



# Movie Dunce

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## MY FAVORITE TIME OF YEAR

By the Movie Dunce

The Fourth of July is my favorite time of year. It's the time when the seasons change, and the green grass turns to brown, and the smell of grassfires are in the air. It's the time of year when you get that tickly feeling inside that maybe that Fourth of July type of feeling, or it could be the heatstroke from the hot summer sun. Yes, The Fourth of July is a good time of year, a time of tradition, and a time of black powder arsenals, and a time of just good old fashioned arson. After all, why limit it to Devil's Night, when the month of July is so much drier?

One of my favorite things to do at this time of the year is to go out into the forest with my trusty rusty axe and cut down the traditional Fourth of July tree. Or just grab that brown one that's been sitting on that one neighbor's curb since last January. I mean, what the hell, it's free, right? I love the smell of the dead leaves and possible termite infection, and lovingly decorate it with flowers, sparklers and ash snakes, while wrapping the Fourth of July presents to put under the tree.

Faintly in the background I hear the sound of the Fourth of July carols wafting to me as I hide the Fourth of July eggs in the bushes outside, each one

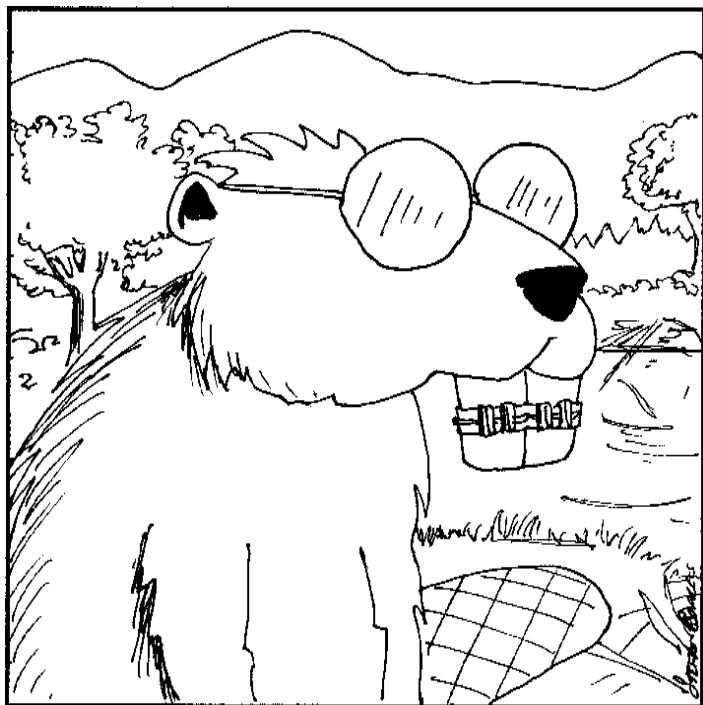
decorated in delirious shades of red, white and blue. Meanwhile, in the oven is roasting the Fourth of July turkey that is stuffed with corndogs and mashed potatoes.

One of the reason I most love this time of year is that it makes me feel like a kid again, as I watch the children all around town dress up in their Fourth of July costumes and go door to door Fourth of July night begging for firecrackers and smoke bombs, and praying to God that they don't get one of those stupid-ass pamphlets that explain why celebrating the Fourth of July means you'll go to hell, when there are so many better, more practical reasons that you'll be going there.

And lastly, the Fourth of July is my favorite time of year, because that it the time of year when Uncle Sam come down our chimneys and gives us the gifts we have been waiting and anticipating all year round. Mainly tax audits, but the sentimental intention is still there.

And so with that, I wish you all a safe, sane and Merry Fourth of July, and also a Happy Arbor Day, which is so named because we have to replant all of the trees that we just burned down over the previous holiday. Merry Fourth of July everybody!!!

