

ovies Column

If you have any good information about future Science Fiction films, let me know at TimKBear on America Online or Tim.K@vircomm.com on the Internet.

"Jurassic Park" will be available on video already in October (just in time for Christmas!) It's expected for sell-through pricing (around \$20).

Damon Wayans stars and wrote "Blankman" which will open August 19 at theaters everywhere. The story is about a semi-regular guy that gets fed up with crime and decides to don the customary cape and tights to do a little good. Problem is that he has no super powers. The second part of the Dynamic Duo is David Alan Grier, also of "Living Color" fame. This flick also stars Robin Givens. The previews are absolutely hysterical.

"The Shadow" soundtrack is available on Arista Records. I was disappointed with the film, myself, but it did okay box office. Not enough to kick "The Lion King" down on the lists, but okay.

Speaking of box office smash:

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The Mask opened in the #1 box-office slot in
nation. Jim Carrey is now called the seven-
dollar man, by some, because that is now his
going rate.

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"Vampire Vixens from Venus" (I'm not making this up) is in production. Ted Bohus will helm and scribe (write and direct) this sure-to-be-classic.

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I recently read a number of good posts off the Usenet by Edward Chuang Wang (Address: edwang@leland.Stanford.EDU) that I thought I should bring to you. I've edited some so we don't cover stuff already covered elsewhere in the zine:

Timecop, directed by Peter Hyams (2010, Outland, Narrow Margin) is a sci-fi thriller starring Jean-Claude VanDamme. It takes place about ten years in the future, in which time travel has been perfected. However, there is one law, no one is allowed to go back in time, for fear that history might be messed with. Ron Silver plays a psycho who breaks that law, and VanDamme is a timecop sent after him before any damage is done. However, along the way, the cop is tempted to change history by saving the life of his wife (Mia Sara), who died ten years earlier. Conceptual designs for the film are by Syd Mead, who designed the futuristic look of Blade Runner and Aliens.

Stargate, starring Kurt Russell and James Spader, is a sci-fi adventure about a group of archaeologist who discover a gate in the middle of the desert. The gate is a doorway to another galaxy, or universe, or whatever. Jaye Davidson (The Crying Game) plays the androgynous leader of an alien race that is encountered on the other side of the gate.

A movie called Starship Troopers is in development, with Paul Verhoeven onboard as director as soon as he finishes directing his new movie Showgirls. No confirmation if it is based on Robert Heinlein's work, but most likely it is.

Sam Raimi has signed on as the director of the live action fantasy version of Frosty the Snowman, to be written by Mark Johnson (Grumpy Old Men) and scheduled for a Christmas, 1995 release.

John Woo is beginning production of Tears of the Sun in October. No idea what it is about, only that it is shooting in South America and is written by Ron Bass (Rainman, The Joy Luck Club).

Ridley Scott is beginning production on Crisis in the Hot Zone this month with Robert Redford and Jodie Foster. The movie is written by Jim Hart (Bram Stoker's Dracula). Unfortunately, Wolfgang Petersen (In the Line of Fire, Das Boot) has already begun production of Outbreak, starring Dustin Hoffman and Rene Russo, with a script by Ted Tally (Silence of the Lambs). Both of these movies are based on the same true story of a deadly virus that escaped in a Washington, D.C., laboratory, the the films follow the Army's struggle to contain the virus before it spread.

Speed director Jan DeBont is directing the big-budget remake of Godzilla, written by the writers of Disney's Aladdin. Alex Cox (Repo Man), whose name had originally been attached to the Godzilla project, is instead developing a movie version of Shakespeare's Richard III, to be written by and starring Ian McKellen (sp?).

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"Roswell," based on the book by Kevin D Randle and Donald R. Schmitt about the astonishing Roswell incident (the only time the U.S. Government admitted to recovering a UFO) will premiere on Showtime this month on August 4, 9, 22, and 27. It stars Kyle MacLachlan and Kim Greist. The director is Jeremy Kagan.

Rumor or science experiment gone horribly awry? Stretch Armstrong is being considered for an action hero for the flicks. Disney may be involved. I'm scared just thinking about it.