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'Traitor' a thinking person's thriller

Other new releases include 'Mummy' sequel, 'Mamma Mia'

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The following motion pictures are now available.

"**Traitor**," Anchor Bay Home Entertainment, 100 minutes, Rated PG-13 for intense violent sequences, thematic material and brief language. Samir Horn (Don Cheadle) is an American Muslim who keeps showing up on the FBI's radar. Special Agent Roy Clayton (Guy Pearce) heads a team investigating Horn's past. Tied to the sale of arms to terrorists, Samir escapes from a Yemeni prison and is soon linked to a bombing in Nice, France. It's a thriller with a cerebral edge. Extras include audio commentaries and two featurettes.

"**The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor**," Universal Studios Home Video, 112 minutes, Rated PG-13 for adventure action and violence. Determined to prove himself to his parents, Alex O'Connell (Luke Ford) unearths the remains of the first emperor of Qin (Jet Li). When a Chinese general brings the long-dead emperor to life, it's up to Alex's parents, Rick and Evelyn (Brendan Fraser and Maria Bello) to find a way to kill the emperor. The effects are terrific, but the plot is a bit of a reach. Extras on the two-disc set include deleted and extended scenes, a director's commentary, a number of featurettes and a digital copy.

"**Mamma Mia**," Universal Studios Home Video, 108 minutes, Rated PG-13 for some sex-related comments. Based on the hit Broadway musical, the film revolves around Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) who wants her real father to walk her down the aisle on her wedding day. Without telling her mother (Meryl Streep), Sophie invites the three possible men - Bill (Stellan Skarsgard), Harry (Colin Firth) and Sam (Pierce Brosnan)



Guy Pearce, left, and Don Cheadle are shown in a scene from "Traitor."

- to the wedding. All of the action is set to the songs of ABBA, and therein lies the problem: None of the men can really sing, and Brosnan really can't. Still, it's a happy enough romp, and if you rent it, make sure you keep watching through the credits. Bonus materials on the two-disc set include a singalong feature for all the musical numbers, several featurettes, a music video, deleted scenes, a director's commentary and a digital copy.

"**Spiker**," **MTI Home Video**, 90 minutes, Rated R for violence, some sexuality and language. A group of teens decides to spend a weekend in a haunted house in hopes of contacting one of the girl's mothers. At the same time, a serial killer, the Spiker, escapes and heads straight for the same house. There's plenty of gore as the Spiker finds a number of different ways to kill people with railroad spikes. No extras.

"**The House Bunny**," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, 97 minutes, Rated PG-13 for sex-related humor, partial nudity and brief strong language. After she is kicked out of the Play-

boy mansion and arrested for living in her car, Shelley (Anna Faris) becomes the house mother to a sorority of misfits. However, she has exactly what the sorority sisters need to attract pledges and keep their house. It's a delightful romp, and Faris is a truly gifted comedienne. Although it covers a lot of familiar ground, it's still worth a look. Extras include deleted scenes, a music video with Katherine McPhee and several featurettes.

Best of the rest

"**Crashing**." A middle-aged writer gets tossed from his girl friend's mansion and ends up rooming with two sexy co-eds;

"**Wild Country**." While trekking through the Scottish Highlands, a group of teens discovers an abandoned baby and a malicious creature;

"**Sangre de Mi Sangre**." An illegal immigrant steals another's identity;

"**The Eldest Son**." An alcoholic Russian clarinetist living in L.A. comes to believe that a car thief is his son.

"**Generation Kill**" is a seven-part HBO mini-series based on the book by Evan Wright. The film offers a rather unusual look at the first 40 days of the Iraq war from the

perspective of the Marines of the First Recon Battalion.

Their journey into the heart of Baghdad in those first weeks soon shows us how the war turned out to be much more complicated and tragic than anyone had imagined.

The three-disc set is priced at \$59.95.

For the kids

Possibilities for the girls on your list include "**The Cheetah Girls: One World, Extended Music Edition**" and a special edition of "**The Little Mermaid II: Return to the Sea**" (\$29.99).

Also out are two new Power Rangers titles, "**Jungle Fury: Way of the Master**" and "**Jungle Fury: Into the Jungle**" (\$19.99 each).

Finally, there's a new version of "**Goldilocks and the 3 Bears**" that finds Goldilocks moving in with the bears for a "Big Brother" type of reality show (\$19.97).

New to Blu-ray

Among the new Blu-ray titles arriving in stores are "**Mamma Mia**," "**The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor**" (\$39.98), "**The House Bunny**" (\$39.95) and "**Traitor**" (\$39.98).

Catalog titles on store shelves include "8 Mile"

(\$29.98) and two Grindhouse titles "**Deathproof**" (\$29.95) and "**Planet Terror**" (\$34.95).

Paramount is mining its library and releasing "**Coach Carter**," "**The Heartbreak Kid**," "**Hot Rod**," "**Into the Wild**," "**Old School**" and "**Tommy Boy**" (\$29.99 each).

Completing the list of theatrical titles is "**In the Name of the King: A Dungeon Siege Tale**" (\$29.99).

Coming attractions

"**Pulse 3**," "**Death Race**," "**Burn After Reading**" and "**Space Buddies**" (Dec. 23); "**The Duchess**," "**Eagle Eye**," "**Ghost Town**" (Dec. 28); "**Righteous Kill**," "**Babylon A.D.**," "**Disaster Movie**" and "**Bangkok Dangerous**" (Jan. 6); "**Appaloosa**" and "**Lakeview Terrace**" (Jan. 13); "**Saw V**," "**The Express**," "**Max Payne**," "**Igor**," "**Cold Prey**" and "**The Deal**" (Jan. 20); "**RocknRolla**," "**Fireproof**," "**Vicky Cristina Barcelona**" (Jan. 27); "**Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist**" (Feb. 3); "**Nights in Rodanthe**," "**W**," "**Miracle of St. Anna**" and "**Blindness**" (Feb. 10); "**Body of Lies**" and "**Flash of Genius**" (Feb. 17); "**Beverly Hills Chihuahua**" (March 3).