

Movies

▼ A 90-minute episode of *The Simpsons* takes six years to make. *The Simpsons Movie* finally makes its big-screen debut and is a major hit.

▼ Shia LaBeouf portrays a teenager who is plunged into a high-tech battle between good and evil alien robots in *Transformers*, a live action adaptation of the 1980s cartoon series.



◀ *Atonement* receives seven Golden Globe nominations, including lead acting nods for Keira Knightley and James McAvoy.

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▶ Disney's *National Treasure: Book of Secrets* nets the third-highest box-office total ever for a Christmas weekend release.

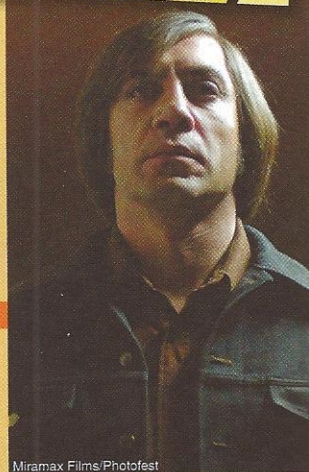


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▼ *The Great Debaters*, based on the real-life victories of a black debate team in the 1930s, receives eight NAACP Image Award nominations.

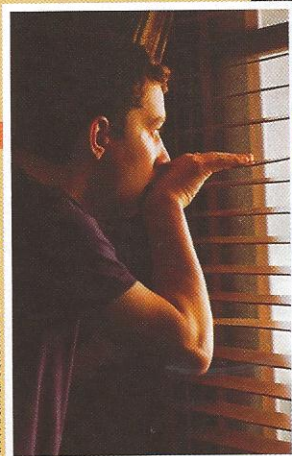


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▲ Joel and Ethan Coen write and direct *No Country for Old Men*, a film adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's bleak, moody modern western novel. The film receives eight Oscar nominations.



◀ *Disturbia*, a surprise hit thriller about a bored teenager under house arrest who thinks his next-door neighbor may be a notorious serial killer, spends three weeks at the top of the box office.

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