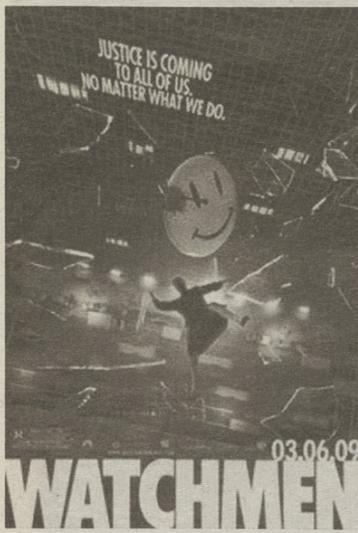


# Eye on Entertainment

## Who is Watching *The Watchmen*?

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Comic book fans were in for a real treat this past year. In 2008, they were blown away by films like Iron Man and The Dark Knight. However, a certain trailer shown in front of the latter gave diehard fans the chills. Watchmen is to the comic book world what the Bible is to Christians.

Director Zack Snyder's film adaptation is now, arguably, the most anticipated film of 2009. The original comic series, penned by legendary writer Alan Moore, shows what the world would be like if superheroes really existed. Readers are introduced to costumed crimefighters such as the Comedian (Jeffrey Dean Morgan), Nite Owl (Patrick Wilson), Rorschach (Jackie Earle Haley), and Silk Spectre (Malin Akerman), as well as the omnipotent Dr. Manhattan (Billy Crudup). Because of these individuals and masked heroes like them, the world is truly a different place.

At its core, the story is a murder mystery; someone is killing off costumed heroes. Yet along the way, the plot develops into a complex literary experience that has been called by some fans "unfilmable;" Moore himself wants nothing to do with the film. However, 300 director Snyder is going to try his hand, hoping to meet, if

not exceed expectations. He has admitted to changing some elements of the story for the adaptation in an attempt to streamline the story for a film experience. Snyder's stylish and distinctive directorial vision lends itself to iconic imagery and highly symbolic camera work.

In 2004, he remade Dawn of the Dead and his 2007 rendition of 300 was a near frame-by-frame recreation of the graphic novel. Initially there was talk of setting the story in 2000 rather than 1985. "I didn't update [the 1985 setting] for a couple of reasons. I thought Nixon was important to the movie. He's not in the movie a lot, but [his presence] says a lot, [especially about] what a villain is," said Snyder. "In the graphic novel, he's written with a lot of ambiguity of whether he's a bad guy or not. [Also] if you update this and make it about the war on terror, you're now asking me to make a comment of how I feel about the war on terror. This way, it's up to you how you decide to feel about it." After overcoming lawsuits with Fox over copyright issues, Warner Brothers is still planning to release the film in March.

## Jasons back!...for some reason

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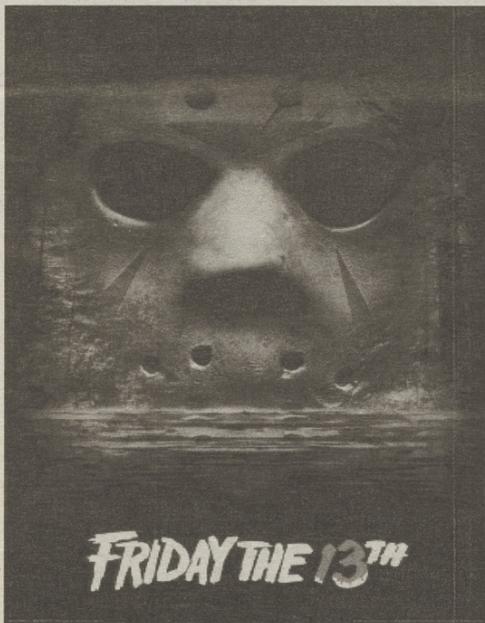
Directed by Marc Nispel and written through the combined efforts of Damian Shannon, Mark Swift, Mark Wheaton and Victor Miller, the new Friday the 13th is a rehash of the first four Friday the 13th movies.

For those who don't know, Friday

the 13th is the story of Jason Voorhees (Derek Mears), a boy that drowned at Camp Crystal Lake due to neglectful camp counselors who has come back to seek revenge on the clueless teenagers that wander into his domain. This movie maps out a few of the groups that Jason slowly eviscerates and even links together the 'mysterious' biker guy Clay Miller (Jared Padalecki) with his sister that has been lost for a little while by the time he makes it to the camp. Clay meets up with a group of unsuspecting young people including Jenna, the problem solving brunette (Danielle Panabaker), Trent, the hardass jock (Travis Van Winkle) and Chewie, the slacker (Aaron Yoo). All of these cliché personalities are prime pickings for Jason and his famous machete.

