG-13: bd, bl, bv) Comedy/Action

23. AN AMERICAN CAROL (PG-13: bd, bl) Comedy/Fantasy

24. *FLY ME TO THE MOON (G) Animated Adventure/Comedy

25. *THE LONGSHOTS (PG) Comedy/Drama

26. THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13: m, bs) Comedy

27. KUNG FU PANDA (PG) Comedy/Action

28. MEET DAVE (PG) Comedy/Sci-Fi

29. JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG) Adventure/Sci-Fi

30. THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG-13: bd, v) Action/Fantasy

31. INDIANA JONES: KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG-13: v) Action

32. STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) Animated Sci-Fi/Action

33. THE STRANGERS (R: m, l, bs, gv) Horror/Suspense Thriller

34. SPACE CHIMPS (G) Animated Comedy/Sci-fi

35. THE HAPPENING (R: m, gv) Suspense/Thriller

36. TRANSSIBERIAN (R: m, bl, bv) Drama/Suspense/Thriller

37. IRON MAN (PG-13: bd, v) Action/Adventure/Sci-Fi

38. YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAN (PG-13: m, d, bl, bpn, s) Comedy/Action

39. FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R: a, gd, gl, bgn, s) Comedy/Romance

40. LEATHERHEADS (PG-13: bl) Comedy/Romance

41. SEX AND THE CITY (R: a, gd, l, bgn, gs) Comedy/Drama/Romance

42. WAR, INC. (R: m, l, bs, v) Comedy/Action

43. BABY MAMA (PG-13: m, d, bl) Comedy

44. MADE OF HONOR (PG-13: m, d, bl, bs) Comedy/Romance

45. 88 MINUTES (R: m, bd, bl, bn, bs, v) Drama/Suspense/Thriller

46. DECEPTION (R: m, bgd, l, bn, s, bv) Suspense/Thriller

47. THE VISITOR (PG-13: bl) Drama/Comedy

48. WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG-13: m, bd, bl, bs) Comedy/Romance

49. THE LOVE GURU (PG-13: m, d, bs, bv) Comedy

50. RUN FATBOY RUN (PG-13: bd, bl, bpn) Comedy/Romance

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A Great Year for Movies

By Art Slavin



My list of top twenty films released on DVD last year begins with **ACCOMPLISHMENT**, starring Keira Knightley, James McAvoy, and Oscar nominated Saoirse Ronan. Next comes **GONE BABY GONE**, written and directed by Ben Affleck and starring his younger brother Casey Affleck. **ACROSS THE UNIVERSE** ranks high for its fresh approach to film, combining a rich romantic story with both history and more than a dozen songs written by The Beatles. Winner of Academy Awards for Best Picture and Best Supporting Actor (Javier Bardem) is **NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN**, a Coen Brothers film starring Tommy Lee Jones and Josh Brolin. Javier Bardem shows up again in the next film on my list: Woody Allen's **VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA**, in which a couple of young ladies played by Scarlett Johansson and Rebecca Hall fall under his spell. In **BEFORE THE DEVIL KNOWS YOU'RE DEAD** Philip Seymour Hoffman and Ethan Hawke play brothers who, desperate for money, rob a store with unexpected tragic results. Heartwarming and humorous due to fine performances by Ellen Page and Michael Cera is **JUNO**, a comedy about teenage pregnancy. Travel **INTO THE WILD** as writer/director Sean Penn tells the true story of one young man's tragic journey to Alaska. Emile Hirsch stars. And then



