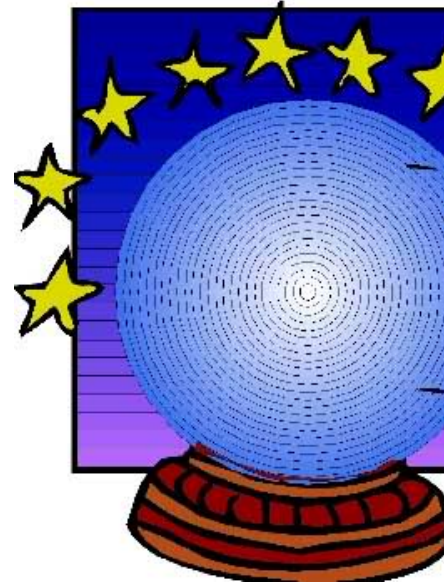


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28 Weeks Later is the big release of the week at the theaters, and in the next 2-3 weeks we'll see Shrek 3, Pirates of the Caribbean: At the World's End, and Oceans 13 hit the silver screen. Mitch takes an early look at all of these movies and this week's DVD releases in this week's Crystal Ball. And as always, Mitch hits on the latest news & rumors ... including info on Terminator 4 (sans Ah-nold) and a sequel to the 80's classic Wall Street.



If you weren't amongst the hundreds of millions of people packing into theaters to watch "Spider-Man 3" last week, then you'll probably be able to find some room in the theaters this week.

Or maybe not. I went to a theater where it was showing on three screens. I attended a 4 PM matinee on Sunday (after watching the Cavs win Game 1 against the Nets), and the place was still probably 90% full.

News & Rumors:

~ Ricardo Montalban was great in it...Malcolm McDowell was decent...but Eddie Murphy as Mr. Roarke in a movie version of "Fantasy Island"? It's being pushed as a family comedy. So why would Mr. Family Values be cast

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in the lead (right, ScarySpice?). Sorry, but the only thing Eddie should be doing is voices for animated films.

~ More bad television shows from the 60s and 70s coming to a screen near you. Will Farrell will star in an adaptation of the old series "Land of the Lost", where a family is thrown back in time and has to live in the time of dinosaurs. Probably by that time the TV series based on the Geico cavemen will be a hit, and we'll have some really lame crossover.

~ If "Land of the Lost" isn't bad enough, a live action movie adaptation of the Jetsons has been greenlit. Yeah...because "The Flintstones In Rock Vegas" really set the turn styles spinning. On the other hand, Robert Rodriguez has been tapped to direct BOTH of these adaptations, so who knows?

~ Terminator 4 will be coming out in the Summer of 2009. No Ah-nuld in this one. Instead, they'll start what they hope is a new trilogy focusing on John Connors in his 30s and leading the start of the rebellion.

~ Michael Douglas is rumored to be repeating one of his most famous roles, as Gordon Gekko in a sequel to "Wall Street" called "Money Never Sleeps". Greed...is good. So is sleeping with Catherine Zeta-Jones.

This week's new releases:

Nothing coming out that has any chance of unseating “Spider-Man 3” for the number one slot. In fact, other than “28 Weeks Later”, there may be nothing here that could unseat “Lucky You”.

28 Weeks Later

Starring: Jeremy Renner, Rose Byrne, Robert Carlyle

Plot: Six months after London was struck by a virus that made people into zombies, the city is being repopulated by the U.S. Army...and then a second outbreak hits.

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The BeerBuzz: A sequel to the wildly popular horror flick “28 Days Later”, this one looks to be just as good, if you’re into that type of thing. Actually, when I was

last in London, I noticed quite a few people that looked like they could be zombies. Of course, they were all in pubs at 1 AM, so that may have had something to do with it.

Georgia Rules

Starring: Jane Fonda, Lindsay Lohan, Felicity Huffman

Plot: A rebellious young woman is hauled off by her mother for a summer with her grandmother.

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The BeerBuzz: The ONLY thing stopping this from being the worst movie of the month is going to be the release of "Delta Farce". As if

Lindsay Lohan wasn't getting enough bad press for being an underaged alcoholic and coke freak, there is this movie, which is reported to being almost "Gigli" level bad. This was also the film where the studio head wrote the famous letter to Miss Lohan, blasting her for her partying ways which seemed to be always shutting down the set for hours at a time while she coped with her hangovers. The over/under on when this chick pulls a River Phoenix is at 23 years old. Sad.

