

'Hellboy II' tops new DVD releases

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The following motion pictures will be available on DVD today:

"Hellboy II: The Golden Army," Universal Studios Home Video, 120 minutes, Rated PG-13 for sequences of sci-fi action and violence, and some language — When an elfin prince declares war on mankind, he sets out to reconstruct the crown that will give him power over the Golden Army, a group of fighting machines capable of destroying the human race. All that stands between the death of mankind are the prince's sister and Hellboy (Ron Pearlman) and his cohorts. Rooting for the red-haired devil spawn is an acquired taste, but there are some very funny moments here that make this film worth renting. Extras on the three-disc edition include "Hellboy: In Service of the Demon," a two-hour look at the making of the film, deleted scenes, a director's commentary, a digital copy and more.

"Star Wars: The Clone Wars," Warner Home Video, 98 minutes, Rated PG for sci-fi action violence throughout, brief language and momentary smoking — In this animated film, Anakin Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi are

tasked with recovering the son of Jabba the Hutt who has been kidnapped. They suspect that Count Dooku is behind the abduction as he tries to bring the Hutt clan into his camp. If you're a fan, you'll like it. Extras include a commentary and a digital copy.

"Beer for My Horses," Lions Gate Home Entertainment, 86 minutes, Rated PG-13 for some violence, sexual humor and dialogue, language, drug content and brief nudity — After his girlfriend is kidnapped by a Mexican drug lord, Deputy Sheriff Bill "Rack" Racklin (Toby Keith) defies his boss and agrees to exchange his prisoner for his girl. It's a pretty silly road-trip kind of film with Deputy Lonnie (Rodney Carrington) providing constant comic relief — even when it's not needed. The soundtrack should appeal to country fans. Bonus features include a blooper reel and three featurettes.

"Mister Foe," Magnolia Home Video, 96 minutes, Rated R for strong sexual content and language — Convinced that his stepmother murdered his mother, Hallam (Jamie Bell) sets out to prove her guilt. After an unfortunate incident causes him to leave home, he finds himself homeless

in Edinburgh but unable to resist his peeping Tom impulses. This is one very strange but powerful film that covers a lot of ground as its story unfolds. The cast also includes Ciaran Hinds, Claire Forlani and Sophia Myles. Definitely worth a look. Bonus materials include deleted scenes and a behind-the-scenes featurette.

"Blood Wars," MTI Home Video, 90 minutes, Rated R for some violence and a sex scene — A college student finds himself in the middle of a power struggle between a group of vampires and their enemies, the Sentries. After he is bitten by a seductive vampire, he struggles to hold onto his humanity and his girl. Pass. No extras.

The best of the rest:

"Conjurer" — A photographer moves to a rural farmhouse and begins experiencing strange events regarding a cabin on the property that may be haunted.

"Thomas Kinkadee's Christmas Cottage" — Film examines the inspiration behind the painter's renowned work, "The Christmas Cottage."

"Flying: Confessions of a Free Woman" — Documentary examines the world of female life and sexuality today in six 60-minute episodes.

"Opium: Diary of a Mad-

