

special screenings

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THURSDAY 31

Long Way Down: Director's Cut (2008) D: David Alexanian and Russ Malkin. (NR, 120 min.) **NCM Fathom**. This director's cut is a unique prelude to the 10-part TV series, which starts in August on Fox Reality Channel. The film is a follow-up to 2004's *Long Way Round* series in which Charley Boorman and Ewan McGregor traverse numerous countries on BMW bikes. @Tinseltown North, @Southpark Meadows, @Gateway, @Metropolitan, 7:30pm.

Planet of the Apes (1968) D: Franklin J. Schaffner; with Charlton Heston, Kim Hunter, Roddy McDowall. (G, 112 min.) **Summer Film Classics: Sci-Fi Week**. This classic sci-fi ape picture leaves its imitators and sequels in the dust. (Double bill: *The Time Machine*.) (*) @Paramount, 9:15pm.

Prison (1988) D: Renny Harlin; with Viggo Mortensen, Chelsea Field, Lane Smith. (R, 102 min.) **Terror Thursday**. A wrongly executed prisoner comes back to haunt the warden in Harlin's first U.S. feature. @Alamo Ritz, 12mid; free.

Surf Nazis Must Die: Director's Cut (1987) D: Peter George; with Gail Neely, Robert Harden, Barry Brenner, Dawn Wildsmith. (R, 83 min.) **Tromatic Thursday**. The postapocalyptic silliness of this movie is one of Troma's more memorable offerings, if for no reason but the title alone. @Alamo Draffthouse Lake Creek, 10pm; free.

The Time Machine (1960) D: George Pal; with Rod Taylor, Alan Young, Yvette Mimieux, Sebastian Cabot. (NR, 103 min.) **Summer Film Classics: Sci-Fi Week**. Pal's film version of the H.G. Wells time-travel classic is a solid effort that features Oscar-winning special effects. (Double bill: *Planet of the Apes*.) (*) @Paramount, 7pm.

Uncounted: The New Math of American Elections (2007) D: David Earnhardt. (NR, 81 min.) **Austin Film Festival**. This documentary examines how easy it is to change election outcomes and undermine election integrity across the U.S. Noted computer programmers, statisticians, journalists, and experienced election officials provide the proof. @Alamo Draffthouse Lake Creek, 7:30pm; \$4, AFF members free.

KIDS

Alvin and the Chipmunks (2007) D: Tim Hill; with Jason Lee, David Cross, Cameron Richardson, Jane Lynch; with the voices of Justin Long, Matthew Gray Gubler, Jesse McCartney. (PG, 92 min.) **Family Film Festival**. Free. (*) @Lakeline, 10am.

Bratz (2007) D: Sean McNamara; with Nathalia Ramos, Janel Parrish, Logan Browning, Skyler Shaye, Chelsea Staub, Jon Voight, Lainie Kazan. (PG, 110 min.) **Family Film Festival**. Free. (*) @Westgate, 10am.

Everyone's Hero (2006) D: Christopher Reeve, Colin Brady and Dan St. Pierre; with the voices of Rob Reiner, Whoopi Goldberg, Jake T. Austin, William H. Macy, Mandy Patinkin, Brian Dennehy, Dana Reeve, Richard Kind. (G, 88 min.) **Family Film Festival**. Free. (*) @Westgate, 10am.

Good Burger (1997) D: Brian Robbins; with Kel Mitchell, Kenan Thompson, Sinbad, Abe Vigoda, Shar Jackson, Dan Schneider, Jan Schwieterman, George Clinton. (PG, 103 min.) **Summer Kids Camp**. Free. (*) @Alamo Draffthouse South, 11am.

Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie (2002) D: Phil Vischer and Mike Nawrocki; with the voices of Lisa Vischer, Kristin Blegen, Mike Nawrocki, Phil Vischer. (G, 83 min.) **Family Film Festival**. Free. (*) @Lakeline, 10am.

Mr. Bean's Holiday (2007) D: Steve Bendelack; with Rowan Atkinson, Emma de Caunes, Max Baldry, Willem Dafoe, Karel Roden. (G, 88 min.) **Family Film Festival**. Free. (*) @Arbor, 10am.

Stuart Little 2 (2002) D: Rob Minkoff; with Hugh Laurie, Geena Davis, Jonathan Lipnicki; with the voices of Michael J. Fox, Nathan Lane. (PG, 78 min.) **Free Family Film Festival**. Free. (*) @Arbor, 10am.

FRIDAY 01

Planet of the Apes (1968) @Paramount, 7pm. (See Thu., 7/31.)

The Time Machine (1960) @Paramount, 9:30pm. (See Thu., 7/31.)

SPACES

Kicking It (2008) D: Susan Koch and Jeff Werner. (NR, 98 min.) **Bike-In Movie**. This new film documents the 2006 Homeless World Cup, an international soccer competition engaged in by the world's homeless. The event follows several players as they simultaneously prepare for their matches while confronting life on the streets. @Treasure City Thrift, 8pm.