into **THE VALLEY OF ELAH** as Tommy Lee Jones works with Charlize Theron to solve the mystery behind the death of his son. George Clooney is **MICHAEL CLAYTON**, a man trying to save the reputation of his law firm in spite of efforts of an opposing attorney (Oscar winner Tilda Swinton). **3:10 TO YUMA** pits a rancher (Christian Bale) against an outlaw (Russell Crowe) as they travel to the train which is supposed to take the criminal to jail... but watch out for a surprise ending. Another fine western tells the tale of **THE ASSASSINATION OF JESSE JAMES BY THE COWARD ROBERT FORD**. Brad Pitt is Jesse, and Casey Affleck, the man who gunned him down. Frances McDormand plays a down and out woman who steps into a fun situation with a starlet (Amy Adams) in **MISS PETTIGREW LIVES FOR A DAY**, featuring Lee Pace, who also stars in **THE FALL**, in which he plays an injured stuntman telling a fantasy tale to a little girl. Finishing off my top twenty are **MY BLUEBERRY NIGHTS**, **DARK KNIGHT**, **TELL NO ONE**, **INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL**, **YOUNG @ HEART**, and **WANTED**.

My Favorite Flicks

By Susan Varno



Most movies fall into a genre: romance, action, suspense, drama or comedy. I like movies that either stretch the rules or, in obeying the rules, create an almost perfect form of the genre. **LARS AND THE REAL GIRL** is a bizarre love story. The reclusive Lars (Ryan Gosling) buys a life-size doll, names her Bianca, and introduces her to his family as his live-in girlfriend. To keep him out of a mental institution, everyone in town pretends Bianca is a real person. See also **LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA**, **JUNO** and **SMART PEOPLE**. To pay his mortgage, a cattle rancher (Christian Bale) helps capture a train robber (Russell Crowe), then transports him cross country to catch the **3:10 TO YUMA**. The nervous rancher has no special talents, just a sense of honor. **FLAWLESS** is set London in 1960. A janitor (Michael Caine) convinces the only woman executive (Demi Moore) in the company that controlled the world's diamond supply to help him an ingenious heist. Dramas are often based on true stories. **RESURRECTING THE CHAMP** tells of a sports reporter (Josh Hartnett) who turned interviews with a homeless former heavy-



weight champion boxer (Samuel L. Jackson) into a front-page story. Other excellent true stories include **THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL**, **CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR** and **MARTIAN CHILD**. For a smile, see **MISS PETTIGREW LIVES FOR A DAY**. In London in 1940, a professional nanny (Frances McDormand) accidentally becomes a ditzy starlet's (Amy Adams) social secretary. In 24 hours Miss P. solves the beauty's romantic and career problems and gets herself a physical and emotional makeover. See also **SON OF RAMBOW**. Dark comedy is where you can't understand why you are smiling at horrific events. When **SWEENEY TODD**, **THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET** starts slashing the throats of his affluent patrons, the pastry shopkeeper (Helena Bonham Carter) downstairs disposes of the bodies by baking them into meat pies. It's a musical. Then two hitmen (Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson) are hiding out in **BRUGES**. Amidst the romance, male bonding and sightseeing in this magnificent Belgium city are sporadic shootings and knifings.

Another Look – Cate Blanchett



She won a Best Supporting Actress Oscar for **THE AVIATOR** and has four other nominations. Melbourne, Australia, native Catherine Elise Blanchett was born May 14, 1969. When she was ten, her Texas-born father died of a heart attack. She performed at the Sydney Theater Company and worked on Aussie TV before taking big screen roles in **PARADISE ROAD**, and **OSCAR AND LUCINDA** in 1997. In her U.S. film debut, the 5' 9" actress starred as the first Queen **ELIZABETH** (1998). In 2007, she played the middle-aged monarch in **ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN AGE**. In 1999 Blanchett took secondary roles in **THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY**, **PUSHING TIN** and **AN IDEAL HUSBAND**. The next year, she starred in **THE GIFT** and co-starred in **THE MAN WHO CRIED**. She played the Elf Queen in **THE LORD OF THE RINGS TRILOGY**. All three fantasies were filmed at the same time in New Zealand but released as **THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING** (2001), **THE TWO TOWERS** (2002) and **THE RETURN OF THE KING** (2003). In 2001, she played Kevin Spacey's irresponsible wife in **THE SHIPPING NEWS**, an Englishwoman aiding the French Resistance in **CHARLOTTE GRAY** and a bank robbery hostage who falls for both **BANDITS** (Bruce Willis and Billy Bob Thornton). She searched for her kidnapped daughters in the Western **THE MISSING** (2003), played investigative reporter **VERONICA GUERIN** (2003) and was the love interest in the satiric **THE LIFE AQUATIC WITH STEVE ZISSOU** (2004). Blanchett was Howard Hughes' lover Katharine Hepburn in the biopic **THE AVIATOR** (2004). In 2006 she played a London teacher having an affair with a young student in **NOTES ON A SCANDAL**, starred as **THE GOOD GERMAN**, a prostitute in post World War II Berlin, and played a tourist wounded by a stray bullet in **BABEL**. Her strangest role was as songwriter Bob Dylan in **I'M NOT THERE** (2007). Recently, she appeared as a 1950's KGB agent pursuing **INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL** (2008) through South American jungles.

