

Arts & Entertainment

Movies Opening Friday, April 19



'Rafiki'

WIDE RELEASES

Breakthrough (PG for peril and mature themes) Adaptation of Joyce Smith's (Chrissy Metz) faith-based memoir about reviving her drowned son's (Marcel Ruiz) via a combination of divine intervention and state-of-the-art medical care. Cast includes Josh Lucas, Topher Grace and Mike Colter.

The Curse of La Llorona (R for violence and terror) Sixth installment in The Conjuring horror series, set in L.A. in the 1970s, revolving around a widow (Linda Cardellini) who enlists the assistance of a skeptical priest (Tony Amendola) to protect her family from the wrath of a deadly ghost (Marisol Ramirez). With Sean Patrick Thomas, Raymond Cruz and Patricia Velasquez.

Penguins (G) Ed Helms narrates this nature documentary chronicling a young male penguin's quest to build a nest and to find a life partner.

Under the Silver Lake



Kam Williams
Kam's Kapsules Movie Reviews

(R for drug use, frontal nudity, graphic sexuality, violence and pervasive profanity) Suspense comedy, set in L.A., revolving around a jaded 33-year-old's (Andrew Garfield) effort to solve the mysterious disappearance of a young woman (Riley Keough) he saw swimming in his apartment complex's pool. With Topher Grace, Grace Van Patten and Chris Gann.

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

Fast Color (PG-13 for violence and brief profanity) Sci-fi thriller about a woman (Gugu Mbatha-Raw) forced to abandon her family and go on the run by a sheriff (David Strathairn) who discovers she has superpowers. With Lorraine Toussaint, Saniyya Sid-

ney and Christopher Denham.

Hail Satan? (R for profanity and graphic nudity) Documentary examining Freedom of Religion by tracing the rise of the Satanic Temple, a controversial cult founded by the charismatic Michael Wiener just six years ago.

High on the Hog (Unrated) Action thriller about the patriarch (Sid Haig) of a pot cartel's effort to protect his family from drug agents descending on his tiny farm town. With Joe Estevez, Fiona Doménica and Robert Z'Dar.

Little Woods (R for profanity and drug use) Sibling rivalry drama, set in North Dakota, about a couple of long-estranged sisters (Tessa Thompson and Lily James) who set aside their differences in order to prevent the impending foreclosure of their recently-deceased mother's estate. Cast includes Lance Reddick, Luke Kirby and James Badge Dale.

Rafiki (Unrated) Romance drama, banned by the Kenyan government, about the forbidden love which blossoms between two girls (Samantha Mugatsia and Sheila Munyiva) from rival political families. With Neville Misati, Nice Githinji and Charlie Karumi. (In English and Swahili with subtitles)

Film Review: 'Nancy Drew and the Hidden Staircase'

Sophia Lillis Shines as Legendary Teen Sleuth

By Kam Williams
For The Skanner News

After the untimely death of his wife, Carson Drew decided he and his daughter Nancy (Sophia Lillis) might benefit from a change of scenery. So, they moved from Chicago to an idyllic oasis in suburbia called River Heights.

The relocation proved to be far more of a challenge for Nancy than her civil rights attorney father, a pillar of the legal community, since the 16-year-old found herself having to adjust to a new school. Plus, the picture-perfect town seemed pretty dull, at first blush, to a thrill-seeker born with a sense of adventure.

When we're introduced to our heroine during the opening credits, she's careening around corners on a skateboard, the driving soundtrack repeating the refrain, "I'm more than just a girl!" ad infinitum. And after star Sophia Lillis takes off her helmet and shakes

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'Nancy Drew and the Hidden Staircase'

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