## GREY MATTER



BEAVER NERDS

## THE ZODIAC: WHAT'S MY "PORN NAME" EDITION

**ARIES:** Super Gut

**TAURUS:** The Amazing Chode

**GEMINI:** The Gigantic Pud

**CANCER:** El Dong

**LEO:** The Fantastic Flapsnot

**VIRGO:** Manwhorio: The Wonder Weiner

**LIBRA:** The Minute Man (for your incredible accuracy and speed)

**SCORPIO:** Tear-into-your-sore-ass- Rex

**SAGITTARIUS:** Count Chug Your Pud

**CAPRICORN:** Ghengis Cum

**AQUARIUS:** Connie Crotchrot

**PISCES:** Cumbubble Bob

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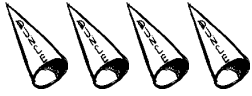
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# Movie Dunce Reviews

## Key to the Dunce Caps Ratings System (for idiots).



Four Dunce Caps means  
it's Freakin' Awesome!



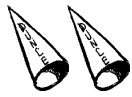
Three and a Half Dunce  
Caps means that it's  
Really Good.



Three Dunce Caps  
means that it's Good.



Two and a Half means it's  
Pretty Good, it maybe worth  
watching.



Two means it's Just Okay.



One and a half means it's  
still crap, but it has a  
moment of merit.



One means  
it's just plain  
crap!!

*By the way, there is no listing for BOMB or just a 1/2 Dunce Cap rating because as bad as the movie may be the people still made a freakin' movie, which is a lot more than I can say about my own accomplishments.*

## Green Lantern

*By the Conspiratorialist Left*

In yet another attempt to shove the Moral Majority down our throats, the conservative (re: fascist) right have produced their latest corporate venture to corrupt the world, "The Green Lantern", a superhero whose very name reeks of military industrialism as he goes about saving the West Coast (re: Republican oil mongers) from the horrors of Parallax, a city-sized HMO monster who is bent on destroying the world, whose head, not coincidentally, bears an uncanny resemblance to Liberal Leader James Carville.

Fascist Canadian, Ryan Reynolds (because no American would stoop to being a stooge of the Republican Party) plays the Green "Lantern", as in 'hide it under a bushel no, I'm gonna let it shine', who is recruited into the galactic stormtroopers, where everyone is overlorded by little blue men, obvious symbols of the Republican blue-bloods, while evil Sinestro, the snake in the garden, wears a suit of green, an obvious stab at the environmentalism of Democrats.

Playing a major role in the film is the fascist military industrial complex portrayed as the heros of the film, which the evil Parallax/James Carville HMO monster takes great relish in attempting to destroy but failing, dually signifying that Democrats only wish to destroy the world, and the equally fascist notion that the military spending is our saviour. They take yet another swipe at the holy bastion of Democracy in the form of the evil scientist son of the senator, obviously meant to portray Senator Hilary Rodham-Clinton as the evil spawn of her husband, Bill Clinton.

Have they no decency? Have they no shame? Movies are meant to educate and entertain, not serve as the propaganda wing for the Republican Party, who seem to think that the red, white and blue stand for Republican red, whitewashing their lies, and ultra-rich bluebloods.

For reasons unknown to us, the Movie Dunce insisted on giving this film Three Dunces, but I feel proud to speak for America when I say to take back those dunces, and to save them for your local Republican politicians.

*By the Conspiratorialist Right*

In yet another attempt to shove political correctness down our throats, the liberal (re: communist) left have produced their latest corporate venture to corrupt the world, "The Green Lantern", a superhero whose very name reeks of environmentalism as he goes about saving the West Coast (re: Democratic Stronghold) from the horrors of Parallax, a city-sized smog monster who is bent on polluting the world, whose head, not coincidentally, bears an uncanny resemblance to Conservative Leader Karl Rove.

Communist Canadian, Ryan Reynolds (because no American would stoop to being a stooge of the Democratic Party) plays the "Green" Lantern who is recruited into a galactic commune, where everyone is equal, and all wear their environmentalism literally on their sleeves in the form of green jumpsuits, who are overlorded by little blue men, obvious symbols of the Democratic Party, while evil Sinestro, the snake in the garden has his skin painted red, an obvious stab at Republicans.

