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"Freeze! Or I'll blow"

Very bendable

Plumbers face tough competition

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| <p>1 / Last Orders (Columbia TriStar)
THREE old and profoundly disappointed drinking mates take a flashback-filled trip to the sea to scatter the ashes of a fourth mate. (Being profoundly dead, at least he's less disappointed.) Quite, um, profound, but not exactly a popcorn movie. JE ★★★</p> | <p>2 / Piñero (Buena Vista)
NEW York Puerto Rican Miguel Piñero was a rap pioneer, poet and playwright who was partial to armed robbery and smack. Yes, he died young. The film is as disjointed as his life and it's a bit wanky-arty, but see it if you can handle "electrifying" and "poetry" in the same sentence. JE ★★★</p> | <p>3 / Big Fat Liar (UIP)
THAT kid from <i>Malcolm in the Middle</i> gets his school essay nicked by a sleazeball producer and turned into a movie. The kid seeks revenge and... you can guess the rest of the Big Fat Formula. It's all done by the numbers — ones that don't add up to a good night out. JE ★★</p> | <p>4 / Ali G Indahouse (UIP)
BEFORE seeing this, carefully remove your brain and relax, as you're about to laugh like a stuck donkey for two hours. Mr G gets himself elected as an MP and fills the enormous plot holes with gags about drugs, farts and gangstas. It might not be clever, but it sure is funny. IS ★★★★★</p> | <p>5 / Bend It Like Beckham (Icon)
FIT girls playing soccer. ★★★★★. Oh, the story? It's a bit predictable, but funny. The girls play against their parents' wishes. Tough match. Your girl will like it because it's about "female empowerment". You'll like the fit girls playing soccer. JE ★★★</p> |
| <p>6 / Blade II (Roadshow)
WESLEY Snipes is forced to form an allegiance with the vampires he loathed in <i>Blade</i> in order to slay a new breed of blood-suckers. The abundance of fight scenes, gore and tough-talking wankery is almost enough to mask the paper-thin plot. Almost. GD ★★</p> | <p>7 / Hart's War (Fox)
THIS looks like a WWII, prisoner-of-war-type thing — barbed wire, Germans and so on — but it isn't. It's really a courtroom drama with uniforms and bad weather. With Bruce Willis smirking and the defendant making speeches, the Hun hardly get a look in. IS ★★★</p> | <p>8 / Bully (Becker Entertainment)
"KIDS, I'm going out now, and there's to be no blow, acid, promiscuity, swearing, violence, pregnancies or rape while I'm gone. And none of that murdering, either." Kids, they never listen, so this true story will put you right off parenting. IS ★★★★★</p> | <p>9 / Ghost World (UIP)
ENID and Rebecca flick the finger to high school straight after graduation, so we know we're not in the world of the cool American teen. After dark, their ghost world is inhabited by alienated misfits, obsessives, nerds and mad people. The surprise is that it's actually funny. IS ★★★★★</p> | <p>10 / Sideways of New York (UIP)
OH DEAR. A sex-and-relationships movie without any horny bits. It'd be far more more enjoyable to spend two hours arguing with your own girlfriend, getting caught having your own affair, or impregnating your own one-night stand. EK ★</p> |



"Hey Bruce! Wipe the windshield"

★★★★★ Excellent	★★★★ Hot	★★★ Cool	★★ OK	★ Crap
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