

# Great Balls of Fire!; get shagged, meet Harry and Sally at your local video shack in December

It's getting to be that time of year when you've seen everything there is to rent on video. Thanksgiving week-end usually takes care of November releases. Well stop moping and plug that VCR back in. December releases are almost here and they're hot.

**WHEN HARRY MET SALLY...**: Try as they might, men and women cannot have a platonic relationship for long. Sex somehow always gets in the way. Director **Rob Reiner** feels this way anyhow and consistently proves it in this 5-star comedy flick. **Billy Crystal** and **Meg Ryan** are mere acquaintances for 12 years until they realize their love for each other...mostly through weeding out everyone else in their lives and inevitably through the eyes of jealousy. Reiner also provided the storyline for the script in which he based on his own personal life. (**Nora Ephron** (*Heartburn*) gets the credit as screenwriter). Crystal couldn't have landed a better role and Ryan never looked better. A laugh a minute. Don't miss; better yet, call your video store ahead a reserve a copy. (12/14)

**SHAG: THE MOVIE**: Circa 1963, four teenage girls walk on the wildside and head to Myrtle Beach for a last summertime fling. This flick is mostly entertaining in its character development and shows depth in their friendships. Dreadfully mismatched couples turn out better than before and all the while doing the "shag," a popular dance at the time. Although this movie is funny, it is mostly a retrospective of a

more naive time in America faced with the same general problems youths deal with today. Starring **Annabelle Gish** (*Desert Bloom*), **Phoebe Cates**, **Page Hannah** (Daryl's sis), **Bridget Fonda** (Peter's offspring), **Scott Coffey**, and **Tyrone Power, Jr.** (12/20)

**WEEKEND AT BERNIE'S**: This summer flick basically shows just how ignorant and oblivious people can be. **Bernie** (**Terry Kiser**) spends most of the movie as a dead man, in public, and no one except **Larry** and **Rick** notices the entire weekend. **Andrew McCarthy** (*Mannequin*, *Less Than Zero*) and **Jonathan Silverman** (*Stealing Home*) are two buddies who get invited to their bosses' art-deco beach house only to find him dead upon their arrival. They try to keep his death unknown in a panic after discovering that all this was premeditated and they may be next for uncovering a big embezzlement scheme in the office. It's 90 minutes of unbelievable close calls of

discovery by **Bernie's** friends that make you laugh in between romance under the moonlit beach, massive parties, and expensive recreational romps. (12/28)

**HOW TO GET AHEAD IN ADVERTISING**: This independently produced off-the-wall satirical comedy wins the **Wentworth** original script award for the 1989 year. An adman (**Richard E. Grant**) is faced with task of thinking up an ad campaign for zit cream, but becomes creatively defunct.

While stressing out over his block, he develops on



"Star Trek V: The Final Frontier" is finally out on video this Christmas. Spock, Kirk, and the rest of the Enterprise crew are ready to go boldly, once again, where no man has gone before.

Photo courtesy Paramount

his neck a boil with a mind (and voice) of its own. Sound weird? It is; but also very funny while making terrific social comments. **Rachel Ward** stars as his wife (12/6)

**GREAT BALLS OF FIRE**: **Dennis Quaid** acts as though he's been waiting his whole life for this part. Realistically based on "The Killer" himself, **Jerry Lee Lewis**, Quaid makes us believe for 90 minutes that he IS Lewis, from his southern drawl to his hell-raising on the ivories. **Wynona Ryder** also believably plays **Myra Lewis**, 13-year-old bride, whom is also his cousin; probably the best she's done (although close with her performance in *Heathers*). The screenplay was tightly based on **Myra Lewis'** biographical novel. All music was specially re-recorded to accommodate the film. **Alec Baldwin** also stars.

