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Começaria Tudo Outra Vez (I Would Start All Over Again) -- The life story of singer and composer Gonzaguinha. Written and directed by Dacio Malta. With Gaspar Filho and musicians.

As Criadas (The Maids) -- Jean Genet's classic play directed by Ricardo Torres. The power struggle between a homemaker and her two maids. With Leonardo Vieira, Dócio Garcez and Marco Rocha.

Francisco de Assis (Francis of Assisi) -- Created and directed by Ciro Barcelos, who also stars with Camila Amado. Based on the life and writings of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Futuro do Pretérito (Future Perfect) -- Romantic comedy about the 20-year evolution in a

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group of friends. With Lilia Cabral and Dalton Vigh. Written by Regiana Antonini and directed by Marcelo Saback.

SÃ£o Paulo

DrÃ¡cula e Outros Vampiros (Dracula and Other Vampires) -- A collection of comic and thrilling characters. Created and directed by Antunes Filho with the ensemble Grupo de Teatro MacunaÃ-ma

Cenas de um Casamento (Scenes of a Marriage) -- This is the classic text by Ingmar Bergman about a seemingly happy marriage. Vivian Buckup directs. Maria Adelaide Amaral translated. Tony Ramos and Regina Braga star.

A ComÃ©dia (The Comedy) -- Complicated and funny love-triangle. MaurÃ-cio Lencastre wrote and directs. Viviane Dias, Ludh Raposo and Gabriela Neri star.

Intensa Magia (Intense Magic) -- Contemporary drama written by Maria Adelaide Amaral. Silnei Siqueira directs Mauro MendonÃa, Rosamaria Murtinho and Nina de PÃ¡dua.

MOVIES

American films just released: *Emma (Emma)*, *The Craft (Jovens Bruxas)*, *The Island of Doctor Moreau (A Ilha do Dr. Moreau)*, *Welcome to the Dollhouse (Bem-Vindo À Casa de Bonecas)*, *Carried Away (Atos de Amor)*, *Fear (Medo)*, *Angel Baby (Angel Baby)*, *Escape from Los Angeles (Fuga de Los Angeles)*, *A Time to Kill (Tempo de Matar)*, *If Lucy Fell (Lado a Lado com o Amor)*, *Chain Reaction (Reação em Cadeia)*, *If Unforgettable (Inesquecível)*, *Phenomenon (Fenômeno)*, *Striptease (Striptease)*

Doces Poderes (Sweet Powers) -- Brazil -- 1995 -- A TV drama during an electoral campaign. Directed by Lúcia Murat. With Marisa Orth, Antônio Fagundes and Otávio Augusto.

Fica Comigo (Stay With Me) -- Brazil -- 1996 -- The difficult relationship between parents and teenagers. Directed by Tizuka Yamasaki. Starring Antônio Fagundes, Luciana Rigueira, Vitor Hugo and Lúcia Alves.

Guantanamera (Guantanamera) -- Spain/Cuba -- 1995 -- How to transport the dead during a fuel crisis in Cuba. Directed by Tomás Gutiérrez Alea and Juan Carlos Tabía with Carlos Cruz, Mirtha Ibarra and Salvador Wood.

Mina Tannenbaum (Duas Amigas) -- France/Belgium/Holland -- 1993 -- Two female friends come of age in the '70s in Paris. By Martine Dogowson with Romane Bohringer and Elsa Zylberstein.

O Monge e a Filha do Carrasco (The Monk and the Hangman's Daughter) -- Brazil/EUA -- 1994 -- Directed by Walter Lima Jr., starring Murilo Benício, Karina Barun, Patrícia Pillar and Paul Dillon. A young Franciscan monk deals with faith and desires in 18th century Germany.

Stealing Beauty (Beleza Roubada) -- Italy/England/France -- 1996 -- Teenager awakes middle-age passion. By Bernardo Bertolucci with Liv Tyler, Jeremy Irons, Stefania Sandrelli.

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Suite 16 (Aconteceu na Suíte 16) -- Holland/England/France -- 1995 -- Two men in a hotel room disputing for power. Directed by Dominique Deruddere. Starring Pete Postlethwaite.

Tieta do Agreste (Tieta from the Northeast Backlands) -- Brazil -- 1996 -- Almost 30 years after being expelled from home by the father, Antonieta (Tieta) goes back to her hometown. Carlos Diegues directs. Sônia Braga, Marília Pera and Chico Anísio star.

BOOKS

Fiction

1. *O Monte Cinco*

Paulo Coelho

2. *Opera do Cavalo de Tróia 5*

J. J. Benítez

3. *A Profecia Celestina*

James Redfield

4. *Novas ComÃ©dias da Vida Privada*

LuÃ­s Fernando VerÃ­ssimo

5. *Mas SerÃ¡ o Benedito?*

MÃ¡rio Prata

6. *A DÃ©cima Profecia*

James Redfield

7. *O XangÃ´ de Baker Street*

JÃ´ Soares

8. *O Mundo de Sofia*

Jostein Gaarder

9. *Uma Pulga na Camisola*

Max Nunes

10. *O Homem que Calculava*

Malba Tahan

Nonfiction

1. *Inteligência Emocional*

Daniel Goleman

2. *Almas Gêmeas*

Márcia Buonfiglio

3. *Sã o Amor % Real*

Brian L. Weiss

4. *As Sete Leis Espirituais do Sucesso*

Deepak Chopra

5. *Zico Conta Sua História*

Zico

6. *A Renúncia de Jânio*

Carlos Castello Branco

7. *Guia New York -- Compras*

Katia Zero

8. *Minutos de Sabedoria*

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9. *Anjos Cabalísticos*

Má'rica Buonfiglio

10. *Frases*

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