

Kam's Kapsules: For Movies Opening Dec. 16



MOVIE REVIEWS

by Kam Williams

Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) Animated adventure finds Alvin (Justin Long) and company running amuck on a luxurious cruise ship only to end up stranded on a tropical island after being accidentally being tossed overboard. Voice cast includes Jason Lee, Matthew Gray Gubler, David Cross, Anna Faris and Alyssa Milano.



Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13 for drug use and intense violence) Guy Ritchie directs this international crime caper in which the renowned sleuth (Robert Downey, Jr.) and his loyal sidekick, Dr. Watson (Jude Law), match wits with their archenemy, the intellectually-intimidating Professor James Moriarty (Jared Harris). With Noomi Rapace, Stephen Fry, Rachel McAdams and Eddie Marsan.

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS
Addiction Incorporated (PG-13 for brief profanity) Whistleblower documentary about Victor DeNoble, the corporate scientist gone rogue whose damning testimony before Congress singlehandedly exposed the tobacco industry's deliberate efforts to make cigarette smoking as addictive as possible.

Carnage (R for profanity) Roman Polanski directed this class-conscious drama, set in Brooklyn but shot in Paris, about two couples (John C. Reilly and Jodie Foster and Kate Winslet and Christoph Waltz) who decide to talk after their sons (Elvis Polanski and Eliot Berger) are involved in a schoolyard brawl. With Nathan Rippy, Tanya Lopert and Julie Adams.

Cook County (Unrated) Prodigal Papa drama about a recently-paroled ex-con (Xander Berkeley) who returns home to mend his relationship with his estranged teenage son (Ryan Donowho) only to discover that the boy's uncle (Anson Mount) has turned the place into a meth lab teeming with addicts. Support cast includes Polly Cole, Makenna Fitzsimmons and Yankie Grant.

Corman's World: Exploits of a Hollywood Rebel (R for violence, nudity and profanity) Reverential biopic about Roger Corman, the legendary B-movie director who helped launch countless film careers, including those of Jack Nicholson, William Shatner and Robert De Niro, while cranking out a never-ending string of low-budget offerings. With appearances by Quentin Tarantino, Martin Scorsese, Pam Grier, Peter Bogdanovich, Peter Fonda and Ron Howard.

The Pill (Unrated) Better-late-than-never

Holiday Magic



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Seattle Police Officer Dobson helps some kids make some holiday decorations at "Holiday Magic" Dec. 10 at the Yesler Community Center. The event provided an opportunity for kids and families to have their picture taken with Santa, make holiday decorations and receive a present donated by community members and the Country Doctor. Over 600 presents were donated to the Center.

comedy chronicling the efforts of a confirmed bachelor (Noah Bean) to get a girl (Rachel Boston) he just shared a one-night

stand with to take the Morning After pill. With Anna Chlumsky, Jean Brassard and S. Lue McWilliams.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at info@theskanner.com

Friday December 16

SILVERDALE – HOLIDAY WALKABOUT & LIGHTED BOAT PARADE! Get wrapped up in the holiday spirit in Old Town Silverdale. 5 – 8 p.m. The evening will culminate with the arrival of the lighted boat parade at Silverdale Waterfront Park at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday December 17

ILLUMNI MEN'S CHORALE ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERTS! Holiday favorites with works by local composers and a world premiere by resident composer Edwin Wendler. This is a free concert. Donations are greatly welcomed. 7:30 p.m. Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 4400 86th Ave SE, Mercer Island.

THE NOISE GUY! Hear realistic noises you won't believe. See funny faces, enjoy watching adults giggle at jokes for kids. \$3 per person prior to show date. \$5 day of show. 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. High Point Community Center, 6920 34th Ave. SW For more info or tickets call 206-684-7422.

Sunday December 18

ELEGANT HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW! Join us in celebrating the holidays with free coffee, and hot chocolate, unique gift ideas. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Washington National Guard Armory, 2730 Oakes Ave. Everett, Wa.

Sunday December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Tuesday December 27

KALEIDOSCOPE PLAY & LEARN AT THE RAINIER BEACH BRANCH LIBRARY: Children can listen to stories, sing songs and do simple arts & crafts with their caregivers. Caregivers are encouraged to bring a sack lunch or snack and eat together from 11:30 a.m. – Noon. Fun starts at 10:30 a.m. Rainier Beach Library, 9125 Rainier Ave. S.

Wednesday December 28

WONDERING ABOUT WILDLIFE – FREE FAMILY FUN DAY. Get outside and learn about the wildlife of the Cedar River Watershed through hands-on activities, crafts wildlife presentations. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The Cedar River Watershed Education Center, 436 Ave SE/Cedar Falls Rd SE. North Bend, WA. For more info call 206-615-0831.