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1. "Jerry Shaw, you have been activated. Your compliance is vital!"
2. "You wait 20 years for a dad and then three come along at once!"
3. "Come back soon!"
"What a terrible thing to say in a hospital!"
4. "I want you to curve the bullet!"
5. Rachel Dawes.
6. Arizona.
7. It's 1946.
8. The year is 2012.
9. A magazine editor.
- 10.



Movies

- A. Wanted
- B. The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor
- C. The Women
- D. Death Race
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2. FALLOUT 3 (XBOX 360, PS3)
3. LEFT 4 DEAD (XBOX360)
4. MIRROR'S EDGE (XBOX360, PS3)
5. PRINCE OF PERSIA (PS3, Xbox 360)



6. CALL OF DUTY 4: WORLD AT WAR (XBOX 360, PS3, Wii, PS2)
7. FAR CRY 2 (XBOX 360, PS3)
8. NEED FOR SPEED UNDERCOVER (XBOX 360, PS3, PS2, Wii)
9. SAINTS ROW 2 (XBOX 360, PS3)
10. FABLE II (XBOX 360)



LORD OF THE RINGS: CONQUEST (PS2, XBOX 360)

Players fight on the side of both Good and Evil in all the biggest battles from the film trilogy. The Battlefront format allows them to switch between characters at will, to suit the circumstance or their style, reliving – and even reinventing – the chaotic and engrossing conflicts from the films as they choose how best to tackle their objectives and defeat their enemies.

50 CENT: BLOOD ON THE SAND (PS2, XBOX 360) January 19

In the sequel to 50 Cent: Bulletproof, players again become one of the world's biggest hip-hop stars in an all out battle to protect 50 Cent's assets and to collect payment from a crooked overlord. Features vehicle missions such as a driver-and-turret-gunner Humvee road chase and a helicopter-borne shootout. The game soundtrack includes 50 Cent, Ice Cube, T-Pain and many more.



SKATE 2 (PS2, XBOX 360)

Set five years after the events in Skate. Many mysterious disasters devastated the city, leaving it in ruins and a mass evacuation followed. The new city has been dubbed New San Van. Double the amount of tricks than the first, including footplants, rail slides, fingerflips, lip tricks, ollie norths, easier hippie flips and lastly the ability to Skitch (pulling on the bumper of a moving car while on a skateboard to gain speed).

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IGOR (PG) ANIMATED COMEDY

JANUARY 26

In the dark cloud-covered land of Malaria ruled by devious King Malbert (*Jay Leno*), there lived two types of beings: mad scientists and their hunchbacked assistants called Igor. The Igor (*John Cusack*) who worked for the inept Dr. Glickenstein (*John Cleese*) was a frustrated inventor. He had already created a smart-mouthed immortal rabbit (*Sean Hayes*) and a ditzy brain in a jar (*Steve Buscemi*), but he wanted more. So when Glickenstein bit the dust, Igor began to create life in the form of Eva (*Molly Shannon*). With this invention he was sure to win the Annual Evil Science Fair, won seventeen years in a row through the cheating of Dr. Schadenfreude (*Eddie Izzard*) and his girlfriend Jaclyn (*Jennifer Coolidge*), who could transform herself into Heidi and steal secrets from the other scientists. With only a few days to go before the fair, Igor's problems increased as Eva had to be tricked into being evil enough for the contest. 87 min. (Slavin)

DVD Extras: Alternate Opening; Deleted Scenes; Bloopers; "Be An Igor" Featurette.

