

WHAT'S happening



How many people do you know who have an original **Picasso** hanging on their wall? The Lawrence Gallery has them all over the place in their show *Picasso: The Carmen Collection*, which contains 42 copper plates and 38 etchings by the artist, and is the largest private Picasso show in history. This is the chance of a lifetime to see the one of the greatest artists of our time. See Friday Out of Town.

"Irangeles," Los Angeles to you and me, is the setting for the Arab-American characters vividly portrayed in the book *Crescent*. Author **Diana Abu-Jabar** reads in the Knight Library from her latest work that portrays the colors, flavors and culture of her characters. See Wednesday Calendar.

Choreographer **Walter Kennedy** premieres new works and a tribute to the late dance legend Bella Lewitsky Friday and Saturday at the Soreng Theatre; artist **LiDona Wagner** teaches the art of Self Box Collage Saturday at DIVA; Hip-hop pioneers **De La Soul** show how it's done Tuesday at the McDonald.

Local Salsa singer/guitarist/arranger **Jessie Marquez** will be celebrating the release of her new CD, *Sana Locura*, at Luna. The CD was recorded in a very rustic studio in Havana, Cuba, complete with daily power interruptions, for that authentic sound. Let's get rrrready to rrrrrumba! See Friday Calendar.



Rachel Sage takes the stage at Cafe Paradiso this week. The winner of the 2002 Billboard Songwriting Contest uses edgy, feminist lyrics combined with slow, moody piano melodies to create an atmosphere of heart-breaking poignancy that is sure to make her a force to be reckoned with very soon. You heard it here first! Also performing are honky-tonk man **Moot Davis** and alt country guitarist **Pete Anderson**. See Saturday Calendar.

