

## U-571 sinks competition again

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The submarine film *U-571* remained buoyant at the box office despite an onslaught of new movies.

*U-571* was North America's top-grossing film for a second week, taking in \$12.3 million, according to industry estimates Sunday. The movie has made \$38.2 million in 10 days.

Final weekend figures were to be released today. *The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas*, the second live-action comedy based on the TV cartoon series, debuted in second place with \$10.8 million.

The sci-fi tale *Frequency* premiered at No. 3 with \$9.1 million. Jim Caviezel stars as a cop communicating with his dead father (Dennis Quaid) via time-traveling radio waves as they track a serial killer.

"It works on the science-fiction level, it's got a little bit of *Sixth Sense* in it, it's a family picture and a murder mystery all at the same time," said David Tuckerman, executive vice president of distribution for New Line, which released *Frequency*.

*Where the Heart Is*, a melodrama starring Natalie Portman as an abandoned pregnant teen, opened in fourth place with \$8.3 million.

Next weekend is shaping up as the unofficial kickoff to the summer blockbuster season, with the Roman spectacle *Gladiator*, starring Russell Crowe, hitting theaters.

"This is the calm before the storm," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. "The summer starts in earnest next week, when you'll get new movies every weekend looking for bigger and better results."

*Viva Rock Vegas* had a quiet opening compared to its 1994 predecessor *The Flintstones*, which took in \$28 million in its first three days.

"That's what happens with sequels," said Nikki Rocco, Universal's head of distribution. "It's a little family film, and

our expectations were fulfilled."

Two new movies scored well in limited release. The experimental *Time Code* had a solid debut, grossing \$95,000 and averaging an impressive \$13,571 in seven theaters. Directed by Mike Figgis (*Leaving Las Vegas*), *Time Code* was shot by four cameras in single, 93-minute takes and plays out on four separate frames on screen.

Kevin Spacey's *The Big Kahuna* opened in eight theaters and took in \$88,000 for an \$11,000 average. Danny DeVito and Peter Facinelli co-star in the story of three salesmen at ideological odds as they try to land a big customer at a convention.

*Time Code* and *Big Kahuna* expand to more theaters over the next two weeks.

Disney's *Fantasia 2000* ended its four-month run at most large-screen Imax theaters with \$63.8 million worldwide and one week left in Japan. The movie begins a four-week engagement at regular theaters June 16.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

1. *U-571*, \$12.3 million.
2. *The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas*, \$10.8 million.
3. *Frequency*, \$9.1 million.
4. *Where the Heart Is*, \$8.3 million.
5. *Love and Basketball*, \$5.5 million.
6. *Rules of Engagement*, \$4.8 million.
7. *Keeping the Faith*, \$4.6 million.
8. *28 Days*, \$4 million.
9. *Erin Brockovich*, \$3.8 million.
10. *Final Destination*, \$2.5 million.

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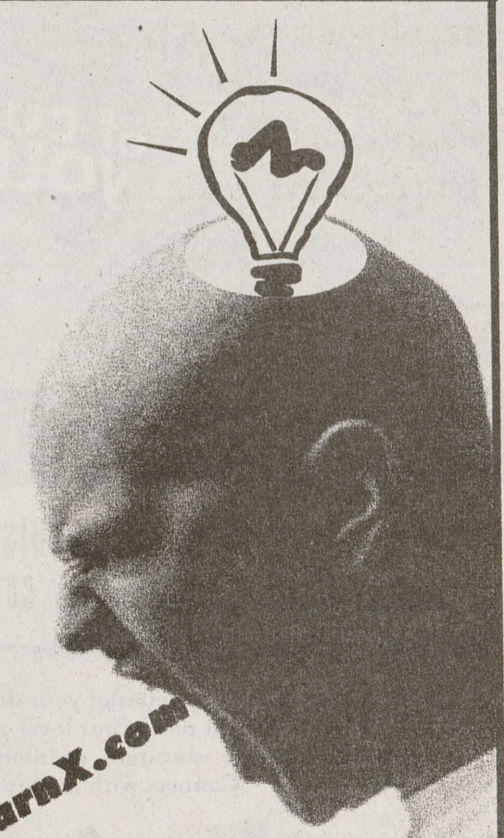
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