SATURDAY 02

Journey to the Center of the Earth (1959) D: Henry Levin; with James Mason, Arlene Dahl, Pat Boone, Diane Baker. (NR, 132 min.) **Summer Film Classics: Sci-Fi Week**. The 1959 version of the Jules Verne story sparked the imagination of another generation of filmgoers with its wild excursion into the Earth's core. Mason is pretty campy, while Boone is cast as the hunky lead. New print. @Paramount, 2pm.

Jump! (2007) See p.74.

Jurassic Park (1993) D: Steven Spielberg; with Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum, Richard Attenborough, Bob Peck, Martin Ferrero, B.D. Wong. **Master Pancake**. See the Pancake merrymakers make light of the prehistoric beasts and their human intruders in this Spielberg classic. (*) @Alamo Ritz, 7, 10:20pm.

Planet of the Apes (1968) @Paramount, 4:45, 9:40pm. (See Thu., 7/31.)

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) D: Jim Sharman; with Richard O'Brien, Barry Bostwick, Susan Sarandon, Tim Curry. (R, 95 min.) Austin fans have been dressing up and doing the "Time Warp" thing live for more than 30 years straight. For more info, see www.austinrocky.org. @Alamo Draffthouse Village, 12mid.

The Time Machine (1960) @Paramount, 7:20pm. (See Thu., 7/31.)

SUNDAY 03

Journey to the Center of the Earth (1959) @Paramount, 3:30pm. (See Sat., 8/2.)

Mommie Dearest Brunch (1981) D: Frank Perry; with Faye Dunaway, Diana Scarwid. (PG, 129 min.) **175 Media and aGLIFF**. The movie comes with a free mimosa and a Joan Crawford drag contest hosted by Bryon Gaul. @Alamo Ritz, noon.

Okie Noodling II (2008) D: Bradley Beesley. (NR, 63 min.) Beesley's documentary revisits the peculiar sport of noodling, in which fisherman capture their prey bare-handed. Beesley will be in attendance at the Sunday screening. See "Take Me to the River," July 4, for more on the film. @Alamo Ritz, 4:30pm.

Solaris (1972) D: Andrei Tarkovsky; with Natalya Bondarchuk, Donatas Banionis. (NR, 165 min.) **Summer Film Classics: Sci-Fi Week**. Russian filmmaker Tarkovsky's film was the original on which the Soderbergh/Clooney remake was based. It's a visually captivating and delirious tale of outer space and the supernatural. @Paramount, 7pm.

Summertime! (2006) D: Bradley Beesley and Sarah Price. (NR, 85 min.) Documentarians Beesley and Price observe and interact with young campers in Wisconsin and come away with a thoughtful portrait of kids being kids. The film is accompanied by music from the Flaming Lips and others. Beesley will be in attendance. @Alamo Ritz, 6:30pm.

SPACES

"Nobody's Girl" and Other Short Videos (2008) D: Michael Nason and Brendan Harman; with Veronica Givadedoni, Spencer Driggers. (NR, 29 min.) In this locally made film, a Mexican actress follows her boyfriend to Texas and disillusionment sets in. "Nobody's Girl" will be preceded by a short video program and followed by a party and music by the Pillow Queens. @The Blue Theater, 9pm.

MONDAY 04

ABBA Sing-Along Softball Austin. @Alamo Draffthouse South, 6pm.

Okie Noodling II (2008) @Alamo Ritz, 5pm. (See Sun., 8/3.)

Pete Seeger: The Power of Song (2007) See p.76.

Solaris (1972) @Paramount, 7pm. (See Sun., 8/3.)

SPACES

National Lampoon's Animal House (1978) D: John Landis; with John Belushi, Tim Matheson, Tom Hulce, Stephen Furst, Mark Metcalf, Kevin Bacon, Karen Allen, Donald Sutherland. (R, 109 min.) **Monday Movies and Margaritas**. Margarita specials, 5-9pm; movie begins at sundown. (*) @Belmont, 8:30pm; free.

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Classes and Camps From Austin School of Film Intensive teen camps (out in Marfa!) this summer, as well as the usual excellent slate of adult classes (taught by **Kat Candler**, **Spencer Parsons**, **Ira "Screenwriting Essentials" Israel**, and other professional talents), are going on now at the Austin School of Film. See website for details. www.austinfilmsschool.org/classes.

Movie Prop & Memorabilia Sale One of the premier prop houses in Austin is selling items from feature films produced in Texas during the last 16 years. Furniture, artwork, office equipment, vintage bicycles, and more – as featured in movies like *Spy Kids*, *Secondhand Lions*, *Grindhouse*, *There Will Be Blood*, and others. Aug. 1-2. Fri., noon-5pm; Sat., 8am-2pm. Austin Studios Stage 2, 1901 E. 51st. dchaber99@yahoo.com.

Reel Women: First Monday Mix No agenda, no schedule; just mingling, mixing, meeting, bragging, commiserating. Find someone you do (or don't) want to collaborate with. Recruit for your next project. Mon., Aug. 4, 6-8pm. Opal Divine's Freehouse, 700 W. Sixth, 477-3308. Free. www.reelwomen.org.

