

Friday, July 8, 2011

TV CHOICE



Main course: Food writer Simon Hopkins presents, The Good Cook, BBC 1, 7.30pm



Family affair: Katie Holmes stars, The Kennedys, BBC 2, 9.00pm & 9.45pm



Full bloom: How to create a fantasy garden, Love Your Garden, STV, 8.00pm

EARLY

PRIME TIME

LATE

DIGITAL

Table with 5 columns: BBC 1, BBC 2, STV, CHANNEL 4, CHANNEL 5. Lists TV programs and their times for each channel.

STAYING IN



HELL hath plenty of fury

DVD REVIEW

Bone-crunching brawls spice up hard-edged thriller

Drive Angry (18)

Nicolas Cage, Amber Heard, William Fichtner, Billy Burke, Katy Mixon.

Milton (Nicolas Cage) is condemned to purgatory, from where he must watch in agony as his beloved daughter falls into the

clutches of demonic cult leader Jonah King (Billy Burke). She is murdered for her baby girl as part of a satanic ritual and Milton breaks out of the underworld, determined to save his granddaughter. He heads for a diner where he rescues waitress Piper (Amber Heard) from a beating at the hands of her boyfriend and she joins him on a quest to track down Jonah. Meanwhile, the Devil dispatches one of his minions, The Accountant (William Fichtner), to hunt down Milton and return him to the inferno. Drive Angry is an outlandish revenge thriller, which keeps the adrenaline pumping with a volatile cocktail of gun fights, car chases and one-liners. Cage and Heard are a formidable

double act, the latter earning her spurs during a bone-crunching brawl in the back of a moving Winnebago. But you have to submit to the endless barrage of gratuitous violence to enjoy this. ★★★

"Volatile cocktail"

The Adjustment Bureau (12)

Matt Damon, Emily Blunt, Anthony Mackie, Michael Kelly, John Slattery, Terence Stamp.

Ambitious New York politician David Norris (Matt Damon) has overcome tragedy in his

personal life to lead the charge for the US Senate and the White House, aided by campaign manager Charlie Traynor (Michael Kelly). On the eve of an important speech, David meets gifted dancer Elise Sella (Emily Blunt) and the spark of attraction is palpable. This chance encounter proves a turning point in David's potentially glittering future, leading to a startling revelation: he is not the master of his destiny. Well-suited gents in hats including agents Richardson (John Slattery) and Harry (Anthony Mackie), are silently working behind the scenes, ensuring every human keeps to a path that has been designed for them. Adapted from Philip K Dick's 1954 short story, The Adjustment Bureau is a fast-paced thriller, which ponders

DVD TOP 10

- 1 (1) Paul
2 (-) Black Swan
3 (-) The Mechanic
4 (2) The Fighter
5 (4) True Grit
6 (-) I Am Number Four
7 (3) The Next Three Days
8 (5) The King's Speech
9 (6) The Green Hornet
10 (-) Drive Angry

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BOOK REVIEW

Robocalypse by Daniel H Wilson (Simon & Schuster, £19.99)

IT SEEMS natural that Daniel H Wilson, the author of How To Survive A Robot Uprising and How To Build A Robot Army, would turn his attention to a documentary-style novel about an apocalypse brought on by sentient machines. A survivor pieces together the story of what happened, recounting tales of people dubbed heroes by the machine mastermind. Initially, ominous incidents take place, including the malfunctioning of a pacification robot in Afghanistan, and a robot companion in Japan turning against its owner, before the machines try to exterminate mankind. It is an intriguing and terrifying account of an all-too-real future brought to life by clever storytelling. Ben Major

TOP 10 BOOKS

- 1 Afterwards Rosamund Lupton
2 At Home: A Short History Of Private Life Bill Bryson
3 The Fort Bernard Cornwell
4 The Finkler Question Howard Jacobson
5 The Tiger's Wife Teja Obrecht
6 A Clash Of Kings George RR Martin
7 Solar Ian McEwan
8 The Confession John Grisham
9 Miracle Cure Harlan Coben
10 How To Train Your Dragon Cressida Cowell

