

# WHAT'S happening



He's a huggable, crimson-colored mutt who, thanks to the sweet loving of his adopted owner, Emily Elizabeth (pictured), grew to epic proportions! Unlike the Hult's previous LIVE! show, which featured smallish ponies, **Clifford the Big Red Dog LIVE!** promises to be a "big oversized musical adventure," according to a press release. Clifford and Emily will be joined by Cleo the poodle and T-Bone the bulldog for a rip-roaring autobiographical tale of the life and times of the world's largest, reddest dog. The kiddies may wet their pants in excitement, but for grown-ups, Clifford may bring back a tinge of nostalgia for the great comic actor John Ritter (now deceased), who voiced the wise dog in the hit PBS TV series and the 2004 film *Clifford's Really Big Movie*. Or maybe we're just weird. See Saturday Calendar.



What were you doing when you were four? Picking your nose? Dressing up G.I. Joe in Barbie's clothing? OK, sure, we were reading deep books like *Ellen's Little Fish Pond* and *The Little Goat*, but Shannon Lee (pictured above) was picking up the violin. And the violin loved on her as much as reading loved on us. Um, or perhaps more, because she's now a 14-year-old professional violin soloist. Yep, and she's heading right here for the **Eugene Symphony's season finale**. Now come the crowning touches on a season filled with incredibly famous visitors (Sir James Galway, Renée Fleming) and horrific sadnesses (the shocking loss of two principals). Artistic Director Giancarlo Guerrero leads a performance of Prokofiev, Sibelius, Waxman and Tomasi. Don't miss Lee's virtuosic playing or the sweet, sweet work of the symphony! (And oh yeah, tickets are way more affordable than they were for Renée Fleming, so get 'em now.) See Thursday, May 17 Calendar.



One and a half years on, American citizens – the voting public – will not forget the tragic and criminal neglect of the people of New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. That's because nearly two years on, the citizens of that region still have not found their footing. Aid organizations like Common Ground Relief have stepped in where government has failed, providing short term assistance to the lesser-off hurricane victims along the Gulf Coast. The **Remains and Rebirth: An Evening Around Katrina** event at Churchill High School aims to raise awareness about the current reality on the ground in the Gulf as well as to raise funds for further relief efforts. Springfield High School graduate and independent filmmaker Walidah Imarisha (pictured above) will present her short film, *Finding Common Ground in New Orleans*, a short doc about the lasting effects hurricanes Katrina and Rita have had on the social fabrics of gulf communities. Also screening will be *Food Water Revolution*, about the Iraq Vets Against the War group's march in support of the Gulf Coast residents. See Wednesday Calendar.