

ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE MENU

Park Hills Theater

Stephen King's Thinner

Weekends at 1:40, 4, 7:30 and 9:45 p.m.; Weekdays starting Friday at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m.

A portly lawyer who sideswipes a gypsy woman while crossing the street is cursed by a single word — "Thinner." Stars Robert John Burke, Joe Mantegna and Michael Constantine.

Rated R

Romeo and Juliet

Weekends at 4:10, 7:10 and 9:40 p.m.; Weekdays starting Friday at 7:10 and 9:40 p.m.

An updated modern diversion of the William Shakespeare novel. Stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes.

Rated PG-13

Dear God

Weekends at 1:10, 3:40, 7:20 and 9:55 p.m.; Weekdays starting Friday at 7:20 and 9:55 p.m.

When a postal worker answers letters addressed to God, Santa and the Easter Bunny, he is sought by the media who sees him as a miracle worker and by the postal authorities who want him for mail fraud. Stars Greg Kinnear.

Rated PG

Fly Away Home

Weekends at 1:15 and 7:15 p.m.; Weekdays starting Friday at 7:10 p.m. only.

The story of a young girl and her homemade airplane teaching young geese the way to fly south for the winter. Stars Jeff Daniels and Anna Paquin.

Rated PG

Michael Collins

Weekends at 1, 3:45, 7 and 9:35 p.m.; Weekdays starting Friday at 7 and 9:35 p.m.

This biopic chronicles the life of the Irish leader who fought to free his country from English rule in the 1920s. Stars Julia Roberts and Liam Neeson.

Rated R

Long Kiss Goodnight

Weekends at 1:20, 3:50, 7:10 and 9:50 p.m.; Weekdays starting Friday at 7:10 and 9:50 p.m.

A private investigator helps a school teacher suffering from amnesia. Stars Geena Davis and Samuel L. Jackson.

Rated R

To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday

Weekends at 1, 3, 5, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m.; Weekdays starting Friday at 7:15 and 9:30 p.m.

A man overcome with grief remains fixated on the spirit of his beautiful bride even two years after her death. Stars Michelle Pfeiffer, Kathy Baker, Peter Gallagher and Freddie Prinze Jr.

Rated PG-13

Carmike 8

Daily at 7:10 and 9:50 p.m.

A young Chicago lawyer races against time to save his grandfather, a white supremacist on death row for killing two Jewish youths. Stars Chris O'Donnell, Gene Hackman and Faye Dunaway.

Rated R



Jon Lovitz stars as Richard C. Clark, a white bread young idealist who goes to teach at tough, inner city Marion Barry High in "High School High."

Ghost and The Darkness

Daily at 1:35, 3:45, 7:30 and 9:40 p.m.

A young engineer involved with the construction of the East African Railway at the turn of the century must hunt down two lions that have killed 130 men. Stars Val Kilmer and Michael Douglas.

Rated R

Mighty Ducks 3

Daily at 1 and 3:30 p.m.

The third in the series of Mighty Ducks movies. This time the coach has an all new group of young boys ready to do battle in hockey. Stars Emilio Estevez.

Rated PG

High School High

Daily at 1:20, 3:15, 5:10, 7:35 and 9:55 p.m.

An idealistic teacher leaves his position at a private school to teach at a notorious inner-city school that's so tough it has its own cemetery. Stars Jon Lovitz and Tia Carrere.

Rated PG-13

First Wives Club

Daily at 1:10, 3:40, 7:20 and 9:45 p.m.

When a distraught friend commits suicide over her husband's infidelity, three women seek revenge against their successful husbands who have left them for younger women. Stars Bette Midler, Diane Keaton, Mandy Patinkin, Goldie Hawn and Heather Locklear.

Rated PG

That Thing You Do

Daily at 1:15, 4, 7:15 and 9:35 p.m.

Members of a rock band have the greatest summer of their lives when their signature song rockets to the top of the charts and unexpected love blossoms. Stars Tom Hanks, Tom Everett Scott, Jonathon Schaech, Steve Zahn and Liv Tyler.

Rated PG

Sleepers

Daily at 1:15, 4:10, 7 and 9:50 p.m.

When a childhood prank results in an accident, a group of friends is sent to a juvenile hall where they are terribly abused and years later make a pact to seek revenge. Stars Brad Pitt and Robert DeNiro.

