

FILM SHORTS

Reviewers: Bob Grimm and Juan-Carlos Selznick.

Opening this week

Amazing Grace

Sydney Pollack's lost documentary on the recording of Aretha Franklin's 1972 live album, *Amazing Grace*, finally sees the screen. Pageant Theatre. Rated G.

A Dog's Journey

Like the persistent soul that lived in the succession of dogs from the 2017 film *A Dog's Purpose*, the premise is reincarnated in the form of this tear-jerking/feel-good sequel about more dogs and their unified spirit teaching us about the meaning of it all. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated PG.

John Wick: Chapter 3 – Parabellum

In part three of the film series, "retired" super-assassin John Wick (Keanu Reeves) is in big trouble as a guild of elite killers hunts him down to claim the \$14 million price placed on his head. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated R.

The Sun Is Also a Star

A teen love story based on Nicola Yoon's 2016 bestselling book of the same name about a college-bound young man who falls for an undocumented Jamaican immigrant teen whose family is being deported. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated PG.

Now playing



Avengers: Endgame

There are tons of questions this movie needed to answer: Is everybody really dead? Where's Thanos (Josh Brolin)? Where's Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner)? Is Tony Stark/Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.) doomed in space? Does Star-Lord (Chris Pratt) still have his Walkman in the great beyond? And, how can I really talk about anything specific in this film without becoming the Spoiler King? I can say that the movie answers many of the questions everyone's been asking, and more, thanks to another well-balanced screenplay and a crack directorial job from the team of Anthony and Joe Russo. I can also tell you that the movie borrows a lot from *Back to the Future Part II*, and that the Hulk undergoes a fantastic wardrobe change. Despite a three-hour running time, all of this zips by in spectacularly entertaining fashion and very rarely misses the mark. And in the midst of all the action, Downey Jr. delivers another soulful, endearing performance, well beyond anything you would've

expected from a Marvel movie before he started showing up in them. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated PG-13 —B.G.



High Life

A sci-fi/fantasy with a nonlinear narrative starring Robert Pattinson as a man stranded in space with his baby daughter as the last survivors of a mission led by a doctor (Juliette Binoche) with sinister motives. Pageant Theatre. Rated R —J.C.S.

The Hustle

A female-centered remake of *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* with Anne Hathaway and Rebel Wilson taking over the roles of the high-rent/low-rent scam artists out to get revenge on the "dirty rotten" men who've wronged them. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated PG-13.

The Intruder

A psychological thriller about a married couple (Michael Ealy and Meagan Good) being terrorized by the previous owner (Dennis Quaid) of the Napa Valley dream home they just purchased. Cinemark 14. Rated PG-13.

Long Shot

Seth Rogen stars as an unemployed journalist who gets hired as a speechwriter by his first crush (Charlize Theron)—who is now U.S. secretary of state and a presidential candidate—sparking an unexpected romance. Cinemark 14. Rated R.

Pokémon Detective Pikachu

A part real-life/part animated fantasy flick set in a world where people collect Pokémon to do battle against each other, with Ryan Reynolds starring as the voice of Pikachu, a Pokémon and budding detective who helps a human track down a missing person. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated PG.

Poms

A group of inspired women in a retirement community form an unlikely all-senior cheerleading squad. Starring Diane Keaton and Pam Grier. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated PG-13.

Tolkein

Nicholas Hoult stars as author J.R.R. Tolkien in this biopic on the life of the creator of *The Lord of the Rings/The Hobbit* fantasy novels. Cinemark 14. Rated PG-13.

UglyDolls

A superstar cast—including Kelly Clarkson, Nick Jonas, Janelle Monáe and Pitbull—provides the voices for this computer-animated musical based on the UglyDolls line of plush toys. Cinemark 14. Rated PG.



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