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John Leguizamo, Wesley Snipes and Patrick Swayze play three drag queens in "To Wong Fu, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar." Much of the film was filmed in Nebraska.

Fall brings films for everyone

By Gerry Beltz Senior Reporter

From video games to drag queens, Brooklyn vampires to British secret agents, the movie scene this fall has

something to appeal to everyone. Granted, the movies coming out between now and December couldn't all be listed here, but these are some of

the highlights. Remember, these release dates aren't set in stone and can change at

any time without notice.

August -

Despite the weak reception to "Super Mario Bros." and "Street Fighter," another video game comes to the big screen Aug. 18 with the release of "Mortal Kombat."

Christopher Lambert ("Highlander") plays the Thunder God Raiden. who joins three skilled Earth mortals to enter a deadly martial arts tourna-

The week of Aug. 25 should be busy with three major releases slated. "Lord of Illusions" was written and directed by horror writer Clive Barker ("Hellraiser") and stars Scott Bakula (television's "Quantum Leap") and Famke Janssen ("Goldeneye"). The movie centers around a private detective (Bakula) who is obsessed with cults.

Also arriving that week is Antonio Banderas in "Desperado," the follow-up to the successful "El Mariachi." "The Tie That Binds" features an allstar cast including Darryl Hannah, Vincent Spano, Moira Kelly and Keith Carradine, Childless couple adopts baby. Psycho parents want baby back. Well ... you guess what happens from there.

September -

"To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar," largely filmed in Nebraska, is set for release Sept. 8. Patrick Swayze, Wesley Snipes and John Leguizamo star as drag queens who set off on a cross-country trek, but get stuck in a small, Midwestern town.

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ers" working as a police detective Demi Moore takes on the leading role. trying to discover why an innocent person has confessed to a brutal murder. John Turturro ("Quiz Show") costars in the film, which should be out Sept. 13.

Set for a Sept. 22 release, "Seven" stars Brad Pitt and Morgan Freeman, two detectives searching for a brutal murderer who patterns his crimes after the seven deadly sins. On that same day, "Hackers" will ride the current wave of films about computers and the people who can control them.

Two movies that have already been released nationally — "To Die For" with Nicole Kidman and "Dead Presidents" with Larenz Tate ("Menace II Society") — are slated to arrive in the Capital City Oct. 6, along with "Assassins," starring Sylvester Stallone and Banderas.

Academy Award-nominees Ralph Fiennes ("Quiz Show," "Schindler's List"), Angela Bassett ("What's Love Got to Do With It") and Juliette Lewis ("Natural Born Killers") star in 'Strange Days."

Classic literature goes to celluloid with "The Scarlet Letter" Oct. 20.

The film has made waves in literary circles because the ending supposedly has been changed to make it more upbeat.

Oct. 27 will bring another slew of new arrivals, including Eddie Murphy as "A Vampire in Brooklyn" and Harry Connick Jr. as a copycat murderer in "Copycat," also starring Holly Hunter and Sigourney Weaver.

Slamming screens that same day is "Fair Game," starring Cindy Crawford (as a lawyer?) and Billy Baldwin as the cop protecting her.

November -Pinhead, the master of pain and suffering, returns Nov. 11 in "Hellraiser 4: Bloodlines," in which he wreaks misery and anguish through three generations.

Everyone's favorite rubber-faced et detective returns Nov. 10 in "Ace entura 2: When Nature Calls."

Bond is back, and he has a new face. Pierce Brosnan picks up the Walther, PPK for the latest installment in the Bond series, due out Nov. 17.

Also on that date, catch "Sabrina," a romantic comedy starring Harrison Ford, Greg Kinnear and Julia Ormond.