

Arts & Entertainment

Kam’s Kapsules: Movies Opening Friday, June 29

WIDE RELEASES

Sicario: Day of the Soldado (R for profanity, graphic violence and bloody images) High-body-count border war sequel finds CIA Agent Graver (Josh Brolin) and undercover operative Alejandro Gillick (Benicio del Toro) re-teaming to take on drug cartels smuggling terrorists and undocumented aliens into the U.S. With Isabela Moner, Catherine Keener and Jeffrey Donovan. (In English and Spanish with subtitles)

Uncle Drew (PG-13 for profanity, suggestive material and brief nudity) NBA star Kyrie Irving handles the title role in this hoops comedy about an elderly street legend who coaxes a bunch of his elderly buddies out of retirement to form a



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saalem after his married Israeli lover (Roy Miller) perishes in a car crash. There, he takes a job at his late boyfriend’s wife’s (Sarah Adler) cafe without letting her know about their secret relationship. With Zohar Shtrauss, Sandra Sade and Stephanie Stremmer. (In Hebrew, German and English with subtitles)

Dark River (Unrated) Sibling rivalry drama, set in Yorkshire, England, about a young sheep shearer (Ruth Wilson) who finds herself at odds with her estranged

side Portland, Oregon until they’re discovered by the authorities and placed under the care of social services. With Jeff Kober, Dale Dickey and Dana Millican.

Love, Cecil (Unrated) Reverential biopic about three-time Oscar-winning costume and set designer Cecil Beaton (1904-1980) who worked on such classic films as “Gigi,” “My Fair Lady” and “Anna Karenina.” Featuring commentary by Rupert Everett, David Hockney and Isaac Mizrahi.

Sanju (Unrated) Warts-and-all biopic chronicling the rise and fall from grace of Sanjay Dutt (Ranbir Kapoor), the star of hundreds of Bollywood films who served time in prison after becoming implicated in Mumbai terrorist attacks. With Sonam Kapoor, Paresh Rawal and Dia Mirza. (In Hindi with subtitles)



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This Is Congo (unrated) Political documentary offering an unvarnished look at the lives of three survivors of the most recent cycle of civil unrest in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Three Identical Strangers (PG-13 for mature themes) Skeleton-in-the closet documentary

about the deep secret revealing reunion at the age of 19 of triplets separated at birth and adopted by different families.

Woman Walks Ahead (R for profanity and brief violence) Jessica Chastain plays Catherine Weldon in this biopic, set in the 1890s, recounting how the artist became

embroiled in the Lakota tribe’s struggle to retain their lands when she traveled from Brooklyn to the Dakotas to paint a portrait of Chief Sitting Bull (Michael Greyeyes). Supporting cast includes Sam Rockwell, Ciaran Hinds and David Midthunder. (In English and Sioux with subtitles)



‘Leave No Trace’ is about a father and daughter living off the grid in a forest outside of Portland

basketball team to compete in Harlem’s Rucker Park Tournament. Cast includes Shaq, Tiffany Haddish, LilRel Howery, Reggie Miller, Chris Webber, Nate Robinson, Lisa Leslie, Mike Epps and J.B. Smoove.

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The Cakemaker (Unrated) Romance drama about a gay baker (Tim Kalkhof) who travels from Germany to Jeru-

big brother (Mark Stanley) upon returning to their childhood home for their abusive father’s (Sean Bean) funeral. Support cast includes Esme Creed-Miles, Aiden McCullough and Steve Garti.

Leave No Trace (PG for mature themes) Dysfunctional family drama about a father (Ben Foster) and teen daughter (Thomasin Harcourt McKenzie) who live off the grid in a forest out-

Film Review: BFFs Play Cutthroat Version of Kids’ Game in ‘Tag’

By Kam Williams
For The Skanner News

As kids, five BFFs from Spokane, Washington began playing Tag with no idea that, over the intervening years, an innocuous children’s game might gradually morph into a cutthroat version where each would go to extraordinary lengths to pass on or avoid becoming “It.” Several decades later, despite bearing all the responsibilities associated with adulthood, the guys remain ever vigilant for another



A group of friends play an endless children’s game in ‘Tag’

tap on the shoulder. The competitive quintet came to the attention of Wall Street Journal reporter Mark Steilen, who wrote an article about their imaginative antics entitled, “It Takes Planning, Caution to Avoid Being It.” Soon thereafter, Hollywood came-a-callin’ seeking to retain the

rights to their story. The upshot is “Tag,” the least likely of sports flicks since “Dodge Ball” (2004). The movie marks the feature film directorial debut of Jeff Tomsic, who had previously only been at the helm of assorted

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SHOWTIMES

The Week of
Friday, June 29 through
Thursday, July 5

BOOK CLUB (PG-13) Fri-Thur: 11:45, 5:05	BLACK PANTHER (PG-13) Fri-Thur: 2:00, 7:00
SUPER TROOPERS 2 (R) Fri-Thur: 9:45	INDEPENDENCE DAY (PG-13) Fri-Thur: 4:05, 9:20
A QUIET PLACE (PG-13) Fri-Thur: 12:05, 4:45, 9:10	E.T. THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL (PG) Fri-Thur: 11:50, 6:45
YOU WERE NEVER REALLY HERE (R) Fri-Thur: 2:05, 7:20	<i>\$4 adults, \$3 senior citizens (65+), \$3 for kids (12 & under)</i>
READY PLAYER ONE (PG-13) Fri-Thur: 2:15	

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Babysitting: Children 2 to 8 years old. Fri: shows starting between 3:30 pm and 8 pm. Sat - Sun: shows starting between 1 pm and 8 pm. \$9.50 per child for the length of the movie. Call to reserve a spot, no drop ins.

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