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# New On Video

## THIS MONTH ON VIDEO

### July 12

- Insidious
- Lincoln Lawyer

### July 15

- Rango
- Arthur

### July 19

- Limitless
- Take Me Home Tonight
- Soul Surfer

### July 26

- Source Code
- Trust

## ALREADY IN STORES!

### June 28

#### Barney's Version

No, this is not about Barney Rubble. This is a romantic drama about a man who is accused of murder. A man whose first wife dies, second is a philandering shrew, and hopefully third is perfect for him, with the exception being that he meets her ten minutes after marrying wife number two. He also may or may not have killed his best friend. Come to think about it, this is about Barney Rubble! Three Duncecaps.

### June 21

#### Adjustment Bureau

I liked "Adjustment Bureau" but I've got to be honest, it was slow, like the last little bit of ketchup at the bottom of the bottle slow. I like the idea of an unknown agency adjusting our lives when we stray from our intended lifepath, and asking the question of what would happen if someone caught them in the act. But the plot here is whether two people are meant to be in love (boring!),

and they try to make it action, hence it is slow. If you want sci-fi action, blow something up, if you want love-related action, f--k something! For this film they should have put people in peril, not love in peril. "Inception" was about people who fall asleep for a living, but it still kicked ass. Take some notes, people! I liked "Adjustment Bureau" but can only give it Two Duncecaps.

#### Cedar Rapids

An insurance salesman who thinks of insurance salesmen as the superheros of the world has his world begin to crumble at a convention and goes frathouse wild. It's a comedy where you don't laugh very much, but you like the characters, and the hookers have a heart of gold. Two and a half Duncecaps.

#### Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2: Rodrick Rules

If you liked the last one, you'll like this one. If you haven't seen the last one, pull your head out of your ass and go rent it! Just because it's a family film doesn't mean it's not funny. Three and a half Duncecaps.

### June 14

#### Battle: Los Angeles

Essentially it's "War of the Worlds" meet "Black Hawk Down", as mostly faceless soldiers get mown down along Santa Monica beachfront property. All it is, is one long running battle, but Aaron Eckhart gives a standout performance as Staff Sergeant, and Michelle Rodriguez is always great as ass-kicking eye-candy. There will inevitably be a sequel, but I hope with all my heart that it will not be Battle: New York. I

## The Two-Word review

**Bambi:** Future mantlepiece

**Bandits:** Bankrobbing brothers

**Barb Wire:** Superhero suckfest

**Barton Fink:** What the...

**BASEketball:** Southpark sportsteams

**Basic Instinct:** Crotch shot!

**Basket Case:** Brother monster

**Bean:** Boisterous buffoonery

**Beastmaster:** Gay Conan

**Beautiful Girls:** Artistic wannabe

love New York being destroyed as much as everybody, but it's been overdone. How about "Battle: San Francisco", or "Battle: Albuquerque" instead? Three Duncecaps.

#### Hall Pass

Wives give their husbands a week off from marriage and anything goes, no questions asked? This is not a comedy, this is science fiction! Still, it made me laugh a few times at the end, and I have seen far worse films. But I could have done without all of the penises. If you can, hold out for something better. Two Duncecaps.

### June 7

#### Just Go With It

Although it's an Adam Sandler movie, Jennifer Aniston is the real star and gives us her "A" game, and reminds us of why she is paid so much money. A thoroughly entertaining comedy with lots bikinis. The highlight for me is the hula showdown between Aniston and Nicole Kidman, but true fun awaits for everyone (Hey, that rhymed!). Three Duncecaps!

#### True Grit

Good remake, but it could have been great, partly because you don't see the villian until the movie is nearly over, and then you feel a little let down. That being said, the real star is not

Jeff Bridges, but little Hailee Steinfeld who steals every scene she's in, and was well deserving of the Oscar she was nominated for, for this performance. She's going to give Chloe Grace Moretz a run for her money as best current child actor, and I'm looking forward to her next project, and not just because I'm a pervert. True Grit is worth watching, and gets Three Duncecaps.

### May 31

#### Drive Angry

This film made me angry. It's essentially an exploitation film in the same vein as "Pirhana" only with a lot more guns and a couple less fish. There's lots of fighting and lots of f-cking, and often at the same time. It could have been great, it should have been great, but just makes you feel kind of dirty after watching it. It's a step down for Nicholas Cage in what should have been another great action role for him. You, my dear readers, will probably love it, but in all honesty, I can only give it a Duncecap and a half because I liked William Fichtner in it as the accountant.

