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Holiday movie season will bring good cheer

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS (U-WIRE) — There has been somewhat of a drought lately.

It's that lull between the big summer blockbusters and the holiday smashes and Oscar contenders. For about two months, moviegoers are forced to sit through rubbish in theaters while they anticipate the big releases in November and December.

The wait is nearly over.

This Friday, the 20th James Bond film, "Die Another Day," will storm into theaters. This is Pierce Brosnan's fourth outing as Agent 007. Opening the same day is "The Emperor's Club," a "Dead Poets Society"-like drama starring Kevin Kline as a prep-school teacher. Kline is always a good bet.

Wednesday, three big films will be released: "8 Crazy Nights" is an animated

Adam Sandler film, "Solaris" is a sci-fi film starring George Clooney and directed by Steven Soderbergh, and "Treasure Planet" is the latest animated Disney release with a space twist on "Treasure Island."

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Dec. 6 will bring Billy Crystal and Robert DeNiro together again for "Analyze That," the sequel to the hilarious "Analyze This." DeNiro's character

has just been paroled and is now working as a technical adviser on a "Sopranos"-like television show.

Also on Dec. 6 is Spike Jonze's "Adaptation." Nicholas Cage plays twin brothers in a story about a man writing a screenplay who writes himself into the story. It's going to be a complicated film, to

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