

## FILM SHORTS

Reviewers: Bob Grimm and Juan-Carlos Selznick.

### Opening this week



#### Birds of Passage

See review this issue. Pageant Theatre. Not rated —J.C.S.

#### Us

Writer/director Jordan Peele's follow-up to his celebrated 2017 debut, *Get Out*, is a frightening-looking tale of a family terrorized by a pack of doppelgängers. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated R.

### Now playing

#### Alita: Battle Angel

Robert Rodriguez (*Sin City*) directs this film adaptation of Yukito Kishiro's Japanese cyberpunk manga series, *Gunnm*, featuring a cyborg heroine named Alita (Rosa Salazar) who was rendered for the big screen using CGI technologies developed for James Cameron's *Avatar*. Cinemark 14. Rated PG-13.



#### Captain Marvel

Despite the fact that she's playing a superhero who has the power to shoot electrical bursts from her hands, Brie Larson's Captain Marvel suffers from a disappointing lack of energy. Larson's turn as the title character, aka Carol Danvers (aka Vers), is plagued by lethargy and bizarre line deliveries, and she gives off a detached vibe that she doesn't want to be in the movie. Had the film around her been really good, the lead's bored disposition might've been forgiven, but this cosmic superhero origin story and intergalactic war movie is also riddled with some haphazard storytelling and awful special effects. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated PG-13 —B.G.

#### Captive State

After 10 years of occupation by alien forces, the population of Earth is split into two sides—those who who cooperate and those who resist. Starring John Goodman, Ashton Sanders and Vera Farmiga. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated PG-13.

#### Five Feet Apart

Film adaptation of Rachel Lippincott's young-adult novel of the same name about two teens whose newfound love for one another is complicated by the fact that their respective life-threatening illnesses keep them from coming into physical contact. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated PG-13.

#### How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World

The third entry in the animated franchise picks up a year after the events in the previous film, with Hiccup the dragon (voice of Jay Baruchel) searching for a dragon utopia. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated PG.

#### Isn't It Romantic

A fantasy-satire starring Rebel Wilson as an unlucky-in-love woman who finds herself stuck in a stereotypical rom-com universe. Cinemark 14. Rated PG-13.



#### The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part

Another healthy dose of family-friendly fun at which both kids and parents should laugh heartily. The *Second Part* picks up five years after the end of the first movie, and our hero Emmet (Chris Pratt) is happily buying coffee in Apocalypseburg, a devastated LEGO-land of sullen tones and broken dreams where master builder Wyldestyle (Elizabeth Banks) has taken to dramatic narration at all times as things in their world have turned from awesome to bleak. The culprits are aliens called Duplos, invading forces that are at once undeniably adorable and unabashedly destructive. It's a crazed world where Batman (Will Arnett) gets engaged to Queen Waterva Wa'Nabi (Tiffany Haddish), leader of the Duplo, and Emmet winds up running with a Kurt Russell-type antihero named Rex Dangervest, who is suspiciously like him (and who is also voiced by Pratt). The movie feels a bit repetitive in places, and some of the action is too fast to be fully taken in, but flaws aside, it's still a lot of fun. There's a slightly dark underbelly at play here, and it's fun to see a kid's flick that doesn't totally play it safe. Cinemark 14. Rated PG —B.G.

#### A Madea Family Funeral

Tyler Perry is back for film No. 11 in the *Madea* series, this time the hijinks unfold at a family funeral in the backwoods of Georgia. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. PG-13.

#### Wonder Park

A 3-D animated feature about a young girl (voiced by Brianna Denski) with a wild imagination who works with a cast of talking animals to bring a dream amusement park to life. With Matthew Broderick, Jennifer Garner, Ken Hudson Campbell, Kenan Thompson, Ken Jeong, Mila Kunis and John Oliver. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated PG.

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