CITY OF EMBER (PG) SCI-FI/ADVENTURE

JANUARY 20

This futuristic tale takes us to an underground city, built to last and to provide food for its residents and their descendants for only two centuries, at which time the Builders expected the Earth to have recovered from its devastation. In order to facilitate a timely return above ground, the Builders put instructions into a box, timed to automatically open in 200 years. Passed on from mayor to mayor, the box was lost with only forty-seven years to go, and now at the two century mark, Ember was running out of food and energy. Two teenagers, Doon (*Harry Treadaway*) and Lina (*Saoirse Ronan*) put their heads together to figure out how to save the city from doom. The mayor (*Bill Murray*) and his sidekick (*Toby Jones*) lead everyone to believe that all is fine, but Doon and his dad (*Tim Robbins*) know better. It's a fascinating story, full of surreal images. With Martin Landau and Liz Smith. 95 min. (Slavin)



OPEN SEASON 2 (PG) ANIMATED COMEDY

JANUARY 27

Boog (*Mike Epps*) and Elliot (*Joel McHale*) are back. After falling head over hooves in love with Giselle (*Jane Krakowski*), Elliot's road to the altar takes a slight detour when Mr. Weenie (*Cody Cameron*) is kidnapped by a group of pampered pets determined to return him to his owners. Boog, Elliot, McSquizz (*Billy Connolly*), Buddy and the rest of the woodland creatures launch a full-scale rescue mission for their sausage-shaped friend and soon find themselves in enemy camp: the world of the pets. Led by a toy poodle named Fifi (*Crispin Glover*), the pets do not plan to let Mr. Weenie go without a fight. 75 min.

1. DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO! (G) ANIMATED COMEDY

Jim Carrey, Steve Carrell, Carol Burnett, Will Arnett, Seth Rogen, Amy Poehler. Based on the book, first published in 1954. One day Horton the elephant hears a cry for help coming from a speck of dust. Even though he can't see anyone on the speck, he decides to help. As it turns out, the speck of dust is home to the Whos, who live in their city of Whoville. Horton agrees to help protect the Whos and their home, but this gives him nothing but torment from his neighbors, who refuse to believe that anything could survive on the speck. Still, Horton stands by the motto that, "After all, a person is a person, no matter how small." 88 min.



2. THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN (PG) ACTION/ADVENTURE/FANTASY

Ben Barnes, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley, Anna Popplewell, Georgie Henley, Peter Dinklage. Voice: Liam Neeson.

3. WALL-E (G) ANIMATED SCI-FI/COMEDY

Jeff Garlin, John Ratzenberger, Kathy Najimy, Fred Willard, Sigourney Weaver.

4. FLY ME TO THE MOON (G) ANIMATED ADVENTURE/COMEDY

Trevor Gagnon, Christopher Lloyd, Kelly Ripa, Ed Begley Jr., Nicollette Sheridan, Tim Curry.

5. THE LONGSHOTS (PG) COMEDY/DRAMA

Ice Cube, Keke Palmer, Tasha Smith, Matt Craven

6. KUNG FU PANDA (PG) COMEDY/ACTION

Jack Black, Dustin Hoffman, Ian McShane, Angelina Jolie, Jackie Chan, Seth Rogen, David Cross, Lucy Liu, Michael Clarke Duncan.

7. MEET DAVE

8. SPACE CHIMPS

9. JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH

10. KIT KITTREDGE: AN AMERICAN GIRL

11. NIM'S ISLAND

12. SPEED RACER

