

New summer films offer relief

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Summer is a great time for new movie releases. Especially in Texas, where everyone is trying to escape the blazing heat and boiling humidity. The films in this summer's lineup probably won't win any Oscars, but they should easily supply the dearly-sought diversion.

The Goonies promises to be one of the summer's biggest box office grossers. Steven Spielberg is the executive producer of this Warner Brothers release about a troop of teenagers and their daring exploits *a la* Indiana Jones for the pre-pubescent set. The picture, directed by Chris Columbus, stars Steve Antin (**The Last American Virgin**), Cory Feldman (**Gremlins**), Ke Huy-Quan (**Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom**), and four newcomers.

Another Spielberg film slated for release this summer is **Back to the Future**. It involves a kid that travels back to the '50s, only to meet up with his parents as teenagers. It sounds like a farce but with the Spielberg label, it probably will fare well at the box office.

If you're having trouble tearing away from MTV to get to the theater, then rest assured. Two members of rock world's reigning royalty will hit the silver screen this summer. The King of Pain, Sting, and the Queen of Rock, Tina Turner, will star in **The Bride** and **Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome**, respectively.

Sting turns in his badge for the heraldry of Baron Henry Von Frankenstein in **The Bride**, which is

based on Mary Shelley's classic novel. The Baron creates Eva, a "perfect" woman, who is played by the original flashdancer Jennifer Beals. Considering the cast, one might expect a "song and dance" routine instead of the faithful re-creation of the Frankenstein legend which it is. Briton Franc Roddam directed this film as well as **Quadrophenia**, a film which also featured Sting.

Turner won't quite abdicate her throne either. In **Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome**, the award-winning singer stars as Auntie Entity, the founder and ruler of Bartertown. In this feudal village, everything is up for bids, be it a drink of water or a person's life. Of course, no Mad Max film would be complete without Mel Gibson. This film, set 15 years after **The Road Warrior**, was co-directed by George Miller and George Ogilvie. Miller was responsible for the "Nightmare at 20,000 feet" segment of **Twilight Zone: The Movie**.

But if it's laughs you want, look no further than **Pee-Wee's Big Adventure**. Pee-Wee Herman — a nasty nerd with one foot firmly planted in childhood — will take theater audiences along on his whirlwind quest to recover his most prized possession. Tim Burton makes his directorial debut in this Aspen Film Society/Robert Shapiro Production.

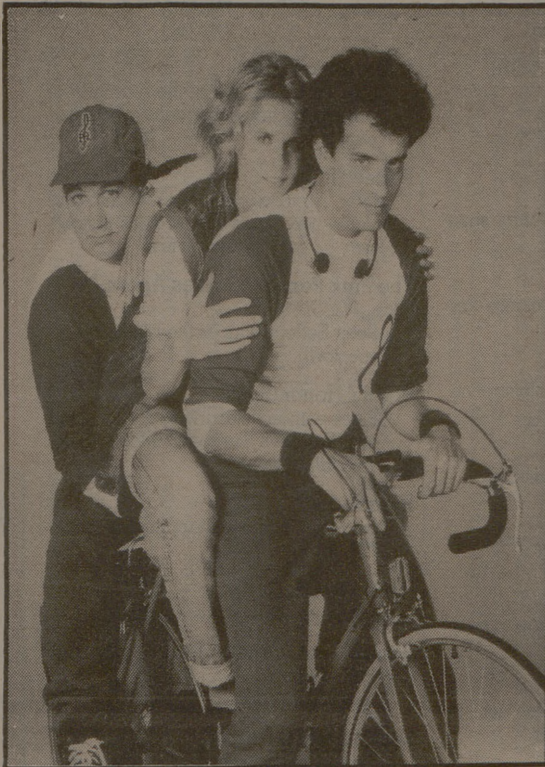
If an adventure with Pee-Wee doesn't sound appealing, perhaps a vacation with the Griswold family does.

Chevy Chase and Beverly D'Angelo reunite as Clark and Ellen Gris-



Pictured are (clockwise from top): Jack Nicholson, Kathleen Turner, director John Huston and Anjelica Huston in *Prizzi's Honor*; Mel Gibson and Tina Turner in *Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome*; and Pee Wee Herman in *Pee Wee's Big Adventure*.

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(left to right) Jim Belushi, Lori Singer and Tom Hanks star in *The Man With One Red Shoe*.



(left to right) Kerri Green, Josh Brolin, Corey Feldman, Sean Astin, Ke Huy-Quan, Jeff B. Cohen and Martha Plimpton star in *Goonies*. Steven Spielberg is executive producer of this sci-fi/adventure film.