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An american tail movie guide

There are plenty of notable new movies set to hit the big screen this week. Can't decide which option to buy tickets in the first place? Here's a selection of our staff for the top three flicks to check out in theaters this weekend.

1. American Ultra Future fast-paced action comedy stars Jesse Eisenberg as Mike, an unhappy and unmotivated stoner and Kristen Stewart as his live-in girlfriend, Phoebe. Their small town is suddenly turned upside down when Mike realizes that – unfamiliar to him – he is actually a highly skilled, deadly sleeping agent. When his secret past returns to haunt him, Mike is inserted into the middle of a deadly government operation in an instant. In order to survive, he is forced to summon his inner hero fighter. Topher Grace, Connie Britton, John Leizamo and Tony Hale also co-stars. Directed by Nima Nirzadeh, the film has earned a mixed reception, with critics arguing that the genre-mashed story gets confused and eventually loses its charm. However, for those who want to beat the heat of fun and funny - if a little bennet - stoner comedy, it will do the job. As USA Today wrote: There is to entertain in its own universe of weirdness, munchies are optional. 2. Being Evel directed by Daniel Junge, this documentary tells the incredible story behind the myth of the 1970s American daredevil pioneer icon for the scene of modern extreme sports, Robert Evel Knievel. It also delves into the previously countless and much darker tale of the man behind the flamboyant ingestion: a one-time outlaw whose wildly dangerous career including 75 ramps up a motorcycle ramp jumps and saw him break every bone in his body. The film has earned extensive reviews so far, with critics calling it a moving, rocketing film that dares to get behind a man's bravado and explore the dark psychological reasons why he so withered to put his life on the line over and over again. Those interested in learning more about one of America's strangest and most charming icons will get answers from this comprehensive profile.

