

Antonio Banderas, a veteran of several of saucy Spanish director Almodovar's films, makes his English-speaking debut in **THE MAMBO KINGS**

town. The film features cameos from Clive Barker, Joe Dante, Tobe Hopper and John Landis . . . NZer Sam Neill is the corrupt government agent obsessed with the capture of Chevy Chase in **MEMOIRS OF AN INVISIBLE MAN**, a "romantic thriller". Daryll Hannah provides the romance as Chevy finds being invisible isn't really that great . . . being a child genius isn't all that great either, as Adam Hann-Byrd discovers in **LITTLE MAN TATE**. Working solo mother Jodie Foster tries her best, but the boy ends up at a special camp for bright kids. Life is as bad as it sounds, with some solace coming from Harry Connick Jr in a cameo as the de facto big brother . . . **MYSTERY DATE** is a comedy thriller starring Ethan Hawke (of *Dead Poets Society*). It reminds us all that a first date can be hell on earth . . . If you like the *I Love Lucy* reruns on TV then you must see **THE MAMBO KINGS**. Two Cubans, played by Armand Assante and Antonio Banderas come to New York in the 50s at the height of the Mambo craze. Determined to find fame and fortune they wind up on the *I Love Lucy* show with Desi Arnez Jr absolutely brilliant as his late father. Superb 50s period styling . . . action fans may get a shock seeing Sylvester Stallone in the comedy **STOP, OR MY MOM WILL SHOOT!** which opens here at the end of the month. We haven't seen it yet, but it's doing big box office in the US right now.



GIVE IT AWAY

Phew, a huge a pile of entries last month, so we've made this month a little harder. If you missed out, try your luck again, send one entry only to: RIU Giveaway, PO Box 5689, Auckland 1.

1. **IN BED WITH MADONNA** (\$39.95 at bookstores, department and music stores nationwide) We've got **FOUR** Madonna prizepacks, each containing a copy of the video and a movie poster.

Q: What is Madonna's full name?

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(BOYZ N THE HOOD) (TWIN PEAKS)



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2. **NEW JACK CITY** (renting nationally) Movie posters, soundtrack albums and one copy of the video.
 Q: Name that bloke from *The Breakfast Club* who also stars in *New Jack City*.
3. **STOP, OR MY MOM WILL SHOOT!** (screens nationwide 31 July) A dozen t-shirts and movie posters.
 Q: Name FOUR other films (not including sequels) that Sylvester Stallone has starred in.

VIDEO PREVIEW

NEW JACK CITY The multi-talented Mario Van Peebles directs and stars in this effective action film chronicling the effects of the drug Crack and how the power and mo' money corrupts the dealers. Wesley Snipes plays the "New Jack" drug lord Nino Brown and, in a strange bit of casting, rapper Ice T plays the cop out to get him. A great film that gets the Black Urban Experience right, albeit by reverting to stereotype at times.

HOT SHOTS! Charlie Sheen stars as Topper Harley, ace fighter pilot with an attitude. He joins a crack team of pilots brought together for a top secret mission. Put together by the makers of *Flying High* and *Naked Gun* this is an obvious send up of *Top Gun* — and a zillion other movies besides.

HARDWARE Still showing at one Auckland theatre, *Hardware* is a *Terminator*-meets-*Alien* type of film, but on a smaller budget. The film is a battle of survival as various humans fight against Mach 13, a droid programmed to kill humans as part of a population control scheme. The violent action goes right to the edge, giving this film an R18 rating.

THE GRIFTERS This is a must-see. Based on Jim Thompson's novel this is a tale about con artists - Grifters. Angelica Huston is Lily, the master of the con, with John Cusack as her son Roy. Together with his girlfriend Myra (Annette Benning) the two set about trying their own scams. So much for the plot, what about the film? In short: an excellent cast, great story and beautiful cinematography provide an excellent film.

KING RALPH Fans of TV's *Roseanne* will enjoy John Goodman as Ralph Jones, who becomes next in line when the entire Royal Family is wiped out in a freak accident. Being the American good ol' boy he is, King Ralph possesses none of the tact, diplomacy, and restraint required for a successful monarch. This movie is probably the best argument against republicanism the royalists have got.