Rated R

The Associate

Daily at 1:30, 4:15, 7:15 and 9:40 p.m.

An investment banker of a different stripe works to find success her own way among the gray-suited patricians of the old boys network. Stars Whoopie Goldberg, Dianne Wiest, Bebe Neuwirth and Tim Daly.

Rated PG-13

Larger Than Life

Daily at 1, 3, 5, 7:10 and 9:30 p.m.

A man receives a very large inheritance from the father he never knew — a live circus elephant named Vera. Stars Bill Murray.

Rated PG

Blair Super Saver Cinemas

First Wives Club

Friday at 7:25 and 9:25 p.m.; Weekends at 1:15, 3:30, 7:25 and 9:25 p.m.

When a distraught friend commits suicide over her husband's infidelity, three women seek revenge against their successful husbands who have left them for younger women. Stars Bette Midler, Diane Keaton, Mandy Patinkin, Goldie Hawn and Heather Locklear.

Rated PG

The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Friday at 7:15 p.m.; Weekends at 12:50, 2:40, 4:30 and 7:15 p.m.

Disney brings to life Victor Hugo's classic tale of Quasimodo, the lonely outsider who longs for life outside his bell tower. Voices: Demi Moore, Kevin Kline, Tom Hulce and Jason Alexander.

Rated G

Matilda

Weekends at 12:40 and 4:45 p.m. only.

An extraordinarily intelligent girl is cursed with parents who can barely tolerate the little time they spend with their daughter. Stars Mara Wilson, Danny DeVito and Rhea Perlman.

Rated PG

Independence Day

Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 8:55 p.m. only.

A computer genius and a fighter pilot team up with the president to save the Earth from alien invaders planning to destroy the planet on the Fourth of July. Stars Will Smith and Bill Pullman.

Rated PG-13

A Time To Kill

Friday at 7 and 9:35 p.m.; Weekends at 2:20, 7 and 9:35 p.m.

In a deep South town, a black man is put on trial for murdering the white man who raped his daughter. Stars Samuel L. Jackson, Sandra Bullock, Oliver Platt and Matthew McConaughey.

Rated R

Weekend planner

Today

THEATER

"Poe's Midnight Dreary," 7 p.m., Allegheny Highlands Regional Theatre at Cresson Lake. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for children under age 18. 472-4333

LECTURES/PROGRAMS

"The News Media and Presidential Elections," a lecture concerning coverage, causes and consequences by Dr. Stephanie Larson, Pennsylvania Humanities Council, 7 p.m., Altoona Area Public Library theater. 946-0417

CLASSES

Kids and teens training, 3 to 5 p.m., Hollidaysburg Area YMCA, \$4 for nonmembers or free with fitness passport.

Butts and guts, 5 p.m., Hollidaysburg Area YMCA, \$4 for nonmembers or free with fitness passport.

Quick step, 5:30 p.m., Hollidaysburg Area YMCA, \$4 for nonmembers or free with fitness passport.

Pre/post-natal, 7 p.m., Hollidaysburg Area YMCA, \$5 for nonmembers or free with fitness passport.

Aerobics, 6:30 p.m., YMCA Frankstown Children's Center, \$4 for nonmembers or free with fitness passport.

50-Plus senior exercise, 1 to 2 p.m., Altoona YWCA, \$3. 944-8119

Step with dyna bands, 6:30 p.m., Garver YMCA, Roaring Spring. 224-5101

Meditation and relaxation, 7 to 9 p.m., Altoona YWCA, \$1. 944-8119

RECREATION

Summit Duplicate Bridge Club, 12:30 p.m., 742-7293

Pinochle, 6:30 p.m., Altoona YWCA, \$1 per person. 944-8119

FOR CHILDREN

Quaint Corner Children's Museum, 1 to 5 p.m. 944-6830

Friday

THEATER

"Poe's Midnight Dreary," 7 p.m., Allegheny Highlands Regional Theatre at Cresson Lake. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for children under age 18. 472-4333

CLASSES

Aquafit, 9 a.m., Hollidaysburg Area YMCA, \$5 for nonmembers or free with fitness passport.

Step aerobics, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Hollidaysburg Area YMCA, \$4 for nonmembers or free with fitness passport.

Cross training, 9:05 a.m., Hollidaysburg Area YMCA, \$4 for nonmembers or free with fitness passport.