GAME REVIEW

EVE Online Incarna

play.eveonline.com BEAUTIFUL is really the best word to describe the latest EVE Online Expansion. The immersive character creator launched at Christmas has really come into its own with the introduction of the Captain's Quarters (CQ). Allowing players the opportunity to sit down, relax and control their empires through the new UI centred around 3 holoscreen displays, CQ has really brought online immersion to a new level. The expansion has brought an updated ship model, a complete revamp of the Turrets and a complete overhaul of the missioning system. Incarna, as the latest expansion is know is the 14th free expansion to the



residents of the 66 regions of the EVE universe. Incarna's focus is not just on established players, but on drawing new players into the largest online game out there. Incarna is a great stepping stone to what all EVE's pilots want from their game. Now is the time to get online and explore the stars. ★★★★★ Callum Main

ADOPT A PET

Researchers have shown that owning a pet can help lower blood pressure and lessen anxiety - so adopt one of these cute creatures and help yourself as well as them

Chaz wants to be comfy

BEAUTIFUL Staffie girl Chaz is looking for a comfortable home to retire to. She's seven years old, neutered and up to date with her vaccinations. She was brought in for rehoming because her owner was moving house and couldn't keep her. Chaz is very affectionate and gets on well with other dogs but has been known to chase cats. She needs access to a garden.



Great outdoors for L

L NEEDS a new home because his owner was moved into sheltered housing. He's very independent and would be well-suited to a country house where he could spend his days exploring his world. He's three years old, neutered and vaccinated. He likes to be cuddled but doesn't enjoy being picked up. He shouldn't be homed with other animals.

Fun-filled bundle of love

TYSON is still a pup and needs further training. He's a nine-month-old Staffie who has had all his vaccinations to date. He was brought in for rehoming as his owners didn't have time for him any more. He's very loving, affectionate and enjoys being the centre of attention. He needs a garden and if you are an active couple, he could be your perfect pet.

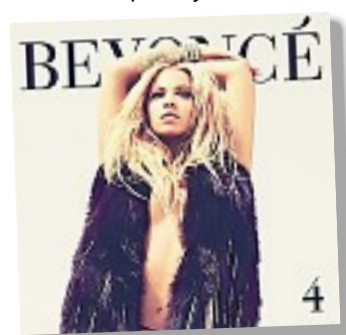


Mrs Murray's Cat and Dog Home is at Brickfield, East Seaton (01224) 483624. Viewing 9am-4pm, Monday to Friday and 9am-12.30pm Saturday.

CD REVIEW

Beyonce - 4

The world's biggest R&B superstar Beyonce is back with '4', her aptly titled fourth studio album. Speaking about the album, which she refers to as "musical gumbo", Beyonce reveals: "My fans will be so excited about my new album because I put my heart and



Kaiser Chiefs - Future Is Medieval

Leeds' Kaiser Chiefs aren't a band immediately associated with innovation. But the five-piece have looked to a potential future for music distribution for their fourth album, allowing fans to compile their own version of The Future Is Medieval from their official website. Putting fans in control is very nice, of course but could they not decide between these 20 songs? The Future Is Medieval can't be seen as any true statement, artistically, because the product is so flexible.

Stevie Nicks - In Your Dreams

In Your Dreams is Stevie

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Nicks' first album of new material since the release of her Grammy nominated 'Trouble In Shangri-La' ten years ago. 'In Your Dreams' was written and recorded at Stevie's Los Angeles home and was co-produced by Dave Stewart and Glen Ballard. Nicks and Stewart co-wrote seven of the album's thirteen songs.

TOP 10 ALBUMS

- 1 Lady Gaga - Born This Way.
2 Bon Iver - Bon Iver.
3 Adele - 21.
4 Take That - Progressed.
5 Bruno Mars - Doo Wops & Hoooligans.
6 Arctic Monkeys - Suck It & See.
7 Caro Emerald - Deleted Scenes From The Cutting Room Floor.
8 Bad Meets Evil (Eminem) - Hell: The Sequel.
9 Jessie J - Who You Are.
10 Rihanna - Loud.