3. Digging for fire It's indie drama stars Jake Johnson and Rosemary DeWitt as Tim and Lee, husband and wife with a young child, who get the chance to stay in a fancy house in the Hollywood Hills. Their stay is complicated by Tim's discovery of a bone and a rusty old shotgun in the yard. Excited by the idea of secrecy, Tim and his friends are looking for clues to the mystery, and Lee - who would prefer he to focus on family taxes - is looking for answers to bigger marriage and paternity questions. Anna Kendrick, Brie Larson, Melanie Lynskey and Sam Rockwell co-star. The film, which reunites drinking pals co-stars Johnson and Kendrick with director Joe Swanberg, has earned a positive reception so far. Like Swanberg's signature style, the dialogue is largely improvised, allowing the star-studded cast to disband on its own. Film itself natural and relaxing and is the most emotionally mature recording of the director to date. Day. From entertainment cheat sheet: Want more great content like this? Sign up here to get the best out of the cheat sheet delivered daily. No spam; just considering the content right to the inbox Strange Pie appears a lot in movies and TV. Well, it's not so weird — the cake is delicious after all. But not all movies celebrate pie. In fact, some destructive pie. I'm certainly talking about American Pie and its shameful pie scene. If the part where Jason Biggs's character Jim Levenstein asks what third base is and he's told it feels like a warm apple pie hasn't spoiled the treat forever, the scene where Jim actually makes nasty with a pet mom apple tart will be accurate. It's hard to look at dessert the same way after watching a movie. Biggs, who is notoriously quite crass on Twitter these days, even uses the scene to justify his sometimes downright awful reflections. To anyone who's freaking out about my tweets: you know, I put in a pie, right? The actor tweeted in 2012. What he's done, and now that's been 15 years since American Pie first came out, we're celebrating the coming-of-age story, and it's an unforgettable pie-deceiving scene. But it's fair to cut the film a bit of slack. After all, this isn't the first film to spoil a flakier dessert, and it won't be the last. So in honor of the 15th anniversary of American Pie, here are seven more films that also ruined the pie forever. Interestingly, it wasn't considered graphic enough for the MPAA to ban, so maybe they're all secretly cannibals. SWEENEY TODD Speaking cannibalism, remember Johnny Depp/Helena Bonham Carter meat pie baking team? Good times. This film has shattered pies twice: Once, when Mrs. Lovett sings about being the worst pies in London and making a party while cockroaches crawl around. Then it obviously breaks down dessert a second time when they start stuffing people into crusts. While Keri Russell's character makes the pies look masterful, they are clouded by the sadness of this film. Essentially, it turned eating pies into a melancholy experience for those who watched the film. WILLY WONKA AND CHOCOLATE FACTORY You can't ruin the pie for you, but it certainly did for Violet Beauregard after Vonka's blueberry chewing gum pie course turned her into a topical blueberries. PUSHING DAISIES Technically is a TV show, but let's not forget that what really went into these pies was rotting fruit from the back of Ned's kitchen. At one point David Arquette even comes to bake offal pie. (Translation: animal entrails). In all seriousness though, this film ruins the pie, if only for pushing the daisies out of thin air, and everything is awful. Feeling pretty sick still? Or you are completely get baking? Picture: Universal Pictures; Hoyts, Evs Paramount pictures; children can begin to learn about American history at a young age. Over the years, a number of great videos and films have been created that entertain and educate children about America's short but enlightening past. Filled with patriotic songs and fun lessons about America's founders, the history of the country and how government works, these films are the perfect place to start your little child's American history. A holiday like the Fourth of July can be the perfect introduction to these videos because of your kids will enjoy them all year round. Photo © Disney. All rights reserved. Schoolhouse Rock was a series of three-minute animated shorts that use music and funny but educational lyrics to teach children grammar, arithmetic, history, science, government and many others. The series aired from 1973 to 1986 and again in the early nineties, winning several awards. The election collection is a compilation of songs related to the U.S. government and U.S. history. The menu allows viewers to play all the songs or select songs related to elections by category. With songs like I'm Just Bill, the show eloquently explains some of the most complex processes in easy-to-understand and catchy melodies. It's great to go big for 7 years or more. Younger children will still enjoy songs and cartoons, but the song's material may be overheard. Photo © Paramount Home Entertainment in the late 1980s, Charles Schultz released a CBS miniseries that found his favorite Peanut characters traveling through time to visit important people, places, and events in U.S. history. This two-disc DVD set includes all eight episodes of the series, including Independence Day-themed Episodes of Charlie Brown such as Mayflower Voyagers, Birth of the Constitution and Music and Heroes of America. As a young parent yourself, you may even have grown up watching them as they were beg to air or how to re-operate on a Saturday morning. You might even have songs like Yankee Doodle performed by the Peanuts gang. Photo © DIC Entertainment Television series Children of Liberty is an animated show that airs on PBS. Aimed at children between the ages of 7 and 12, the series introduces children to American history through the eyes of two young apprentice reporters named Sarah and James, who experience first-hand the conflicts and events that have shaped their nation. Famous names such as Walter Cronkite, Dustin Hoffman, Annette Bening, Michael Douglas, Wally Goldberg and more lend their voices to bring the story to life for children. It is designed to help them learn not only about history, but also about the different perspectives that people could have at this pivotal time. All the exciting and educational episodes of the show are composed in this wonderful DVD set. Photo © New Video Group Inc. In this video collection there are animated adaptations of three children's books celebrating U.S. history and geography. In the United States of America, Laurie Keller when 50 states come together and decide to switch places. Arlo Guthrie sings along to his father's legendary song This Land is your land illustrated beautifully in Katie Jacobsen's American paintings. Also, Aretha Franklin is reviled by the soulful performance of the national anthem in the animated film The Star That Engulfed the Banner. The DVD edition includes two bonus stories about American heroes John Henry and Johnny Eppightsade. Photo © American Animation Studio. From the DVD series Heroes of History, Paul Revere: Midnight Ride is a 3-D animated film that is both entertaining and educational. Ellie the Eagle and poet Ralph Waldo Emerson look back in time and link the amazing story of American hero Paul Revere. The kids will learn all about revere's midnight ride and the famous shot is heard around the world. A remarkable presentation of this fascinating story will have children on the edge of their seats as they marvel that such a story really happened. Photo © American Animation Studio. The SÉRIES DVD Heroes of History continues in this compelling presentation of Patrick Henry's story in a 3-D animated film called Patrick Henry: The Quest for Freedom. Boomer Eagle introduces children to founding fathers at the 1775 Virginia Convention. He also helps children understand Patrick Henry's background and the events that shaped his character and his beliefs leading up to the moment he shouted these famous words: Give me freedom or give me death! SÉRIES DVD Heroes of History depicts riveting stories of true American heroes in a way that helps children see what the story can really be fascinating! Photo © 2007 LLC NestFamily, All rights reserved. This animated story follows the extraordinary life of George Washington through his days as a military leader and underscores his contribution as the father of our nation. The DVD comes with a 48-page resource and activity book. This will help your children learn how entertained they are and show videos one step further. It's a fantastic way to encourage early interest in U.S. Photo © NestFamily LLC, All Rights Reserved. This DVD story about Benjamin Franklin focuses mostly on his contributions as an inventor. The children learn about his experiments with lightning and electricity and the opposition he faced from those who doubted him. Like George Washington's version, this DVD comes with a 48-page resource and book activity. From coloring books to puzzles and word games, it promises to offer hours of educational entertainment. Photo © Bald Eagle Media, Inc. All Aboard America is taking the kids on a fun animated journey with Rudy, a bald eagle and his dog star friends and a strip cat. Rudy and his friends take the kids on a fun journey to famous landmarks across America, enjoying famous American tunes such as Yankee Doodle Dandy and Home on the Range as they leave. This hilarious little cartoon has a running time of approximately 39 minutes and is excellent for kids from 2 to 8. 8.