Kam's Kapsules: For Movies Opening July 17

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Movie Reviews by Kam Williams

BIG BUDGET FILMS

The Conjuring (R for disturbing violence and scenes of terror) Fact-based horror flick about a couple of paranormal investigators (Vera Farmiga and Patrick Wilson) hired to help a family terrorized by an evil force inside their secluded farmhouse. Cast includes Lily Taylor, Joey King and Ron Livingston.

Red 2 (PG-13 for profanity, drug use and pervasive violence) Espionage thriller finds former, CIA Agent Frank Moses (Bruce Willis) coaxed back out of retirement and reunited with his elite team of spies to track down a portable nuclear bomb that's landed in the hands of terrorists. With Helen Mirren, Anthony Hopkins, John Malkovich, Mary- Louise Parker and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

R.I.P.D. (PG-13 for violence, profanity, sensuality and sexual references) Fantasy comedy about a recently deceased cop (Ryan Reynolds) who tries to solve his own murder with the help of a new partner (Jeff Bridges) after joining a police department for the undead. Support cast includes Kevin Bacon, James Hong and Mary-Louise Parker.

Turbo

Turbo (PG for mild action and mature themes) Family-oriented animated adventure about a garden variety snail (Ryan Reynolds) who gets a shot at winning the Indianapolis 500 after a freak accident alters his DNA. Voice cast includes Paul Giamatti, Snoop Dogg, Maya Rudolph, Samuel L. Jackson, Bill Hader, Michael Pena, Luis Guzman and Dr. Ken Jeong.

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

The Act of Killing (Unrated) Macabre musical documentary in which Indonesian death squad leaders reenact real-life mass executions in a manner mimicking the classic Hollywood films they so admire. (In English and Indonesian with subtitles)

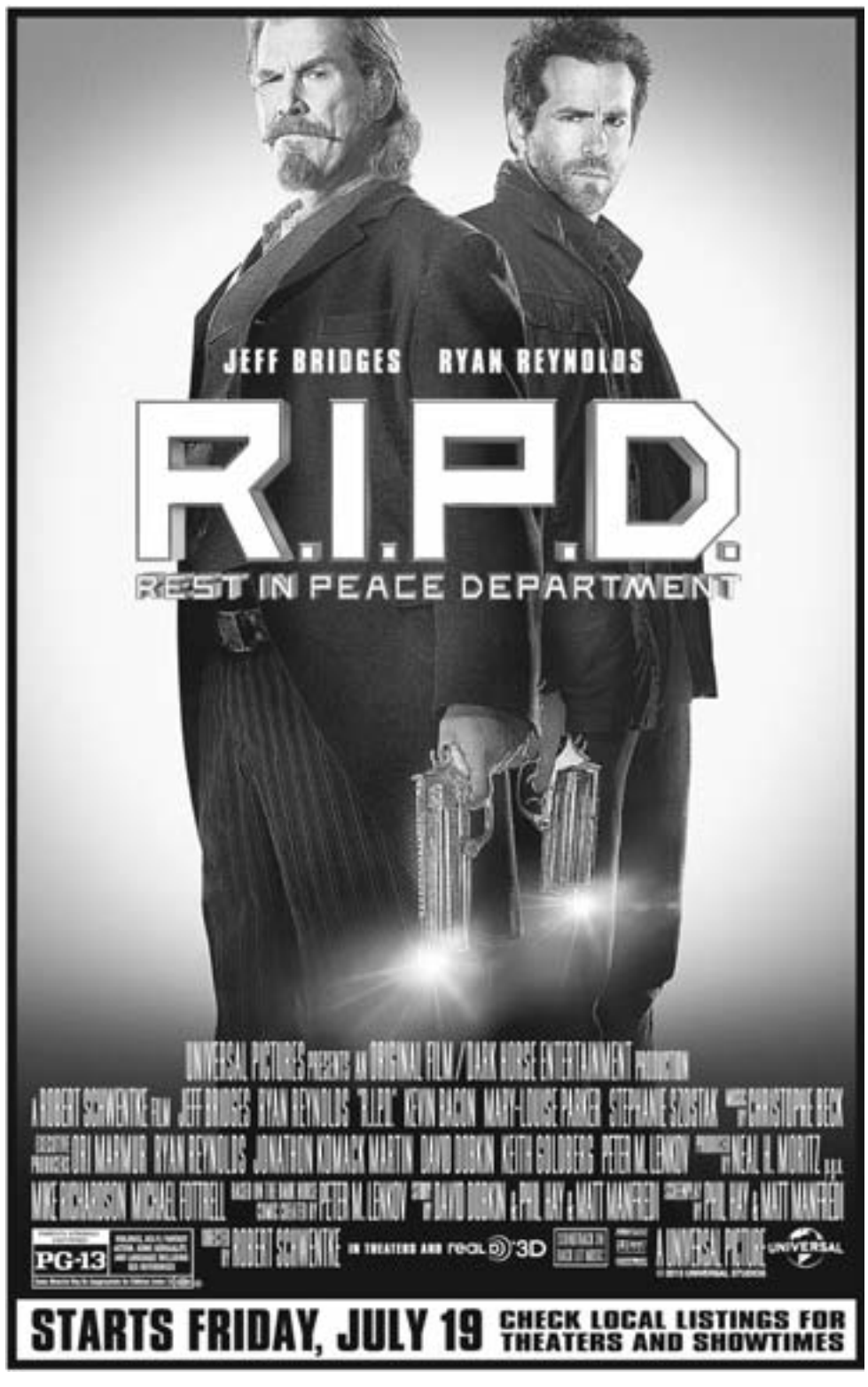
Big Words (Unrated) Dream deferred drama, set on the eve of Obama's history-making election, revolving around a once-promising rap trio's (Dorian Missick, Gbenga Akinnagbe and Darien Sills-Evans) reminiscing while speculating about what led to their break-up 15 years earlier. With Yaya Alafia, Zachary Booth, Jean Grae and Amir Arison.

R.I.P.D

Blackfish (PG-13 for disturbing images and mature themes) Free Willy documentary detailing the devastating consequences of keeping killer whales in captivity. Featuring testimonials by Samantha Berg, Kim Ashdown and Dave Duffus.

Broken (Unrated) Loss of innocence drama, set in North London, about an 11 year-old girl (Eloise Laurence) whose life is irreversibly altered after she witnesses a violent attack. With Cillian Murphy, Tim Roth and Rory Kinnear.

Colossus (Unrated) Mark Hendrickson wrote, directed, produced and stars in this musical mockumentary as a con artist who sets out to tour Russia as the front man for a faux, heavy-metal band. Featuring Polina Belenkaya, Elena Dudina and Valery Novikov. (In English and Russian with subtitles)

Iceberg Slim: Portrait of a Pimp (R for profanity, sexuality and violence) Pink Caddy documentary examining the life of the legendary Chicago pimp-turned-best selling author (1918-1992). Featuring commentary by Snoop Dogg, Ice-T and Quincy Jones

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