Delta Farce

Starring: Larry the Cable Guy, Bill Engvall, DJ Qualls

Plot: Three pals head off for a weekend of

shooting guns and drinking beer when they are mistaken for Army Reservists, and put on a plane for Iraq. They are mistakenly ejected from the plane mid-flight, and end up in Mexico in a village ruled by a local warlord...but they actually think they are in Iraq. Dumbest. Plot. Ever.

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The BeerBuzz: I'm not sure if this could rival "Smokin' Aces" for the worst movie of 2007, but I'm certain it will qualify as the stupidest. This is for those of you who thought "Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector" was just a little too serious and wordy. Blue Collar Comedy buddy Ron White couldn't be in this because he

actually has some talent and self respect, while Jeff Foxworthy had to miss out because he'd rather be asking people if they are smarter than a fifth grader. Obviously, no one involved in this abomination would qualify.

The Ex

Starring: Zach Braff, Amanda Peet, Charles Grodin, Jason Bateman

Plot: A slacker is forced to work for his father-in-law when his wife steps away from her high-paying job to take care their

new baby. At the new job, he finds that his co-worker has a history with his wife.

[*View Trailer*](#)

The BeerBuzz: Another total piece of crap being released this week, it's pretty much just a feature film length version of a second-rate television sit-com, including stars from TV in the form of Braff, Peete, and Bateman. Probably the main point of attraction is that Braff's character is supposed to be moving away from New York to take a job with his father-in-law in

Ohio. On the other hand, that will probably just lead to a lot of put down jokes regarding the Buckeye State being not as good as New York, so let's just skip it entirely.

New DVD Releases on Tuesday, May 15th

The Fountain – Another in Hugh Jackman's Quartet of Suck from last year ("X-Men United", "The Prestige", and

“Flushed Away” being the others). He plays a man that finds the fountain of youth and then deals with Rachel Weis in 1500 as a Conquistador, 2000 as a doctor, and 2500 as something that escaped from Kubrick’s 2001 wardrobe department. Best movie of the week to watch while under the influence of something.

Pan's Labyrinth – If you want to watch something concerning fantasy, this is the better choice; a brilliant Spanish language film about a little girl and her fantasies that become real in 1944 fascist Spain.

Arthur and the Invisibles – Strictly for the little kiddies only...another poor addition to

the seemingly hundreds of animated films that have been released in the past year.

Stomp the Yard – A juvenile delinquent ends up being courted by two different fraternities in a historical black college in Atlanta due to his amazing street dancing abilities.

Calendar Watch

Next week – [*Shrek the Third*](#)
(and nothing else...no one wants to try to go against this blockbuster).

Upcoming Biggies (click on

the hyperlink to view the available trailers).

[*Pirates of the Caribbean: At the World’s End*](#) –

May 25

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- Captain Jack goes for the hat trick. The most recent trailer shows that

Chow Yun-Fat is in the cast as well as a Chinese Pirate. How awesome is that?

[*Knocked Up*](#) – June 1st
– From the same guys that made “The 40 Year Old Version”

comes this tale of a
goofy looking slacker
that manages to score
one night with a hot,
hot, hot TV reporter,
who gets pregnant, of
course.

Ocean’s

Thirteen – June 8th –

Ellen Barkin

replaces Julia

Roberts and

Catherine

Zeta-Jones in this

edition. Talk about a

“Brian Giles for

Ricardo Rincon”

level trade. Al Pacino in a role sure to induce his characteristic overacting won't help either. Will someone please stick a fork in this franchise?

Fantastic Four: The
Rise of the Silver
Surfer – June 15th
– This time the
quartet go up
against the Silver
Surfer and the
return of Dr.
Doom. Please be

better than the first
one! (the trailer
does look
awesome).

Evan Almighty

June 22

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– Steve Carell’s
Evan Baxter
from “Bruce
Almighty” is now
a Congressman

chosen by God
(Morgan
Freeman) to
receive His
powers. A
reported budget
of over \$200
million on this

will either make
it this year's
“DaVinci Code”
(big budget, big
box office) or
this year's
“Poseidon”.

Live Free or Die

Hard – June 29
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- John
McClane
strikes again
(probably with

his walker).

Transformers

– July 6

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– Michael Bay
(hack, spit)
tries to spin a
former
children's

cartoon into
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Armageddon
movie. As
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trailer looks
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Harry Potter
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Order of the
Phoenix –

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– These
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darker and
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Hairspray —

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