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Thu 6th - Fri 7th March 2008 (8th week)

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Saturday 8th March at 7.30pm
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CINEMA
to Fri 7th March

Ultimate Picture Palace (245288)

DON'T TOUCH THE AXE [PG] Thu: 6.00pm
Jacques Rivette directs Balzac's novella La Duchesse de Langeais.
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN [15] Thu: 9.00pm, Fri: 6.45pm
Coen brothers' latest.
BE KIND REWIND [12A] Fri: 9.15pm
Clerks have to re-film the contents of a video shop.

Vue Cinema (08712 240 240)

THE WATER HORSE [PG] Thu: 2.00pm
Dick King-Smith's tale of big aqueous beast.
BE KIND REWIND [12A] Thu: 4.00, 8.45pm
Clerks have to re-film the contents of a video shop.
JUNO [12A] Thu: 1.30, 6.30pm
Tale of teen pregnancy.
SEMI-PRO [15] Thu: 2.15, 4.30, 6.45, 9.00pm; Fri: 6.45, 9.00, 11.15pm
Basketball comedy.
UNTRACEABLE [18] Thu: 3.45, 6.15, 8.35pm; Fri: 8.30, 10.50pm
A serial killer puts his victims on the internet.
THE BANK JOB [15] Thu: 3.15, 5.45, 8.15pm; Fri: 3.15, 5.45, 8.15, 10.45pm
Robbers get more than they bargained for.
NATIONAL TREASURE 2 [PG] Thu: 1.50, 4.50, 7.45pm; Fri: 4.00pm
Nicholas Cage unearths more secrets.
THERE WILL BE BLOOD [15] Thu: 4.30, 8.00pm; Fri: 1.15, 4.30, 7.45pm
Mesmerising tale of oil and greed.
RAMBO [18] Thu: 2.45, 5.00, 7.15, 9.30pm; Fri: 2.45, 5.00, 7.15, 9.30, 11.40pm
Sylvester Stallone exterminates more nameless Asians. Reluctantly, this time.
JUMPER [12A] Thu: 3.00, 5.15, 7.30, 9.40pm; Fri: 3.00, 5.20, 7.30, 9.40, 11.45pm
A man who can teleport at will.
THE ACCIDENTAL HUSBAND [12A] Thu: 2.30, 4.40, 7.00, 9.15pm; Fri: 2.30, 4.45, 7.00, 9.15, 11.30pm
Will Uma Thurman fall for a charming fireman?
VANTAGE POINT [12A] Fri: 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45, 11.00pm
Who shot the President?
THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL [12A] Fri: 2.15, 5.10, 8.00, 10.35pm
Curious reworking of the story of Henry VIII's wife.
THE GAME PLAN [U] Fri: 3.30, 6.00pm
Bachelor quarterback meets unknown daughter.

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SEMI-PRO [15] Thu: 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30pm, Fri: 4.15, 8.45pm
Basketball comedy.
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN [15] Thu: 2.15 8.00pm
Coen brothers' latest.
NATIONAL TREASURE 2: BOOK OF SECRETS [PG] Thu: 5.15pm
Nicholas Cage unearths more secrets.
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THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL [12A] Fri: 2.15, 5.15, 8.15pm
Curious reworking of the story of Henry VIII's wife.

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THE BUCKET LIST [12A] Thu: 12.15pm
Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman have things to do before they die.
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Will Uma Thurman fall for a charming fireman?
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A man who can teleport at will.
JUNO [12A] Thu: 1.30, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00pm; Fri: 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30pm
Tale of teen pregnancy.
DEFINITELY MAYBE [12A] Thu: 2.30, 5.15, 8.00pm, Fri: 8.00pm
Romantic comedy. A father explains how he met his daughter's mother.
BE KIND REWIND [12A] Thu: 12.30, 3.00, 5.30, 8.15pm; Fri: 3.00, 5.30, 8.15pm
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Curious reworking of the story of Henry VIII's wife.

Oxford Playhouse (305305)

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THEATRE REVIEW

The Clean House

Oxford Playhouse, to Sat March 8th.

See theatre listings, below left.

Poignant, hilarious and at times verging on the ridiculous, Sarah Ruhl's play, directed by John Dove, is a touching portrayal of five people's attempts to grapple with the underlying realities in their lives – all under the roof of one spotlessly clean house.

The play is centred on Lane (played by Patricia Hodge), a highly-successful and busy doctor intent on having a clean house but with no time to clean it. She has employed Matilde, the Brazillian-born maid who hates cleaning and is desperate to swap her apron and gloves for a career as a comedienne; Virginia, meanwhile, is Lane's sister and the epitome of domesticity, persuading Matilde to let her clean Lane's house in secret. As the play unfolds, it emerges that Lane's surgeon husband, Charles, is having an affair with his 67 year-old patient Ana, who is dying of breast cancer. The two are besotted with one another and claim to be soulmates. Shaken from her apparently seamless world of career success and marital stability, Lane is forced to take stock of her life and, ultimately, discover her own sense of compassion.

There are only 5 cast members, but each one is fantastic: Hodge is utterly convincing as the career-driven doctor, and Natalie Teena and Joanna McCallum, who play Matilde and Virginia respectively, are also excellent. A special mention must also go to Oliver Cotton and Elinor Bron, whose portrayal of the new-found lovers becomes increasingly moving as the play goes on.

