

Movies

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subtitles)

Parked (Unrated) Unlikely-buddies drama about a lonely, middle-aged man living in his car (Colm Meany) who gets a new lease on life when he's befriended by a 21 year-old stoner (Colin Morgan) who introduces him to an attractive music teacher (Milka Ahlroth). With Stuart Graham, Mark Butler and David Wilmot.

Silent Night (R for sexuality, nudity, profanity, graphic violence and brief drug use) Holiday-themed horror flick about a serial killer in a Santa Claus suit who goes on a bloody rampage around a quiet Midwestern town on Christmas Eve. Starring Malcolm McDowell, Jaime King and Donal Logue.

Universal Soldier: Day of Reckoning (R for profanity, graphic sexuality, frontal nudity and pervasive gruesome violence) Vigilante drama about a man (Scott Adkins) who becomes bent on revenge when he comes out of a coma to learn that his wife and daughter had been slain by a creep (Jean-Claude Van Damme) during a home invasion. With Dolph Lundgren, Mariah Bonner and James Rawlings.

Walk Away Renee (Unrated) Post-Oedipal biopic chronicling filmmaker Jonathan Caouette's cross-country road trip with his mentally-ill mother.

Panel Presses For Action on Ocean Acidity

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SEATTLE (AP) — Rising acidity levels in the oceans pose a serious threat to shellfish and other marine life, and tackling that problem in Washington state will require reducing carbon dioxide emissions, keeping polluted runoff out of marine waters, and increasing monitoring at hatcheries, a group of experts said Tuesday.

The panel of scientists and policy experts convened by Gov. Chris Gregoire recommended dozens of actions to combat changes to ocean chemistry detected several years ago when oyster larvae in Pacific Northwest hatcheries began dying in large numbers.

"There are ominous signals coming from the ecosystem on this issue, as ominous as anything coming from climate change," said Jay Manning, former state ecology director who headed the panel with former Environmental Protection Agency administrator Bill Ruckelshaus.

Gregoire, who formed the group as part of a state and federal initiative to help protect the state's \$270 million shellfish industry, signed an executive order Tuesday directing the Department of Ecology to work on the problem. She also announced \$3.3 million in funding



Oyster harvesters at Wilapa Bay in 1968. Oregon and Washington oyster beds are starting to die from ocean acidification.

for some actions in her proposed budget.

However, with Gregoire leaving office in January, it's unclear where the state would find money to pay for the ideas. The state faces a projected \$900 million deficit for the next two-year budget ending in mid-2015.

However, the problem known as ocean acidification also is a concern for Gov.-elect Jay Inslee, said his

spokesman Sterling Clifford. Inslee is a Democrat.

"He's pleased with the executive order today, and he's looking forward to continuing to address carbon pollution and ocean acidification," Clifford said.

Clifford declined to make budget commitments when asked if Inslee would include money for ocean acidifi-

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