**STAR TREK V: THE FINAL FRONTIER**: While Clackamas trekkers are still in search for No. 5 on video cassette, **Captain Kirk**, **Spock** and **McCoy** are still searching for the ultimate being. It was held over by **Paramount** until late December to catch Christmas vacation renters who've already been slimed and are literally sick of the caped crusader. Although most likely the weakest of the five, it is worth renting. Remember: if you managed to get engrossed by the whales in *IV*, then you can handle the "ultimate search" in *V*. (12/21)

**LOCKUP**: This Stallone flick did okay at the summer box-office, and even better at the drive in. Hopefully

Sly can find some dough severance in the video market. Stallone plays a never-back-down reformed jailbird who has minimal time to serve until the warden from hell, played magnificently by **Donald Sutherland**, steps in and puts Sly through a little hell of his own. Although dark, this movie has some great scenes: nothing new in character for Stallone though. (12/21)

**SEENOEVL, HEARNOEVIL**: **Gene Wilder** and **Richard Pryor** team up once again (the last being *Stir Crazy*) in this sense-less comedy; one is deaf and the other is blind. The two buddies hilariously act as the other's missing sense. There are funny moments, but nothing in this movie exceeds your uppermost expectations. Also starring **Joan Severence**. (12/7)

More December releases: **Freddy's** back in *Nightmare on Elm Street V: The Dream Child*. Nothing

new here except that his glove got sharpened and deals with conception and birth. (Eww!...Gross!) Almost a parody of the past four **Freddy** flicks...*Road House* gets **Patrick Swayze** out of his dancing shoes and into a bouncer with a Ph.D. in philosophy who takes a job to 'clean up' a rough n' rowdy bar. Former Oregonian **Sam Elliott** (*Prancer*) also stars as does **Kelly Lynch** (*Drugstore Cowboy*)...**Keifer Sutherland** and **Lou Diamond Phillips** were buddies in *Young Guns*, and team up once again to fight the biggest crime lord in the city in *Renegades*. **Jami Gertz** makes the brat pack II circle complete co-starring...**Kirk Cameron** shows off on the big screen in *Listen To Me* as a college student who shows a gift at forensics while in their spare time they come of age, with **Jami Gertz** co-starring, among others...a Vietnam Army cameraman shows us a powerful, emotional side of the Vietnam war soldier that hasn't been shown as candidly before with *84 Charlie Mopic*...**Terry Gilliam's** totally overbudget fantasy flick *The Adventures of Baron Munchausen* is to be released on Dec. 7, and the critically acclaimed sleeper *Miracle Mile* takes a bold look at the Holocaust, starring **Anthony Edwards** (*Top Gun*) and **Mare Winningham** (*St. Elmo's Fire*).

## CCC floral designers set to participate in 7th Tree Festival benefitting Providence Medical

The Festival of Trees has become an annual event that Portlanders anticipate with delight each holiday season. This silly ritual of hanging ornaments to stringed popcorn on pine trees has become a respected art form.

This marks the seventh year of the Festival which is sponsored by the Providence Medical Foundation as a gift to our community. All the proceeds this year go toward a charitable fund benefitting Providence outpatients unable to pay for their required medical treatment from four of the Providence Med Center's specific care programs.

For \$2.50 minus coupon you can experience almost 100 trees elaborately decorated with a yuletide theme among other various decorated holiday displays.

The Oregonian is currently running hints for a riddle contest awarding a fully decorated tree worth almost \$1,000 in which everyone is eligible to play. Your buck also cheers you non-stop by a large variety of local entertainment.

Floral design students from Clackamas Community College are participating among others in a new event to the 1989 Festival: Christmas Carol Lane, in which 12 table top trees decorated thematically based on a specific carol or a song. Each of these Evans' Farms donated trees will be for sale at a minimum bid of \$50.

The fun at the Festival of Trees is taking place Nov. 30 - Dec. 3 in the Memorial Coliseum Exhibit Hall.

## Free Life Tow service offered statewide over holiday

The Holiday season is filled with fun, entertainment, and joy; and at times alcohol is a part of these festive occasions. The 1989-90 season is no exception.

Committed to reducing the number of drunk driving-caused deaths and injuries, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and the Oregon Tow Truck Association (OTTA) have united to provide a free statewide towing service and a safe ride home to enbibriated drivers now until New Year's Day. This is a first of it's kind in the nation.

The, officially called Oregon Life Tow, service is offered 24 hours a day.

Many sponsors have donated funds and services to the cause. AM/PM conviences store chains are providing free window banners.

The 24 hour number is 800-243-4 50.

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