Stimnastics, 9:05 a.m., Hollidaysburg Area YMCA, \$4 for

nonmembers or free with fitness passport.

Aquatic arthritis, 12:30 p.m., Hollidaysburg Area YMCA, \$5 for nonmembers or free with fitness passport.

Butts and guts, 5:30 p.m., Hollidaysburg Area YMCA, \$4 for nonmembers or free with fitness passport.

Aqua aerobics, 6 p.m., Hollidaysburg Area YMCA, \$5 for nonmembers or free with fitness passport.

For more information on Hollidaysburg Area YMCA classes, call 695-4467.

Senior stretch, 8 a.m., Garver YMCA, Roaring Spring. 224-5101

Step with dyna bands, 8:45 a.m. and 4 p.m., Garver YMCA, Roaring Spring. 224-5101

Aerobics, 9:30 a.m., YMCA Frankstown Children's Center, \$4 for nonmembers or free with fitness passport.

RECREATION

Lap swim, 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. except 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Hollidaysburg Area YMCA, \$3 for guest with member or \$6. 695-4467

Family swim, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Hollidaysburg Area YMCA, free for members or \$3 per guest.

Saturday

THEATER

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Penn State Tailgater Party, Bryce Jordan Center. Full luncheon buffet, family entertainment, music, door prizes and more. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for age 12 and under. Four hours prior to kickoff.

Tickets for Bryce Jordan Center events are available at the Bryce Jordan Ticket Center, Uni-Mart at 1313 Valley View Blvd., Altoona, and 100 W. 10th St., Tyrone, and Penn State Campus ticket outlets in Altoona, Erie, Hazleton and Reading. Charge by phone at (800) 863-3336.

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CLASSES

Step aerobics, 9 a.m., Hollidaysburg Area YMCA, \$4 for nonmembers or free with fitness passport.

Butts and guts, 10 a.m., Hollidaysburg Area YMCA, \$4 for nonmembers or free with fitness passport.

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FOR CHILDREN Storytelling, 9 to 10 a.m., Frankstown Children's Center, \$2 per session for nonmembers or free for Hollidaysburg Area YMCA members.

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Sunday

THEATER

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MUSIC Sunday Afternoon Live series, all-Spanish concert by guitarist Douglas Rubio, 3 p.m., Faith United Church of Christ, State College. For tickets and information, call 234-5602.

STEPPING OUT

ALDO'S LOUNGE — 621 4th Ave., Juniata, 943-9907.

Friday the band Of Sound Mind plays from 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Saturday the band Korruption plays from 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Every Wednesday Raggedy Hobo, acoustic guitar, plays from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

CLASSIC ATTITUDES — Mill Run Road, 944-6020.

Wednesday line dance lessons from 7 to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday the DJ Maximum Music plays records from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

CO"BRH'S" LOUNGE — 1200 6th Ave., 942-9720.

Friday karaoke begins at 9:30 p.m.

FRANCESCO'S — Park Hills, No phone number.

Tuesday through Sunday the DJ Jason plays music until 2 a.m.; Wednesday is retro-disco night.

GLORY DAYS — 1509 13th St., 943-5327.

Friday the DJ Gwen plays music from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Saturday DJ Maximum Music II plays music from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

JAMESTOWN P.N.A. — Portage, off Route 53.

Saturday Gary Clemenson plays from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.; Line dance classes every Tuesday (intermediate to advanced), 7 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday beginner line dance class, 7 to 9 p.m.; Thursday

(review classes) 7 to 10 p.m.

SEBASTIANO'S — 1524 E. Walton Ave., Greenwood, 941-9000.

Tonight the band IBS plays from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Friday the band Bad Wrench plays from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Saturday Blue Sky Mourning plays from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Tuesday the band Felix and the New Hurricanes plays from 9 p.m. to midnight.

TGI FRIDAY'S — Rte. 220 and Plank Road, 946-9919.

Saturday magician Richard Magi-came performs from 5 to 9 p.m.

URIAH'S RESTAURANT AND PUB — 101 Bellwood Ave., 946-0428.

Tonight DJ Sound Barrier plays music from 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Friday karaoke with DJ

Ron Nocco from 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Saturday comedians Billy Terrell and Billy Geisen, hosted by Bill Bettwy, will perform from 10 p.m. to midnight.

