

Kam’s Kapsules: Movies Opening Feb. 21

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BIG BUDGET FILMS

3 Days to Kill (PG-13 for sensuality, profanity and intense violence) McG directs this espionage thriller by Luc Besson about an ailing spy (Kevin Costner) who grudgingly agrees to crack a terrorist plot when he’d rather retire to spend some quality time with his teenage daughter (Hailee Steinfeld) and estranged wife (Connie Nielsen). Cast includes Amber Heard, Eriq Ebouaney and Richard Sammel.

Pompeii (PG-13 for intense violence, disaster scenes and brief sexuality) Romance drama, set in 79 A.D. against the backdrop of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, revolving around the efforts of a slave-turned-gladiator (Kit Harrington) to rescue his soul mate (Emily Browning) before she is forced by her wealthy father (Jared Harris) into an arranged marriage to a crooked politician (Kiefer Sutherland). With Rebecca Eady, Carrie-Anne Moss, Sasha Roiz and Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje.



Holy Ghost People

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

Almost Human (Unrated) Sci-fi horror flick about a guy (Josh Ethier) who disap-

pears in a flash of bright light only to return to town just as mysteriously two years later right before the start of a string of grisly murders. With Graham Skipper, Vanessa Leigh and Susan T. Travers.

Barefoot (PG-13 for violence, sexuality, partial nudity and brief profanity) Romantic dramedy about a family’s Black Sheep (Scott Speedman) who brings his charming, free-spirited girlfriend (Evan Rachel Wood) home to prove that he’s turned a new leaf. Co-starring Kate Burton (Richard’s daughter), Rex Baker and Ashleigh Borman.

Bethlehem (Unrated) Middle East drama about an Israeli Secret Service agent (Tsahi Halevi) who induces a Palestinian teenager (Shadi Mar’i) to snitch on his terrorist brother (Tarik Kopty). With Hitham Omari, Michal Shtamler and George Iskandar (In Hebrew and Arabic with subtitles)

Black Out (Unrated) Shades of The Hangover in this Dutch crime comedy about a groom-to-be (Raymond Thiry) who becomes the prime suspect in a murder case when he wakes up with amnesia on the eve of his wedding lying in bed next to a corpse. Cast includes Kim van Kooten, Bas Keijzer and Renee Fokker. (In Dutch for subtitles)

Child’s Pose (Unrated) Crime drama about a wealthy socialite’s (Luminita Gheorghiu) attempt to manipulate the legal system to prevent her son (Bogdan Dumitrache) from being brought to justice after he’s arrested for manslaughter. With Vlad Ivanov, Florin Zamfirescu and Natasa Raab. (In Romanian with subtitles)

Highway (Unrated) Bollywood abduction drama about an engaged couple (Randeep Hooda and Alai Bhatt) who suddenly find themselves kidnapped four days before their wedding. (In Hindi and Nepali

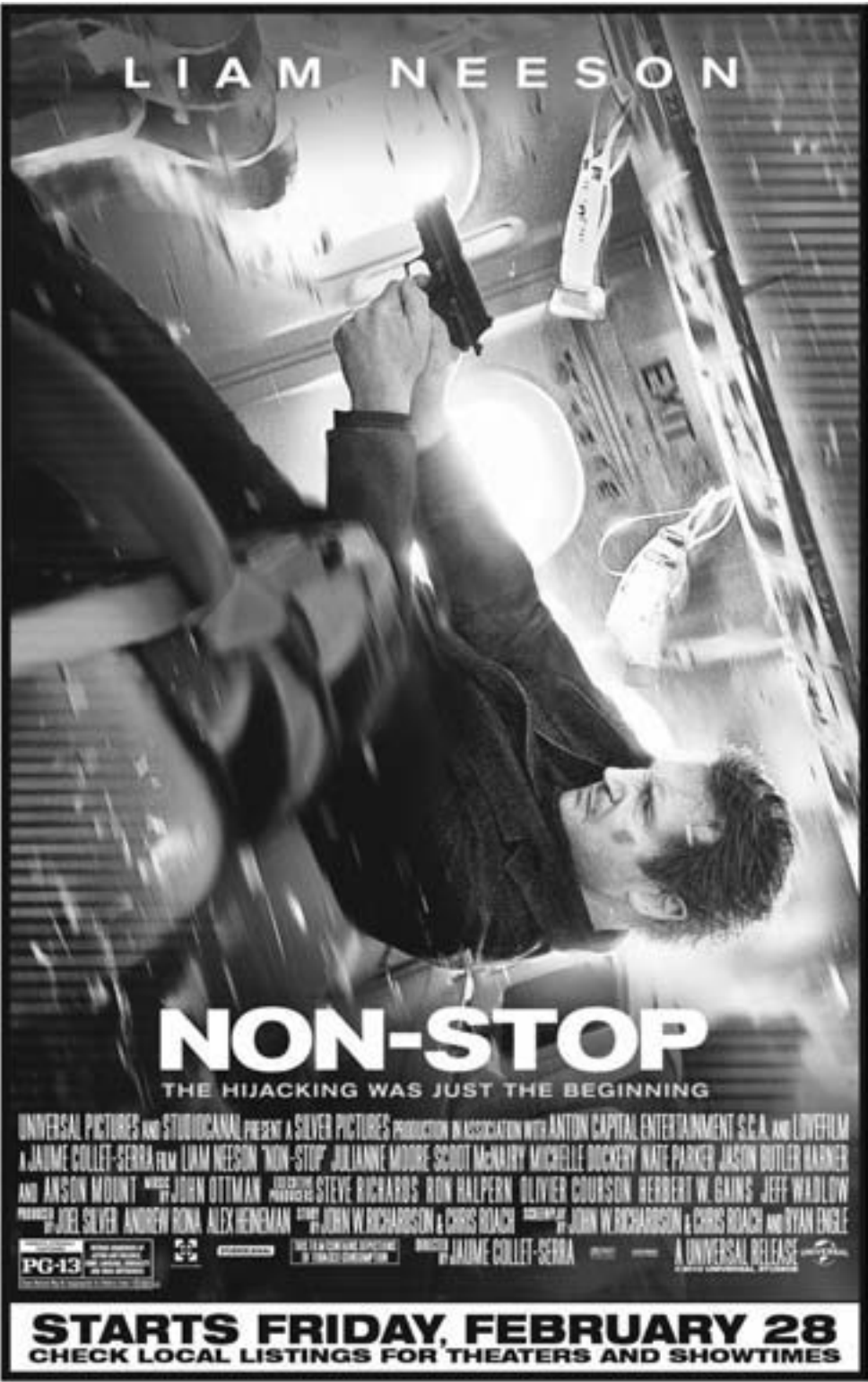


Pompeii

with subtitles)

Holy Ghost People (R for violence, profanity and drug use) Psychological thriller, set in the Appalachian Mountains, about a 19 year-old (Emma Greenwell) who enlists the assistance of an ex-Marine (Brendan McCarthy) to save her sister (Buffy Charlet) who has come under the spell of the charismatic cult leader (Joe Egender) of a snake-handling, Pentecostal congregation. With Roger Aaron Brown, Cameron Richardson and Don Harvey.

In Secret (R for sexuality and violent images) Romance drama, set in Paris in the 1860s, about a young woman (Elizabeth Olsen) forced by her domineering aunt (Jessica Lange) into a loveless marriage with her own cousin (Tom Felton), who embarks on an illicit affair with a friend (Oscar Isaac) of her husband. With Mackenzie Crook, Matt Devere and Lily Laight.



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