

OPENING THIS WEEK: For Movies Opening April 6

Weekly Previews That Make Choosing a Film Fun

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BIG BUDGET FILMS



American Reunion (R for nudity, profanity, drug use, teen drinking, pervasive crude humor and graphic sexuality) 4th installment in the American Pie franchise finds the four former classmates (Jason Biggs, Eddie Kaye Thomas, Chris Klein and Thomas Ian Nicholas) again up to their old tricks over the course of their high school reunion weekend. Ensemble cast includes Eugene Levy, Seann William Scott, Jennifer Coolidge, Alyson Hannigan, Mena Suvari, John Cho and Natasha Lyonne.

Titanic (PG-13 for nudity, sensuality, violence, peril and brief profanity) 3D rerelease of Oscar-sweeping disaster epic about the whirlwind romance of two star-crossed lovers (Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio) who meet aboard the RMS Titanic during the ill-fated ocean liner's maiden voyage. With Kathy Bates, Billy Zane, Frances Fisher and Gloria Stuart.

We the Party (R for profanity, sexuality and teen drug use) Coming-of-age, hip-hop driven dramedy, written and directed by Mario Van Peebles, revolving around the angst of five high school students confronting their feelings about sex, bullying, romance and materialism. With Mandela Van Peebles, Simone Battle, Moises Arias and Patrick Cage II.

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

The Assault (R for violence) Fact-based thriller recounting the Christmas Eve hijacking in 1994 of Air France Flight 8969 from Algiers to Marseilles by four Islamic terrorists determined to crash the plane into the Eiffel Tower. Starring Vincent Elbaz, Gregori Derangere, Melanie Bernier and Aymen Saidi. (In French with subtitles)

ATM (R for violence and terror) Psychological thriller about three co-workers (Brian Geraghty, Alice Eve and Josh

being barricaded in a bank vestibule by a creep with an unknown agenda.

Comic-Con Episode IV: A Fan's Hope (Unrated) Documentary filmmaker Morgan Spurlock uncharacteristically stayed behind the camera to take an intimate peek at the quirky comic book fans who attend the industry's annual convention in San Diego. With appearances by director Kevin Smith, actor Seth Rogen and Marvel Comics legend Stan Lee.

Damsels in Distress (PG-13 for sexuality and mature themes) Female empowerment comedy about three college coeds (Greta Gerwig, Carrie MacLemore and Megalyn



Echikunwoke) who decide to do something about the chauvinistic environment on campus. With Analeigh Tipton, Ryan Metcalf and Jermaine Crawford.

The Hunter (R for profanity and brief violence) Willem Dafoe stars in the title role of this action adventure about a mercenary hired by a biotech company to track down the last Tasmanian tiger living in the Australian wilderness. With Sam Neill, Frances O'Connor and Sullivan Stapleton.

Keyhole (R for sexuality, violence, profanity and graphic nudity) Surrealistic crime saga about a Prodigal mob boss' (Jason Patric) nostalgic return home where he proceeds to reminisce while slowly searching the premises for his wife (Isabella Rossellini), much to the chagrin of his impatient henchmen waiting downstairs with a drowning victim (Brooke Palsson) and a bound-and-gagged hostage (David Wontner). Cast includes Udo Kier, Kevin McDonald and Daniel Enright. (In English and French with subtitles)

MIS – Human Secret Weapon (Unrated) World War II

sages and cracking enemy codes, despite the fact that their families were caged like animals in desert internment camps. Narrated by Lane Nishikawa, and including inter-



views with Norm Mineta, Tamlyn Tomita and Senator Daniel Inouye.

Player Hating: A Love Story (Unrated) Brooklyn-based documentary about hip-hop artist Half-a-Mill's attempt to rap his way out of the 'hood to superstardom with help of his talented crew.

Surviving Progress (Unrated) De-evolution documentary suggesting that supposed technological advances such as materialism and mass consumption might merely be an unsustainable trap sealing the fate of the polluted planet and clueless humanity. Featuring physicist Stephen Hawking, conservationist Jane Goodall and environmental activist Margaret Atwood.

We Have a Pope (Unrated) Psychological drama about a newly-appointed pope (Michel Piccoli) who consults a shrink (Nanni Moretti) after experiencing panic attacks at the start of his tenure as pontiff. With Jerzy Stuhr, Renato Scarpa and Camillo Milli. (In Italian, German, Latin, English, Spanish, Polish and French with subtitles)

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Saturday March 30

BEST OF THE NORTHWEST: Connect with over 100 top established and emerging artists and craftspeople. Come celebrate all things handmade. Enjoy live music while shopping and much more. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Warren G. Magnuson Park, Hangar 30, 6310 NE 74th St.

Sunday March 31

Saturday April 7

EGG HUNT AT RAINIER COMMUNITY CENTER: Come to the annual spring egg hunt. Please bring a

bag or basket to collect goodies. Hunting begins at 10 a.m. sharp! Ages 11 and younger. 4600 38th Ave. S FREE.

SPRING EGG HUNT AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT VAN ASSELT COMMUNITY CENTER: Bring a bag, basket or anything that will carry and scavenger hunt for eggs in this traditional local event. A pancake breakfast will follow the egg hunt. 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Pancake breakfast is \$3.00 per person for all-you-can-eat pancakes and more. Egg hunt is for ages 2 – 8 years old.

EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE: Little ones will enjoy hunting for Easter treats, and complimentary coffee and hot chocolate will be available. 10:30 a.m. The Woodmark Hotel on Lake Washington, 1200 Carillon Point, Kirkland, WA.. This is a free Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

EGGSTANAGANZA: Hop on over to Redmond's favorite annual Egg Hunt. Enjoy face painting, arts and crafts and Mr. Bunny photos. Free Egg Hunt starts at 10 a.m. sharp however, other events get started at 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Redmond City Hall Campus, 15670 NE 85th St. Redmond, WA

Sunday April 8

FAMILY LOW TIDE BEACH WALK: Join Seattle volunteer naturalists to explore the intertidal world

of sea stars, moon snails, and much more. 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Discovery Park Environmental Learning Center, 3801 W Government Way.

Tuesday April 10

RIDLEY PEARSON TALKS ABOUT SHELL GAME: Author Ridley Pearson will talk about Shell Game his latest book in the Kingdom Keepers series for kids. 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave, Level 1

Wednesday April 11

URBAN GREENWAY RAMBLE: On this walk we will begin with a tour of the Children's Playgarden, and then follow the mountain to Sound Greenway to Lewis Park on Beacon Hill. We'll conclude with a visit to Jimi Hendrix Park, adjacent to the Northwest African American Museum. 9:30 a.m. Meet at Children's Playgarden end at Northwest African American Museum

Friday April 13

POETRY GRAND SLAM! YOUTH SPEAKS 2012 SLAM SERIES: 12 poets compete for 5 spots on the Youth Speaks Seattle Slam Team. Neptune Theatre, Brooklyn Ave & NE 45th St. Seattle \$10 youth/\$20 adult. Doors open at 7 p.m. Slam starts at 8 p.m.