WHITE HOUSE — 110 Logan Ave., Lakemont, 942-5629.

Saturday is a Halloween Dance, a DJ plays music from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

ZEPP'S INN — 821 N. Main St., Gallitzin, 886-4393.

Tonight karaoke with Hollywood Elvis Woo from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. during our Halloween party.

Taverns and bars that wish to have their entertainment information appear in Stepping Out, should call Arlene Miller at 946-7459 by noon Tuesday every week.

Rush's 'Test for Echo' challenges justice system

By KIRA L. BILLIK The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In typically complex fashion, the title and corresponding song of the new album by the intellectual Canadian trio Rush has a dual meaning.

On the surface, the song "Test for Echo" is a snide critique of the American justice system, which often turns criminals into media darlings. But it's also a comment on human nature.

"It's about the numbing process that happens when we are exposed to great tragedies and then we're exposed to moments of hilarity," singer-bassist Geddy Lee said.

"That's the condition of contemporary man now — when we read the paper or when we watch TV, we're not sure if we're supposed to laugh."

The concept of the echo is especially crucial in the context of the band itself. Lee, guitarist Alex Lifeson and drummer Neil Peart act as each other's system of checks and balances.

"I tend to be Alex's echo when it's his turn to do the guitar parts," he said. "Neil has a tendency to be my echo when it comes to bass parts. And Alex seems to be Neil's echo when it comes to him working out his drum parts and his drum sound. We all trade off producing each other."

There's a special bond between Lee and Peart, who writes all the band's lyrics.

"I have to be very connected with what he wants to say and agreeable to what he wants to say and be able to sing that sentiment with sincerity," Lee said. "Neil is an incredibly professional writer

... he's very happy to take my input as an objective editor."

The band had separated for a year and a half after the tour supporting their last album, "Counterparts," ended. Peart put together a tribute album called "Burning for Buddy," which honored late drummer Buddy Rich. Lifeson formed the band Victor and released an album. And Lee and his wife became parents of a daughter.

When it came time to rejoin, everyone was rejuvenated, especially Lee.

"I found myself to be far more relaxed than I've ever been about making a record," Lee said. "I had had a great year and a half with my family, and I had been pretty well totally away from the music business, so my natural cynicism of all things connected with the music business had sub-

sided to a certain degree.

"I was really ready to work. I was really dying to write some music. So I wasn't going to do anything to disturb that vibe. I was sitting there like a kid on the first day of camp."

Lee didn't feel, as he said, that he "needed to go out and make a great solo statement."

"For me, Rush is a very big job — it takes a lot out of me," he said. "I'm very involved in a lot of different aspects of the band, so it's very satisfying for me."

But Lifeson and Peart came from a different perspective.

"Neil's project was partly driven by charity — all the money was going to charity — and it was partly driven by his love of big band music and his desire to explore that area of his drumming," Lee said. "I was very supportive of that."

'B&B' anniversary book due out in stores soon

As "Bold and Beautiful" celebrates its 10th anniversary year, the successful half hour series has produced a coffee-table book to note the event. The "Bold & Beautiful: A 10th Anniversary Celebration" contains more than 200 color photographs as well as profiles of the show's core characters and the actors who play them.

Behind-the-scenes stories and coverage of the series' many special moments, including its unique fashion shows, are also included. The book, written by Robert Waldron, offers full coverage of viewer favorites like the villainous exploits of Sheila, and Brooke's tangled relationships with the Forrester men. Published by Harper-Collins, the book is \$27.50, and will be in stores Nov. 20.

Randy Brooks, known for his previous daytime roles on "Another World" and "Young and Restless," is playing the short-term role of Grady on "All My Children."

THE SOAP SCENE

TOBY GOLDSTEIN

On "One Life to Live," Anthony de Sando is appearing as Grant, a man who imperils Marty and Patrick as they track down a clue that could put Carlo out of the picture. De Sando has regularly appeared on the night-time series "L.A. Law" and "Under Suspicion." Leigh McCloskey, whose extensive years on soaps have brought him to "General Hospital" and "Santa Barbara" after beginning with "Dallas," has joined the cast of "Young and Restless" in the role of Kurt Costner, a drifter hired as a handyman by Kay Chancellor. (Goldstein is the former senior editor of Soap Opera Digest.)