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SCREEN GEMS

A look at the week ahead in the movies and on TV:

BIG SCREEN

OPENING FRIDAY

Bad Teacher (R) Having played sweet, good girls for too long, Cameron Diaz gets in touch with her bad self as the world's worst school-teacher, an alcoholic, drug-using party animal who tries to seduce a wealthy new substitute (Justin Timberlake).

Cars 2 (G) The 2006 smash hit *Cars*, about a world populated by living, talking automobiles, was the only Pixar film I didn't like. But I was skeptical about *Toy Story 3*, too, and look how that one turned out, so let's hope for the best.

The Best and the Brightest (unrated) A young married couple (Neil Patrick Harris and Bonnie Somerville) move to New York City and quickly discover just how competitive the elite kindergarten school system is.

Buck (PG) This is the story of real-life horse whisperer

Buck Brannaman, who travels the country teaching people how to communicate with their equine companions.

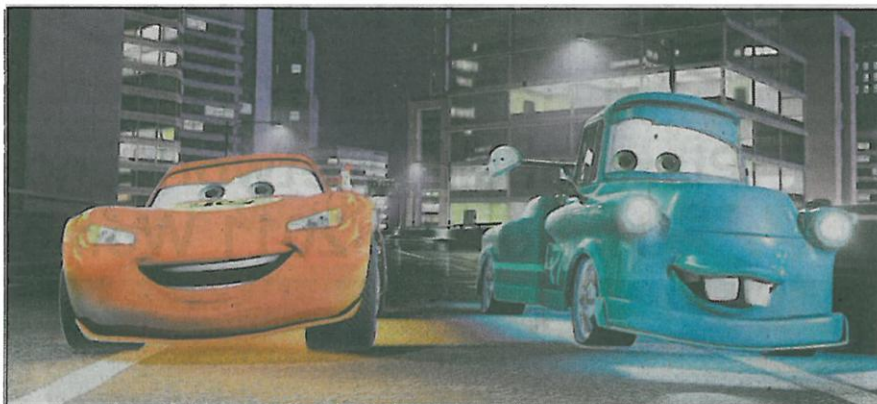
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SMALL SCREEN

Falling Skies (9 p.m. Sunday, TNT) Steven Spielberg produced this surprisingly dumb yet still oddly watchable series about a United States under the occupation of a space-alien army. Full review, **Page 1M**.

Burn Notice (9 p.m. Thursday, USA) Back for a fifth season, blacklisted spy Michael Weston (Jeffrey Donovan) is finally getting some revenge on those meanies who forced him to quit the intelligence business and go into exile in a crummy South Beach apartment that is like not even within walking distance of Mansion.

Keeping Score (9 p.m. Thursday, WPBT-PBS 2) Michael Tilson Thomas, founder of Miami's New World Symphony, created



WALT DISNEY PICTURES' 'CARS 2'

this four-episode series in honor of the 100th anniversary of the death of Bohemian composer Gustav Mahler. Even if you're not a fan of *Das Lied von der Erd*, you might want to tune in for the scoop on his wife Alma, whose 1964 obituary scandalized the world by listing all the famous men she'd had affairs with. And it was a *lonnnnnnnng* obit.

Suits (10 p.m. Thursday,

USA) A comic legal series about a slacker college dropout who goes to work for a top corporate law firm. I was going to insert a lawyer joke here, but, man, how am I going to top that?

Wilfred (10 p.m. Thursday, FX) Elijah Wood (*The Lord of the Rings* films) stars in this comedy about an unstable young man who believes the neighbor's dog is talking to him. FX swears

this is funny despite the fact that the last time something like this happened we got the Son of Sam murders, in which the laughs were relatively few and far between.

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