### May 17

#### The Mechanic

This is the Jason Statham re-

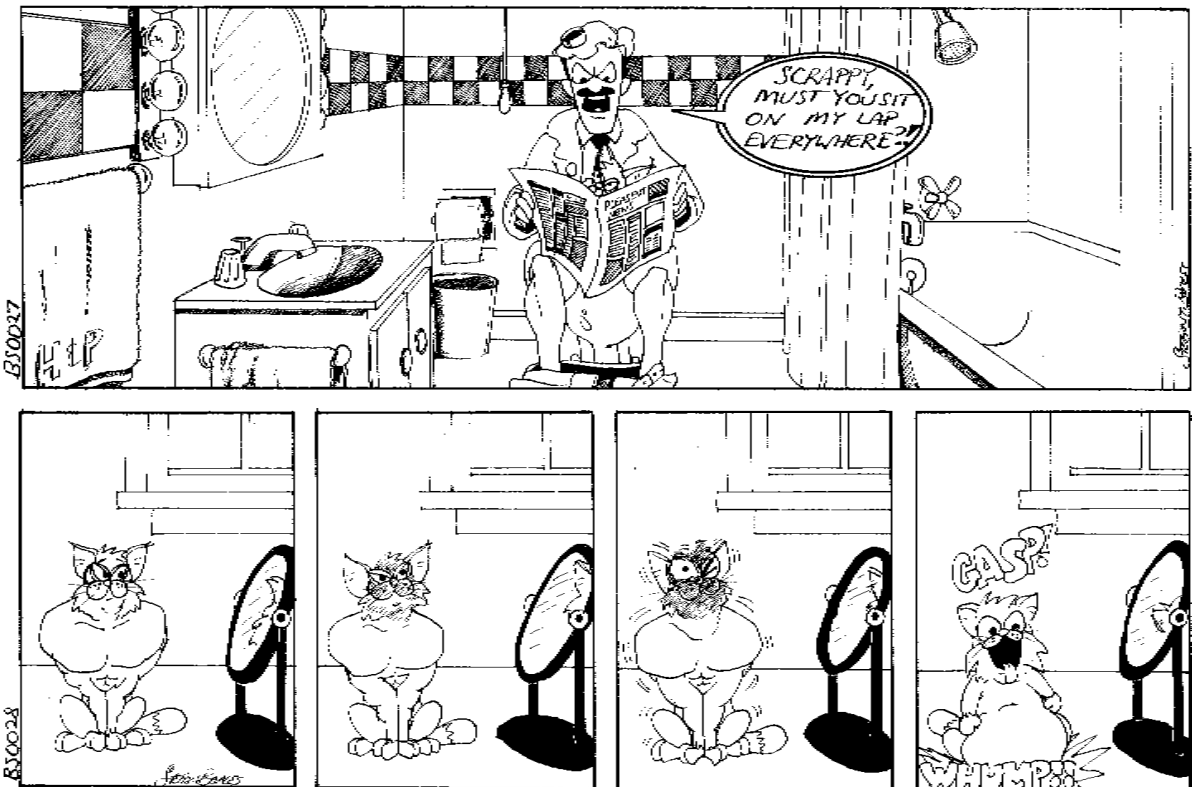
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# COMICS, COMICS, COMICS!

## THE BOOBS



## BUCKY AND SCRAPPY



# Other stuff...

## NEW ON VIDEO CONT.

make of the Charles Bronson action classic. Lots of guns, explosions, and visceral fights. But the true highlight is the garbage disposal scene. This is one that action lovers have to see. Three Dunces.

### The Rite

In this one Anthony Hopkins plays an exorcist showing a skeptical new kid the ropes. Nothing too frightening about it, and if you skip it, you won't have missed anything memorable, but it's a nice dramatic/thriller. For a good visceral Hopkins, go see "Thor" instead. Two and a half Dunces.

