

New video releases

Yuppie Charlie liquor store thief

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This is the week to do video reviews because I have reviewed all three movies at the cinema. I love doing the videos because I can choose what I want to watch and I can eat and drink while watching the film.

Even a bad film goes better with wine. This week I will review five films that have recently come out on video and are available in Georgetown.

SOMETHING WILD: This is a comedy directed by Jonathan Demme, starring Melanie Griffith and Jeff Daniels. Demme directed Melvin and Howard and Stop Making Sense and is the darling of the New York somewhat-avant-garde crowd. (He has Laurie Anderson doing the score here, that's one of the way we know these things).

Daniels is the seemingly yuppie Charlie who is picked up by Lulu, or Melanie Griffith in a black wig. Charlie and Lulu end up having unsafe sex, walking out on restaurant tabs, robbing a liquor store and visiting Lulu's high school reunion. At the reunion they encounter Lulu's ex-con husband Ray. Well, heck, Ray is the bad guy. I mean, he robs a Seven Eleven store with a gun! Well, from there it's a who-will-get-who movie.

It has a happy ending, though. I thought this was a funny movie and I liked the actors. But the self-



conscious script and style bothered me. I also disliked the moral implications of Lulu's and Charlie's characters. However, I can recommend it as an entertaining and well-made movie.

RUTHLESS PEOPLE: Here is a film that is very funny, without the self-consciousness of Something Wild. No pretenses here, just funny people and funny dogs. Danny

DeVito is the crass, greedy, unethical Sam, who plans to kill his rich wife Barbara because he dislikes her furniture and the way she sleeps. The afternoon he comes home to murder her he finds her kidnapped instead.

Judge Reinhold and Helen Slater are the hapless kidnapers who are nearly killed trying to get Barbara down to the basement. Bette Midler is the shallow, whining, snobbish Barbara. From the first few minutes we know that the kidnapers are not the ruthless people of the title.

One feels sorry for them for having to deal with either Barbara or Sam. Anyway, the plot is full of nice

little twists and the characters are hilarious. I laughed a lot at this film. It's a perfect little comedy.

TIN MEN: Another Touchstone picture, starring Danny DeVito and Richard Dreyfuss. This is a funny picture, but not as solid or as fast-paced as Ruthless People. Set in Baltimore of 1963, it is a rather curious mix of nastiness, tenderness, ethics and revenge. Dreyfuss is very good, DeVito is funny and Barbara Hershey is fine as the woman caught between the two. Worth watching, but a little on the slow side at times.

RAISING ARIZONA: This is a hilarious movie, with some of the neatest characters to ever grace the screen. Holly Hunter is Edwina Hockett, a policewoman who ends up marrying ex-con Nicholas Cage. The two retire to marital bliss in a

little trailer in the middle of nowhere, where Ed finds she cannot have the baby she longs for. What can the Hocketts do but kidnap one of a set of rich quintuplets?

The action is fast and funny, and Nicholas Cage is superb as the ex-con with a philosophical bend and manic hair. Holly Hunter is great as the baby-crazed ex-con who will do anything for a child. I loved this movie.

ANGEL HEART: This is not a comedy. It was a very controversial film when it was released and it is easy to see why. Angel Heart is violent and terrifying, with a sombre and mesmerizing setting. We follow

private eye Harry Angel in his search for crooner Johnny Favourite in 1955 New York. His quest leads him to Louisiana where he encounters sickening practices in life and death, bloody voodoo rites and ritualistic murders.

His eventual discovery of the missing Johnny is simply terrifying. Mickey Rourke is the fallen Angel, tough and scared and puzzled (and dirty). Robert De Niro is the frightening client, Louis Cyphre, whose impeccably manicured hands seem to foreshadow incredible evil. Lisa Bonet is gorgeous and great as a mulatto voodoo priestess who beds Angel.

This film is hypnotic in its horror. This is the kind of movie that disturbs your sleep. It could be laughable if you don't buy the idea. But I was too scared to laugh.



True troupers

The Halton Youth Theatre Ensemble performed about five plays Dec. 30 at the St. Andrew's United Church. The approximately 15-member group of young adults aged 16 to 20 wrote the plays entitled New Year's Resolutions based on issues concerning their lives and life on the street. HYTE is a community-based self-help and support group sponsored by the Drug Abuse Committee. In the above photo (from left to right) Paula Hand, Isabel Villaca, Jan Handy, Tim Gorman and Jason Reaney dramatize a street scene.

Volunteering is a two-way street

Take a test drive today

By DIANNE ANDERSON
Herald Special

Volunteering is a two-way street. Generally we think of volunteering as having to give up our time to help others. For just a moment consider how many volunteers touch our lives

in the course of a year, and how much we would miss them if their services were not available.

Most services and hobby clubs are run by volunteers. These people give many hours of their time to organize activities to enrich our lives. Think of the clubs you belong to: a sports team, agricultural or arts society, the guides, scouts, beavers, or brownies groups our children belong

to. Hopefully we will not require health services or counselling on a long-term basis, but should the need arise volunteers often come to our aid.

If you feel that you lack the time or the skills to be a volunteer, read through the following checklist. If you answer "yes" to any of the questions, then we have a place for you through the Volunteer Bureau.

1. Do I enjoy reading or reading aloud?
2. Am I a good listener?
3. Do I miss my professional job since retirement?
4. Do I spend time watching TV?
5. Do people I know confide their personal problems to me?

6. Am I a good driver?
7. Do I miss having small children around?
8. Would I like to learn something new?
9. Am I considering a career change and wondering what else I can do?
10. Do I enjoy the company of young people?

If you are not sure where you fit in, call the Volunteer Bureau today at 877-3219. Currently, we have over thirty requests from local agencies for volunteers, so don't let January be a depressing time for you. Make a difference. Volunteer!

Legion Lines
By JIM HAYES

I would like to wish you all the best for 1988 from the President, executive, and members of Branch 120.

CAR CLUB: Winners in Dec. 24 draw: 217 Lloyd Ried, 271 David Hannah, 187 Jim Emmerson, 382 Sam Inglis, 486 F. and R. Armstrong, 220 Doug Harley. December 31: 483 Joe Louth, 90 Bud Hayes, 81 Reta Rudiger, 169 Jim Hayes, 408 Norm Ward, 309 Eva Murdock.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON MEAT DRAW: Winners: Dave Bell, Joan Brown, Gary Kirk, Doreen Wilson, Eric Howell, Ken Knauff, David Hannah, Harry Brown, Bob Waites, Cec. Reid, Jim Hayes, Doug

Boutiller. The roast was won by Vern Kirby.

The New Year's Eve party was a great success. Harry Allen and Gib Telford, are to be congratulated for their organization of the two events. Our thanks to them and their helpers.

The President's Levee on Jan. 1 was well attended, dancing to the music of Norm and Audrey.

ENTERTAINMENT: In the lounge: Jan. 9 Ken and Hazel, Jan. 16 Boots.

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