

Top Picks for the Week of March 26th

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New To Theaters In Portland

Hot Tub Time Machine
A quirky script trips up the flow of this retro vulgar comedy but the site gags, sex jokes and lovable cast is well worth the trip to the eighties. Four pals are stuck in a rut in adulthood: Adam (John Cusack) has just been dumped, Lou (Rob Corddry) is a hopeless party animal, Nick (Craig Robinson) is a henpecked husband, and Jacob (Clark Duke) does nothing but play video games in his basement. But they get a chance to brighten their future by changing their past after a night of heavy drinking in a ski-resort hot tub results in their waking up in 1986. Directed by Steve Pink (Accepted)



How to Train Your Dragon
From the writer and director team that brought us Lilo & Stich. Dreamworks CGI animated films are rarely hits (Shrek) and mostly misses (the rest), with Dragon, they defiantly up their ante. The 3D action is impressive and dramatic storyline compelling. The voice talent compliments the characters rather than a random cornucopia of cameos goofing off. Excitingly fast past and warms the heart. Perfect for all ages.



Greenberg
At times humorous, Greenberg tells the story of two lost souls trying to find direction in their life. Their connection isn't strong and the 'failure' of Greenberg's (Ben Stiller) life is the star of this film. (playing at the Fox Tower only)



Chloe
A web of jealousy, deceit and ruse doesn't help this sexual thriller. The intensity of the connection between Julianne Moore and Amanda Seyfried is intoxicating.

New On DVD/Blu Ray

Fantastic Mr. Fox
Wes Anderson (Royal Tenenbaums, Rushmore, The Darjeeling Limited) can be an acquired taste at times. Anderson's current labor of love will entirely change your thoughts on his work. Fantastic Mr. Fox is complete, always funny and extremely poignant. Both adults and kids will enjoy this ride. The original story by Roald Dahl (James and the Giant Peach, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Matilda) is outstanding on its own, but Anderson only improves on it.



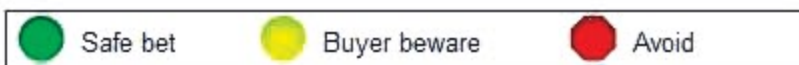
Blind Side
The Blind Side is majority targeted at the mass-media market which feels patronizing but Sandra Bullocks does give an outstanding performance that well deserves the Oscar she received.



Brothers
A drifter (Jake Gyllenhaal) cares for the family of his presumed-dead brother (Tobey Maguire). A power house performance by Maguire, Gyllenhaal and Natalie Portman. Brothers shows that the pain and war is defiantly not over once the soldier returns home. Maguire gives the performance of his lifetime which bar is already set very high.



Men Who Stare at Goats
Witty, funny and a satirical look at the military war machine. Execlent performance by George Clooney, Jeff Bridges, Ewan McGregor and Kevin Spacey. Struggling reporter Bob Wilton (McGregor) gets the scoop of a lifetime when he meets Lyn Cassady (Clooney), who claims to be from a unit of psychic soldiers who have been reactivated for duty. Intrigued by Cassady's assertions that they can walk through walls and kill goats by fixed gazes, Wilton follows him on a dangerous, top-secret mission across Iraq to find the brigade's founder, Bill Django .



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Vince Vaughn, Kristen Bell and Jason Bateman star in Couples Retreat: a comedy centered around four couples who settle into a tropical-island resort for a vacation. While one of the couples

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