### May 10

#### No Strings Attached

No acting attached either. This is just your usual romantic comedy by the numbers with naked celebrities ala Maxim magazine. In other words, you see squat. Kutchner is alright, but Portman gives her usual Vulvan-like performance, which is fine in most of her roles, especially the one she got an Oscar for, but in a romantic comedy you need to be a little more animated like she was in "Thor". If you're looking for something just okay, this is your movie, but you could do better. Two Dunces.

### May 3

#### The Dilemma

The real dilemma should be whether or not to demand your money back for seeing this piece of garbage. Even that P.O.S. "Cop Out" didn't waste its cast as much as this one did. Vince Vaughn does his mile-a-minute schmoozing

schtick and discovers that his best bumbling oaf, played by Kevin James as a mechanical Rain Man, is being cuckolded by his cheating wife played by Winona Ryder, and must decide whether or not to tell him. I can settle it right now. Tell him so you can end this God awful movie! It's like an indy comedy in that it's 90% drama. Do yourself a favor and avoid this film. Even "Paul Blart: Mall Cop" was better than this. One and a half Dunces.

### Green Hornet

"The Green Hornet" is a superhero movie both written by and starring Seth Rogen, so expect pot jokes and groin shots aplent. In spite of all the weight he lost, Rogen is still a large-framed fat-bodied superhero who plays a bumbling oaf from first to last. The only heroic part of him is his desire for justice and willingness to put his family fortune to that end. As long as you don't even try to take it seriously you'll do just fine. Lots of groin shots and explosions for the kiddies, and one liners for the grownups. It's entertaining, enjoyable, and will never win an Oscar. Three Dunces.

### April 19

#### Gulliver's Travels

You know how Jack Black is known for his edgy but juvenile sense of humor? Don't expect any of that here. In fact take every word out of that sentence except for 'juvenile' and you'll be hitting much closer to the mark. This one is strictly for the kiddies, which adults will find only tolerable. Although you do get to see hime piss in a guys mouth, who seems to take it all in, mouth agape. It was supposed

to be funny, but just seemed dirty to me. In fact, I think the Germans have made a million dollar industry off of just these sorts of videos. I'm just saying. This one only gets Two Dunces.

### King's Speech

The "K-k-k-k-king's Speech" K-k-k-k-kicks ass! It looks like another stuffy costume drama, but like Amadeus before it, it is amazingly refreshing and funny, and Geoffrey Rush steals every scene he's in. Totally worth watching, in spite of being hindered by the stigma that it was the Best Picture Winner. Check it out! Three and a Half Dunces!

### Somewhere

Some review of "Somewhere" somehow deserves some grade...someday. But not by me.

### April 15

#### Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part One

Does anybody remember when the Harry Potter series used to be about cute kids learning about magic in a funny way while going on rousing action filled adventures? Now it's turned into one long series of depressing cliffhangers after another as you wonder which character they plan to kill off this time. I'm now starting to hope for the end of the series. Well, at least Hermione is getting hotter in each film and Daniel Radcliffe keeps his clothes on. Well mostly, at any rate. Three Dunces.

### April 5

#### Little Fockers

Not bad considering this is Focker number three and could

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Brought to you by

Darin G.

"I'll be drunk when you do it (It's the only way he'll do it)."

## TOP TEN

*Sports Movies*

10. Rocky IV
9. Rocky III
8. Cinderella Man
7. Miracle
6. Major League
5. A League of Their Own
4. Waterboy
3. Happy Gilmore
2. Caddyshack
1. Gladiator

**THIS MONTH IN STAR TREK: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE ANNOYING! (FOR NERDS ONLY)**

July 13, 1940

Patrick Stewart is born.

July 20, 2005

James Doohan dies.

July 29, 1972

Wil Wheaton is born.

## COMING SOON TO MOVIE DUNCE

*Nothing that need concern you.*

have easily smelled like number two. DeNiro's comedy has much improved since that POS *Analyze This*, but sadly he has now fallen into the arena of dick and fart jokes. And I mean that literally, they cover them both in this movie. I wouldn't pay theater price for it, but you'll do okay on video. Two and a Half Dunces.