The Screenplay Workshop All classes are taught by professional screenwriters and meet in Central Austin. Ongoing classes include: Feature-Film Screenwriting Workshop, Mondays, 7-10pm, \$255 for six weeks, \$390 for 10 weeks; Screenwriting According to the Masters, Tuesdays, 7-9:30pm, \$270; Revising Feature Scripts, Wednesdays, 7-10pm, \$320. Also: Private Instruction & Story Consultation Packages, 7½ hours of instruction, \$370. www.thescreenplayworkshop.org.

Who Wants to Be a House Bunny? The public is invited to attend this giggly event featuring a variety of activities with the sorority house from Columbia Pictures' *The House Bunny* – that's "bunny" as in *Playboy* – and a live concert by Kate Voegelé. Sun., Aug. 3, noon-6pm. Dillard's Women's Court, Lakeline Mall.

KIDS

TMNT (2007) D: Kevin Munroe; with the voices of Chris Evans, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Mako, Patrick Stewart, Laurence Fishburne, Ziyi Zhang, Mitchell Whitfield, James Arnold Taylor, Mikey Kelley, Nolan North, Kevin Smith. (PG, 90 min.) **Summer Kids Camp**. Free. (*) @Alamo Draffthouse South, 11am.

TUESDAY 05

The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie (1972) D: Luis Buñuel; with Fernando Rey, Delphine Seyrig, Stephane Audran, Bulle Ogier, Jean-Pierre Cassel, Michel Piccoli. (PG, 100 min.) **Summer Film Classics: Sublime Surrealist**. This Oscar winner for Best Foreign Film is also one of Buñuel's most accessible works. A comic gem, *Discreet Charm* tells the story of a group of wealthy friends who repeatedly gather together for a meal, only to have their dining plans interrupted by some surreal event or another. (Double bill: *That Obscure Object of Desire*.) (*) @Paramount, 7pm.

Okie Noodling II (2008) @Alamo Ritz, 5, 10:20pm. (See Sun., 8/3.)

That Obscure Object of Desire (1977) See p.76.

KIDS

Alvin and the Chipmunks (2007) @Westgate, 10am. (See Thu., 7/31.)

Are We There Yet? (2005) D: Brian Levant; with Ice Cube, Nia Long, Jay Mohr, Aleisha Allen, Philip Daniel Bolden, M.C. Gainey, Henry Simmons, Nichelle Nichols; with the voices of Tracy Morgan. (PG, 92 min.) **Family Film Festival**. Free. (*) @Lakeline, 10am.

Bratz (2007) @Arbor, 10am. (See Thu., 7/31.)

Doogal (2006) D: Dave Borthwick, Jean Duval and Frank Passingham; with the voices of Judi Dench, Jon Stewart, Whoopi Goldberg, William H. Macy, Jimmy Fallon, Chevy Chase, Ian McKellan, Kevin Smith, Kylie Minogue. (G, 85 min.) **Family Film Festival**. Free. (*) @Lakeline, 10am.

Everyone's Hero (2006) @Arbor, 10am. (See Thu., 7/31.)

Flushed Away (2006) D: David Bowers and Sam Fell; with the voices of Kate Winslet, Hugh Jackman, Ian McKellen, Andy Serkis, Bill Nighy, Shane Richie, Susan Duerden, Jean Reno. (PG, 86 min.) **Summer Movie Clubhouse**. \$1 (*) @Movies 8, 10am.

Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie (2002) @Westgate, 10am. (See Thu., 7/31.)

Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) D: Zach Helm; with Dustin Hoffman, Natalie Portman, Jason Bateman, Zach Mills, Ted Ludzik, Rebecca Northan, Matt Baram, Kiele Sanchez. (G, 109 min.) **Summer Movie Clubhouse**. \$1 (*) @Tinseltown South, 10am.

TMNT (2007) @Alamo Draffthouse South, 11am. (See Mon., 8/4.)

Zathura (2005) D: Jon Favreau; with Jonah Bobo, Josh Hutcherson, Dax Shepard, Kristen Stewart, Tim Robbins, Frank Oz, John Alexander, Derek Mears. (PG, 113 min.) **Family Movie Night: Game Movies**. Free. (*) @Hampton Library, 6pm.

WEDNESDAY 06

The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie (1972) @Paramount, 9:10pm. (See Tue., 8/5.)

The Hudsoner Proxy (1994) See p.74.

Okie Noodling II (2008) @Alamo Ritz, 5pm. (See Sun., 8/3.)

Paths of Glory (1957) See p.76.

That Obscure Object of Desire (1977) See p.76.

Voodoo Black Exorcist (1973) D: Manuel Caño; with Alfredo Mayo, Eva León, Julio Peña. (NR, 88 min.) **Weird Wednesday**. A mummified priest comes to life aboard a cruise liner and decapitates people while pursuing his long-lost love. (*) @Alamo Ritz, 12mid; free.