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Kam's Kapsules: Movies Opening Friday, February 2, 2018

BIG BUDGET FILMS

Winchester (PG-13 for violence, sexuality, drug use, mature themes and disturbing images) Revenge flick revolving around a Winchester Gun heiress (Helen Mirren) whose house is haunted by the ghosts of people killed by her company's repeating rifle.



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despite being sold into slavery after the murder of his mother. Voice cast

lives when their family's cabin in the woods is seized by drug smugglers. With Jill Wagner, Garret Dillahunt and Brendan Fletcher.

The Cage Fighter (Unrated) Blue-collar hero biopic chronicling 40-year-old journeyman Joe Carman's return to Mixed Martial Arts after



'Driving While Black'



'Bilal: A New Breed of Hero'

With Sarah Snook, Jason Clarke and Angus Sampson.

Bilal: A New Breed of Hero (PG-13 for violence and mature themes) Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje plays the title character in this animated adventure, set a thousand years ago, about an orphan who dreams of becoming a great warrior

includes Ian McShane, Jacob Latimore and Chyna Anne McClain.

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

Braven (R for violence, sexual references and pervasive profanity) Action thriller about a logger (Jason Momoa) and father (Stephen Lang) forced to fight for their

a long layoff, over the vehement objections of his wife and four daughters.

Driving While Black (Unrated) Hands on the dashboard comedy, set in L.A., highlighting the hazards of being an African American (Dominique Purdy) delivering pizza in a city where cops routinely make profile stops. With Sheila Teja-

da, John Mead and Julian Bane.

A Fantastic Woman (R for profanity, nudity, sexuality and disturbing violence) Chilean drama, set in Santiago, about a struggling cabaret singer (Daniela Vega) who becomes a murder suspect when her straight sugar daddy (Francisco Reyes) suddenly dies and the cops find out she's a transsexual. Support cast includes Luis Gnecco, Aline Kuppenheim and Amparo Noguera.

(In Spanish with subtitles)

Lies We Tell (Unrated) British crime saga about a trusted limo driver (Gabriel Byrne) who comes to regret destroying evidence of his recently-deceased, billionaire boss' (Harvey Keitel) clandestine affair with a 16 year-old, Muslim mistress (Sibylla Deen). With Mark Addy, Jan Addin and Reece Ritchie.

The Music of Silence (Unrated) Thinly-veiled biopic of Andrea Bocel-

li (Toby Sebastian), the blind Italian boy who overcame his limitations and humble origins en route to opera superstardom. Cast includes Antonio Banderas, Jordi Molla and Luisa Ranieri.

Scorched Earth (R for violence and profanity) Post-apocalyptic sci-fi thriller about a female bounty hunter (Gina Carano) with criminals to kill before the end of the world. Featuring John Hannah, Stephanie Bennett and Patrick Gilmore.

FILM REVIEW: Jessica Chastain Plays Skier-Turned-Felon in 'Molly's Game'

By Kam Williams
For The Skanner News

Molly Bloom (Jessica Chastain) was the third-ranked downhill skier in North America when her dream of representing the U.S. in the 2002 Winter Olympics was dashed

by a crippling back injury suffered during a qualifying run. So, the multi-talented University of Colorado grad had a change of plans, and instead set her sights on law school.

Then, in the break before starting, Molly took a job in L.A. as a cocktail

waitress. While working in the upscale bar, she was recruited by her abusive boss (Jeremy Strong) to help run his high-stakes, after-hours poker operation.

Molly had such a rare combination of brains and charm that she soon turned the game into a



'Molly's Game'

popular destination for athletes and Hollywood not only professional celebrities, but mobsters

and titans of industry. Despite raking in millions, her management skills remained unappreciated and unrewarded by her ingrate of an employer.

Consequently, it wasn't long before she copied his Rolodex of high rollers and went into business for herself. Crafty enough to stay one step ahead of the authorities, Molly's floating card game flourished for about eight years.

However, crossing over to the wrong side of the law did eventually catch up with her. And on April 16, 2013, the FBI busted Molly, seized her assets and froze the \$9 million in her bank accounts. Desperate, she retained the services of a leading defense attorney (Idris Elba) to help her avoid prison time.

Thus unfolds "Molly's Game," a warts-and-all biopic based on Molly Bloom's 2014 memoir of the same name. The book was adapted to the screen by Oscar winner Aaron Sorkin ("The Social Network"), who also makes his directorial debut here.

I'm not sure how much of an appetite audiences have for crooked, female Winter Olympians, given that "I, Tonya" is also

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