



A scene from the animated film "WALL-E." The film is entertaining, but may not be suitable for young children.

# 'WALL-E' deserves to be seen

However, some young viewers may not understand the film

The following motion pictures are now available on DVD.

**"WALL-E,"** Walt Disney Home Video, 98 minutes, Rated G. In the future, Earth has been deserted by mankind, and WALL-E, a small garbage-collecting robot has been left behind to clean up after us. When the probe "EVE" arrives to see if humans can return to Earth, it's love at first sight for the lonely trash collector. Hitching a ride back to the EVE spaceship, WALL-E causes all kinds of problems for the humans aboard. The film is not for everyone and young viewers may be lost, but I think it definitely deserves to find an audience. Bonus features on the three-disc set include a new animated short, deleted scenes, director's commentary, an array of featurettes and a digital copy.

**"Tropic Thunder,"** DreamWorks Home Video, 107 minutes, Rated R for pervasive language including sexual references, violent content and drug material. While filming a big-budget movie about the Vietnam war, a group of actors is mistaken for soldiers by the local drug lord. While the smugglers are firing at them, the actors think that they are just being motivated by their over-the-top director. Although the cast is stellar - Ben Stiller, Jack Black, Matthew McConaughey, Robert Downey Jr., Nick Nolte and Tom Cruise - the film is not. Extras on the two-disc set include several featurettes, deleted scenes, an alternate ending and vid-

eo rehearsals.

**"Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2,"** Warner Home Video, 119 minutes, Rated PG-13 for mature material and sensuality. In this story set three years after the original, the girls - now young women - set out for their first year of college and the summer that follows. However, they remain in touch and keep sending the pants to one another. As they continue their journeys of self-discovery, they are forced to confront their fears, discover their talents and learn the true meaning of friendship. Easily one of the year's top "chick flicks." Special features include deleted scenes, a gag reel, and a featurette on the final scene which was inspired by fan reaction to the first movie.

**"BachelorMan,"** Magnolia Home Video, 96 minutes, Rated R for sexual content and language. Ted Davis (David DeLouise) is a programming executive at a cable network and a confirmed bachelor. He's also "BachelorMan," a superhero, who can't miss with the ladies, to his friends. But when Heather (Missi Pyle), an attractive, long-legged beauty, moves in next door, BachelorMan has discovered the feminine equivalent of kryptonite. There are some funny moments in the uneven comedy. Extras include deleted scenes, outtakes, behind-the-scenes featurettes and more.

**"Dough Boys,"** MTI Home Video, 90 minutes, Rated PG-13 for some drug-related ref-

erences. Two brothers, Frank and Louie, who run a family-owned bakery in the Bronx run into problems when Louie's gambling allows a gangster to seize the business. It's a gentle film that uses flashbacks to show the brothers growing up and to underscore the importance of family. The film does feed into ethnic stereotypes but it's worth a look. No extras.

#### The best of the rest

**"Mr. Lonely"** An American who works as a Michael Jackson look-alike in Paris goes to a commune of celebrity impersonators in Scotland.

**"Gonzo"** Johnny Depp narrates the documentary about gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson.

**"Mirrormask"** Set in a fantasy world, the film focuses on a girl who must find the fabled Mirrormask to save the kingdom and return home.

**"Zombie Diaries"** Film follows a documentary film crew as they travel to the countryside to make a movie about the virus that has ravaged mankind.

#### For musical lovers

If you love movie musicals, check out the "Hollywood Musicals" from MGM Home Video. Priced at \$499.98, the set includes 50 musicals on more than 65 discs.

It's an eclectic grouping with titles that range from classics such as "Carousel," "Oklahoma," and "The Sound of Music" to "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" and "Kid

Galahad."

#### Oscar winners

Sony has assembled an award-winning line up of 11 iconic films from Columbia Pictures spanning six decades, which have collectively garnered 57 Oscars. The collection will be available on Tuesday on 14 discs for \$135.95.

Among the marquee films in the set are "It Happened One Night," "All The King's Men," "From Here to Eternity," "Lawrence of Arabia," "Oliver!," "Kramer vs. Kramer," "The Bridge On The River Kwai," "A Man For All Seasons," "On The Waterfront," "You Can't Take It With You," and "Gandhi." There are also more than eight hours of special features including "making of" featurettes for several films and director's commentaries.

Two other titles that deserve a mention are the first season of "Hannah Montana" (four discs, \$39.99) and "Paul McCartney: The Space With Us" It's \$34.98 on both standard and Blu-ray DVDs.

#### Deluxe cinema

Some films getting the deluxe treatment this holiday season include "300," The "300 Limited Collector's Edition" (\$49.98) includes a new documentary about the 300 legend, a digital copy of the theatrical version, a 52-page hardcover art book and more.

A&E will release "The Complete Monty Python's

Flying Circus Collector's Edition Megaset" on Tuesday. The 21-disc set is priced at \$159.95.

Paramount also is releasing the complete series of "Charmed" in a special "Book of Spells" package. The 49-disc set is priced at \$249.98.

#### New to Blu-ray

Among the new Blu-ray titles arriving this week are "Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2" (\$35.99), "Tropic Thunder" (\$39.99), "Mirrormask" (\$28.95) and "Wall-E" (three discs, \$40.95; two discs, \$35.99).

Catalog titles that will be available include "Encounters at the End of the World" (\$35.98), "Heathers" (\$29.97) and "Infernal Affairs" (\$50.99). Also, "Awake," "Blue Streak," "Lucky Number Slevin," "National Security," "Revolver" and "Southland Tales" (\$28.95 each).

#### Coming attractions

"Hancock," "Meet Dave," "Space Chimps" and "Fred Claus" (Nov. 25); "Step Brothers" and "Wanted" (Dec. 2); "Dark Knight" and "Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who" (Dec. 9); "Traitor," "The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor" and "Mamma Mia" (Dec. 16); "Pulse 3," "Death Race," "Burn After Reading," "Space Buddies" and "The House Bunny" (Dec. 23); "Babylon A.D.," "Disaster Movie" and "Bangkok Dangerous" (Jan. 6); "Vicky Cristina Barcelona" (Jan. 27).