The acting in this movie is much like any other slasher, that is to say it's not very good. The scares mostly have to do with the excessively loud noise made in the midst of obvious death scenes in the movie.

Friday the 13th isn't a psychological horror movie; in fact it plays more like a comedy if you push past the gore, with numerous marijuana references and some humorous death scenarios. All in all, Friday the 13th was somewhat mediocre but as a horror movie I would put it near the top of the more recent slasher films. See it on a dark Saturday night when you have nothing better to do and then drive somewhere remote and see how late you can last there.



## GOSSIP GIRL!

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He's not so innocent. A good boy gone bad, leaves a fairytale romance without a happy ending. Almost a week after his alleged assault against superstar girlfriend Rihanna, Chris Brown has finally issued a statement. "Words cannot begin to express how sorry and saddened I am over what transpired. I am seeking the counseling of my pastor, my mother and other loved ones and I am committed, with God's help, to emerging a better person," adding "Much of what has been speculated or reported on blogs and/or reported in the media is wrong."

Can you say courtside and luxury? The biggest names in the entertainment business sat courtside and fashionable at this year's NBA All Star weekend in Phoenix. Celebrity attendees were Beyonce and Jay-z, Young Jeezy, Ludacris, Eva Longoria, Snoop Dogg and Chris Tucker to name a few. American Idol winner Jordin Sparks had the honor of singing the National Anthem.

GQ Magazine named JT also known as Justin Timberlake one of the most stylish men in America. Timberlake recently released a clothing

line in partnership with longtime best friend Trace Ayala and Swedish designers Johan and Marcella Lindeberg. All which are also nominated. The designer digs are called "William Rast brand," a mixture of hard-edge, and rock 'n' roll combined with America's denim heritage.

Angelina Jolie look-a-like also known as OctoMom, Nadya Suleman has been receiving death threats. As a safety precaution, the mother of 14 had to stay in an undisclosed location until the matter was handled accordingly. Suleman and her eldest children are safe and sound in their California home. In an interview with Ann Curry of NBC's Dateline, Suleman denies the accusation about her obsession with celeb mom Angelina Jolie stating "I have never thought of Angelina Jolie except the last time I saw one of her movies. I think that was years ago. It is so far away from the place I'm in right now to think of any celebrity."

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## Horoscopes

### Aquarius

1/21-2/19

You are finding it easier and easier to connect with people -- though of course, that is always subject to change. Make the most of it today and score a new friend or even a date.

### Pisces

2/20-3/20

Every teacher in the world seems to think they're the greatest today, so expect to deal with quite a bit of weirdness from them. The good news is that it won't last forever, and should smooth out soon.

### Aries

3/21-4/20

Your parents are telling you one thing, but you're hearing another from everyone else. The odds are good, however you need to split the difference or come up with your own way of seeing things.

### Taurus

4/21-5/21

You just can't figure out what's going on around you today -- perhaps you have to deal with people who are presenting themselves as hotter than they could ever be. Assume nothing.

### Gemini

5/22-6/21

You're feeling pretty bent up over some big new issue, but you can't just yell at people and expect them to get in line. You know all about persuasion, and should use every trick in the book.

### Cancer

6/22 - 7/22

You can tell you need some time to yourself, or maybe a little treat you hadn't been counting on buying. Take care of yourself first and foremost today -- if you don't, you can't help anyone else.

### Leo

7/23-8/21

Your parents are being unbelievably petty over something that they should totally support you on. It's not fair, but if you show them you're the one who's being mature, it should all even out.

### Virgo

8/22-9/23

Whether you're sitting next to someone you used to have a crush on or you're forced to deal with a super-bratty sibling, it's up to you to break the ice. You can make it easy on them if you feel like it.

### Libra

9/23-10/23

You're the master of telling folks what they need to hear, but today you're even better at telling them what you want them to hear. The difference may be small, but it's certainly noticeable.

### Scorpio

10/24-11/22

You have to make sure you can hear your intuitive side because it sends you clues and data today -- it's way more trustworthy than any external source of information. Take it all in and then decide.

### Sagittarius

11/23-12/22

You're full of warm fuzzies for a friend or close sibling who just pulled off some amazing coup -- and that energy is coming right back to you. Perhaps you can build something great together.

### Capricorn

12/23-1/20

You need to believe that things are getting better, but it's hard for you to see how your parents' rules can help you get there. Just have a little faith and you should see a huge change soon.