It is easy to see why Ruhl's play has been nominated for so many awards, not least because of some of the hilarious lines that form a bulk of the dialogue ('If you don't clean how do you know if you've made any progress in life?'; 'My husband is like a well-placed sofa. He takes up just the right amount of space'). It is the way in which Ruhl so finely captures the various moods, situations and rationale of modern western life, combined with the superb cast of this production, that make this play a real joy to watch and a must-see if you can.

Chrissie Sheaf

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THEATRE
to Sat 8th March

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OFS Studio (297170)

MORT Tue 4th - Fri 7th: 7.30pm; Sat 8th: 2.30, 7.30pm
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Burton Taylor Studio (305305)

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NATTY HI-FI ROOTS REGGAE / King Elijah + Mark Wallace on violin & guitar / 8-12, free / 07906 673 212 / Temple Bar, 21 Temple St.

SINE STAR PROJECT, THE MARMADUKES, THE ROUNDHEELS / Melancholic pop & country based rock / 8pm £5 / Jericho Tavern, Walton St / 311775

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KIKI DEE & CARMELO LUGGERI / Pop/new wave voice & guitar / £17.50 (£15), 8pm / JdP Music Building, St. Hilda's College, Cowley Place / 276821

THE GATHERING / Acoustic open mic night - all welcome. / 9-11.30pm / Free / The Flowing Well, Sunningwell, OX13 6RB; Tel: 01865 735846

PORT MAYHEM! / Bite-size treats including Sharron Kraus & Lucia, Tongue Tide, Richard Brotherton and other surprise guests. / 8.30-11pm / £4/£3 (NUS/with flyer) / www.myspace.com/portmayhem / Port Mahon, St. Clement's

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Fri 7th

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GREGOR TRESHER / 11pm - £9 adv / 07787 148 796 / The Zodiac ‰ Carling Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Rd, OX4 1UE / 0844 477 2000

ALVIN ROY'S REEDS UNLIMITED / Swing/Mainstream jazz / 8.30-11pm free / www.alvinroyjazz.co.uk / 01865 792718 / Old Orleans Bar, George St

BABY GRAVY, THE NOYZE AND MORE / 7pm Free / Purple Turtle, Frewin Court, off Cornmarket / 247007

KATE GARRETT BAND, MOIETY, MAEVE BAYTON / 8pm £4 / The Wheatsheaf, Wheatsheaf Alley, 129 High St, OX1 4DF / 721156

CEDRIC MAISON & BARG / Deep house / 7.30pm, £5 / www.the-regal.com / 241261 / The Regal, (the old Bingo Hall), Magdalen Street

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MEETINGS & LECTURES

Thu 6th

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GO / BADUK / WEIQI: PLAY & LEARN / Oriental board-game - play or watch; also free lessons / Oxford City Go Club / Free - all welcome. 7pm / www.britgo.org/clubs/oxford_c.html / 248775 / 273928 / Freud's, Walton St / 311171

SPEAKER EVENT & EXHIBITION / Journeys in Colour: Seeking indigo blues & crimson reds around the globe / 5-6.30pm, £3.00 inc refreshment / 559813 / 07954589514 / Christ Church College, St Aldate's

DR MATTHEW SIMPSON / How physiology came to Oxford: the new lab and its adversaries in the 1880s. / VERO / 5-6.30p.m. / mail‰vero.org.uk / www.vero.org.uk / Mansfield College, Seminar Room East

BT ON CAMPUS - FREUD CAFE / Talks on the Graduate Scheme and drinks. Register by email. / BT / 18.00 - Free / www.bt.com/grads / 01442 208230 / Freud's, Walton St / 311171

ISIS SPEAKERS CLUB / Develop public speaking skills / 7.15pm, first visit free. / www.isisspeakers.co.uk / Oxford Town Hall, 109-113 St Aldate's

CANDIDATE SELECTION MEETING / Members & supporters welcome / Oxford Respect / 7.30 Free / 07985 056089 / Community centre, Cornwallis Rd

ENGINEERING AND SPORT / Geoff Parsons. / 7pm, free / www.oxtrust.org.uk / 728953 / Science Oxford, 1 - 5 London Place, St Clements

ISLAMONOMICS / Author T. Diwany & entrepeneur S. Ismail outline radical alternatives to interest / 7:30 pm, free and open to all / www.ouisoc.com / 07903724044 / Harris Building Lecture Theatre, Oriel College

THE OLD COUNTRY / Prof. Michael Wood, Princeton / Clarendon Lectures in English - Yeats and the Measure of Violence / 5pm, free / St Cross Building

INFLUENCE OF A HIDDEN HEART / Prof. Brian Catling, performance artist and poet, talks on Kirsten Norrie's exhibition 7,013g. / OVADA / 4.30 - 5.30pm / www.ovada.org.uk / 201782 / OVADA, 21 Gloucester Green

Fri 7th

TRANSFORMING BRITISH SCIENCE: DEBATE / How would you spend £2 billion to transform British science? / 7pm / Free / events‰oxtrust.org.uk / 728953 / Martin Wood Theatre, Parks Road (opp. Keble)

WORLD OF ASHMOLE / Randolph Gallery (Room 1). / 1.15 - 2pm, free (optional donation £2) / Book on 278015 / Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont St.

TEN MINUTE TREASURE TALK / On an object currently on display. Suitable for all. / 12.15pm. Free. / Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont St. / 278000

ECUADOR / Anita Segar on riding ancient Inca trails plus Galapagos and rainforest extensions. / Society for Graduates / 8pm, members £6/term. Visitors welcome (£2) / Okinaga Room, Wadham College, Parks Rd