

Movie Scene

CINEMA III
Skaggs Center
846-6714

"The Name of the Rose"

Sean Connery plays a Franciscan monk trying to solve a series of murders at a Benedictine monastery in 14th century Italy. He has the thankless task of trying to reason with a group whose faith is so strong that they are blind to the real world. F. Murray Abraham plays the leader of the Inquisition who believes Satan is responsible for the murders and that anyone who doesn't go along with the Inquisition's verdict must be in league with the devil. The film is a bit slow in places, but poses great questions about the role of the church and the nature of faith. Rated R.

"She's Got To Have It"

Tracy Camila Johns and Redmond Hicks in a film that starts today. Rated R.

"Soul Man"

C. Thomas Howell and Rae Dawn Chong in a comedy about a white guy who becomes black to get a minority scholarship to Harvard Law School. It seems as if the director was afraid of making a serious statement about racism and tries to throw in a joke when things start getting uncomfortable for the viewer. James Earl Jones is fantastic in his role as the professor. Rated PG-13.

SCHULMAN 6
2002 E. 29th
775-2463

"Children of a Lesser God"

William Hurt, Marlee Matlin and Piper Laurie star in this filmed version of Mark Medoff's play. Hurt is teacher at a school for the deaf. Matlin is a deaf woman who works at the school. They fall in love, but have to overcome the barrier of silence between them. Hurt deserves an Oscar for his performance in this superb film. Rated R.

"Tough Guys"

Burt Lancaster and Kirk Douglas are two criminals who are released from prison after 30 years. They get tired of trying to be ordinary senior citizens and decide to steal the same train they were sent up the river for robbing 30 years before. The actors are better than the screenplay they are stuck with. Rated PG.

"Stand By Me"

Director Rob Reiner's version of Stephen King's novella "The Body." This isn't another horror flick, but a warm look at friendship, good times and growing up. One of the best screen adaptations of a King novel. Rated R.

"Let's Get Harry"

Harry is being held hostage by an evil country and our government refuses to take action so his friends go off to rescue him. Mark Harmon, Gary Busey, Robert Duvall and Glenn Frey star in yet another movie of the "Rambo" mold. Rated R.

"Solarbabies"

Richard Jordan, Charles Durning and Jami Gertz star in this science fiction adventure that starts today. Rated PG.

"Touch and Go"

Michael Keaton is a swinging single hockey player who befriends a young boy and ends up falling in love with his mother. Keaton give a good performance but the story is too trite and predictable for all but the most sentimental. Rated R.

POST OAK III
Post Oak Mall
764-0616

"Nutcracker: The Motion Picture"

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's beautiful ballet comes to the screen in yet another filmed version. Rated G.

"Peggy Sue Got Married"

Kathleen Turner and Nicholas Cage star in Francis Coppola's fantasy about a woman who gets a chance to go back in time to high school. This marvelous film is not a "Back to the Future" rip-off, but an intelligent and touching story of a woman reexamining her life. Rated PG-13.

"Heartbreak Ridge"

Clint Eastwood directed, produced and starred in this film about a Marine sergeant who leads a group of recruits into Grenda. Rated PG-13.

"An American Tail"

See review page 5. Rated G.

PLAZA 3

226 Southwest Parkway
693-2457

"Crocodile Dundee"

Australian comedian Paul Hogan is the famous trapper Michael J. "Crocodile" Dundee who is brought back to America by a reporter (Linda Kozlowski). A bit predictable, but lots of fun. Rated PG.

"Golden Child"

Eddie Murphy's new film starts today. Rated R.

"Three Amigos"

Steve Martin, Chevy Chase and Martin Short have to save a town from Mexican bandits in this film that starts today. Rated PG.

MANOR EAST 3
Manor East Mall
823-8300

"Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home"

The crew of the Enterprise, William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, DeForest Kelley and the others, is back in the best film of the series. Our heroes have to go back to the 20th century, capture some whales and take them back to the 23rd century to save the Earth from disaster. This film captures the excitement, humor and spirit of the original television series. Rated PG.

"Song of the South"

Walt Disney's wonderful animated classic of the Uncle Remus tale is back. Each year Disney re-releases one of its old films so that the kids will have something to do during the Christmas vacation. Rated G.

"Firewalker"

Chuck Norris and Lou Gossett, Jr. star in this cross between an Indiana Jones adventure flick and a Hope and Crosby "Road" movie. Sometimes it's fun and funny but most of the time it's stupid and boring. Rated R.