

FILM SHORTS

Reviewers: Bob Grimm and Juan-Carlos Selznick.

Opening this week

The Best of Enemies

Historical biopic starring Taraji P. Henson and Sam Rockwell, as a civil rights activist and Ku Klux Klan leader, respectively, who are forced to work with one another on school integration in North Carolina in the early 1970s. Cinemark 14.

The Mustang

Matthias Schoenaerts stars as a prison inmate with a violent past who takes part in a rehabilitation program involving the breaking/training of wild horses. Pageant Theatre. Rated R.

Pet Sematary

Jason Clarke, Amy Seimetz and John Lithgow star in this latest adaptation of Stephen King's horror novel about a family's terrifying dealings with a mysterious burial ground. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated R.

Shazam!

The first big-screen treatment of the classic DC Comics character, the alter ego of troubled teen Billy Batson (played by Asher Angel), who turns into a buff adult (Zachery Levi) full of superpowers when exclaims, "Shazam!" Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated PG-13.

Now playing

The Beach Bum

Matthew McConaughey stars as a stoned-out free spirit/writer who lives by his own rules. Written/directed by Harmony Korine (*Kids, Julien Donkey-Boy*) and also starring Snoop Dogg, Isla Fisher and Jonah Hill. Cinemark 14. Rated R.

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.

Dumbo

See review this issue. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated PG —B.G.



Pet Sematary

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. Rated PG.

Hotel Mumbai

Dev Patel and Armie Hammer star in this historical biopic that tells the story of the 2008 terrorist attack in Mumbai, India, that killed 164 people. Cinemark 14. Rated R

Unplanned

A Christian faith-based film based on the memoir of a former Planned Parenthood employee turned anti-abortion activist. Cinemark 14. Rated R.



Us
A young girl in a 1980s flashback drifts away from her father at an amusement park on the Santa Cruz pier and finds herself in a darkened and frightening hall of mirrors. Things then jump to the present day, where Adelaide and Gabe (Lupita Nyong'o and Winston Duke) are taking their children, Zora and Jason, to the beach. It's the same beach we saw in the flashback, and we find out that Adelaide was that young girl. She's not happy about revisiting the place. The family excursion quickly becomes the worst vacation ever, as another family shows up at night. A quick examination of the intruders reveals what the commercials for this movie have already told you: The family outside is a darker mirror image of the stunned family inside the house. They aren't coming over to borrow the lawn mower. They intend to kill. Writer-director Jordan Peele follows up the success of *Get Out* with another mind bender, one that is also an efficient, bare-knuckled horror-thriller, plus a comedy and a brutal social satire. It's the whole package. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated R —B.G.

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. Rated PG.

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