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**MOVIE OF THE WEEK:** *Ran* (1985). Akira Kurosawa's new film (the title, literally translated, means "chaos") has been hailed by some as the culmination of his career. Like his earlier *Throne of Blood*, it's a transplant of Shakespeare — in this case, *King Lear* — to feudal Japan. Tatsuya Nakadai, the great actor from Kurosawa's *Kagemusha*, plays an aging warlord with three sons (instead of daughters); the story has been crossed with a history of Japan's famous "Period of Warring States" and the legend of feudal warlord Morikawa. *Opens Friday, December 20, at the Nickelodeon.*