

DVD's on release

Films are rated out of four stars ★★★★★

OUT NOW ON DVD

**STAR WARS EPISODE III:
REVENGE OF THE SITH ★★**

BATMAN BEGINS ★★★

SIN CITY ★★

Three mega-hits have already been released on DVD in the past few weeks. All three are offered with a premium DVD transfer, giving you the best possible picture and sound imaginable. Two of the three, "Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith" and "Batman Begins" have massive amounts of extras for the true fanatics among you. "Sin City" is slightly more modest with its offering and it may be a good idea to wait for the deluxe super-duper edition DVD, which will surely hit stores in a few months time.

"Batman Begins" is the pick of the bunch. Even non superhero fans will be thoroughly

entertained by Christian Bale's caped crusader. "Sin City" may be the best eye-candy you'll see on DVD this month. It is a gorgeously shot film. I just wish the plot hadn't been so messy and unfocused. And it must be said that "Revenge of the Sith" is the best of the recent Star Wars prequels, but it still pales in comparison to the original trilogy and will generate wistful remembrances from loyal fans of the series, wishing that their beloved franchise hadn't all gone horribly wrong.



THE 40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN ★★★

Directed by Judd Apatow

*Starring: Steve Carell,
Catherine Keener, Paul Rudd,
Leslie Mann & Elizabeth Banks*

*Rated - 15
116 Minutes*

Okay... So it's a one-joke movie. But it's a pretty funny joke and it will have you giggling for two hours. Steve Carell is pitch-perfect in the role, which is something he won't want to hear, and the supporting cast each get to deliver some hilarity. Couple this DVD with "Wedding Crashers" and you have a fantastic double-header of laughs.



BAD SANTA ★★★

Directed by Terry Zwigoff

*Starring: Billy Bob Thornton &
Lauren Graham*

*Rated - 15
98 Minutes*

Billy Bob's Father Christmas is about as politically incorrect a figure as you will likely see all year. This movie wallows in its shamelessness. Lauren Graham holds her own with Thornton as a waitress with a Santa Claus fetish. Throw in an angry dwarf and you have a brutally funny film that is sure to ruin any shred of Christmas spirit.



CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY ★★

Directed by Tim Burton

*Starring: Johnny Depp, Freddie
Highmore, David Kelly,
Helena Bonham Carter*

*Rated - PG
115 Minutes*

Depp does his best impression of Michael Jackson on ecstasy in this pale remake of the classic 1970's version starring Gene Wilder. I have no idea why Depp made the choice he did, but his Willy Wonka is the creepiest character (not in a good way) of the year. Not even a deluxe 2-disc set, packed with extras, can redeem this bizarre effort. Rent the old one instead!