

Portland **FOCUS** Observer

Summer's Biggest Blockbusters

Premiering Now:

Lara Croft: Tomb Raider

Synopsis: Lara Croft, who is carrying on her deceased father's work as an English archaeologist/antiquities hunter, uncovers an



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ancient puzzle that she must solve before it's too late. Centuries before, a mysterious, otherworldly object with a god-like power to alter time was split in two and the pieces buried in tombs on opposite ends of the earth. Jolie must race against time to find both halves of the object and destroy it before a leader of an evil secret society get his hands on it.

Dr. Dolittle 2

Synopsis: The continuing tale of the doctor who can talk to the animals - this time, it's Dolittle versus Darwin when the animals launch a labor strike to protect their forest from unscrupulous human developers. Dolittle quickly comes up with a plan: populate the forest with a species of animal that the law protects. He finds a perfect candidate when he comes across Ava, a lone Pacific Western bear living in the condemned forest. To provide her with a mate, Dolittle turns to Archie, a wise-cracking, fast-food loving, circus performing bear. Can Dolittle play matchmaker to these two mismatched bears before it's too late?

Genre(s): comedy, adaptation, sequel, remake; Rating: MPAA PG 13; Runtime: 100 mins.; Distributor(s): 20th Century Fox (USA).

Atlantis: The Lost Empire

Synopsis: The year is 1914. Milo Thatch is a lowly museum cartographer and linguistics expert who knows the whereabouts of Atlantis. He isn't taken seriously, however, until an eccentric billionaire funds an expedition based on Miko's late grandfather's journal

about the lost city. Milo joins a motley group of mercenaries, led by Commander Rourke, on a dangerous trip through the ocean, where they discover a thriving civilization ruled by the King and his beautiful warrior daughter, Princess Kida. It's Atlantis, and it's been kept alive by a crystal energy hidden deep within the city, which thrills Commander Rourke - his evil plan is to steal the crystals. Now it's up to Milo and the others to save the city from certain doom.

SWORDFISH

Synopsis: Gabriel Shear has set his sights on a government slush fund established several years ago by the Drug Enforcement Agency in a money-laundering scheme, now worth nearly \$10 billion. In order to pull off the heist, he needs to find someone who can get into the bank's computers quickly enough to access the DEA money

while deleting all records of the transfer. Shear is left with one option - Stanley Jobson - recently released from jail after serving two years for hacking into an FBI program that performed unethical surveillance on regular Americans. Jobson is reluctant to do the job even after Shear offers him \$10 million because the terms of his parole prevent him from coming within 50 yards of a computer. So Shear comes up with an offer that he cannot refuse - a chance to be reunited with his daughter Holly. Jobson's



boozy ex-wife took Holly and married an X-rated film director during his hiatus from society, leaving Jobson to live alone in a trailer. With everything to gain, Jobson accepts the deal and enters Shear's world where people are obviously not what they seem.

A.I.

Synopsis: Sometime in the distant future, after the polar icecaps have melted, major flooding has



devastated most major cities and the world is now run by robots with highly sophisticated artificial intelligence. In the midst of it all stands one boy and a robotic teddy bear who long for something more...

Genre(s): sci-fi, drama; Rating: MPAA; Runtime: 73 mins.; Distributor(s): Warner Bros (USA).

Premiering Soon:

Cats and Dogs

Synopsis: The age-old turf war between cats and dogs gets more intense when felines discover that humans may be on the brink of developing a vaccine for dog allergies. Dogs, naturally, are all for it, but cats make it their mission to prevent the breakthrough.

Genre(s): animation, animal, live-action; Rating: MPAA; Distributor(s): Warner Bros (USA); Theatrical Release: July 4.

Kiss of the Dragon

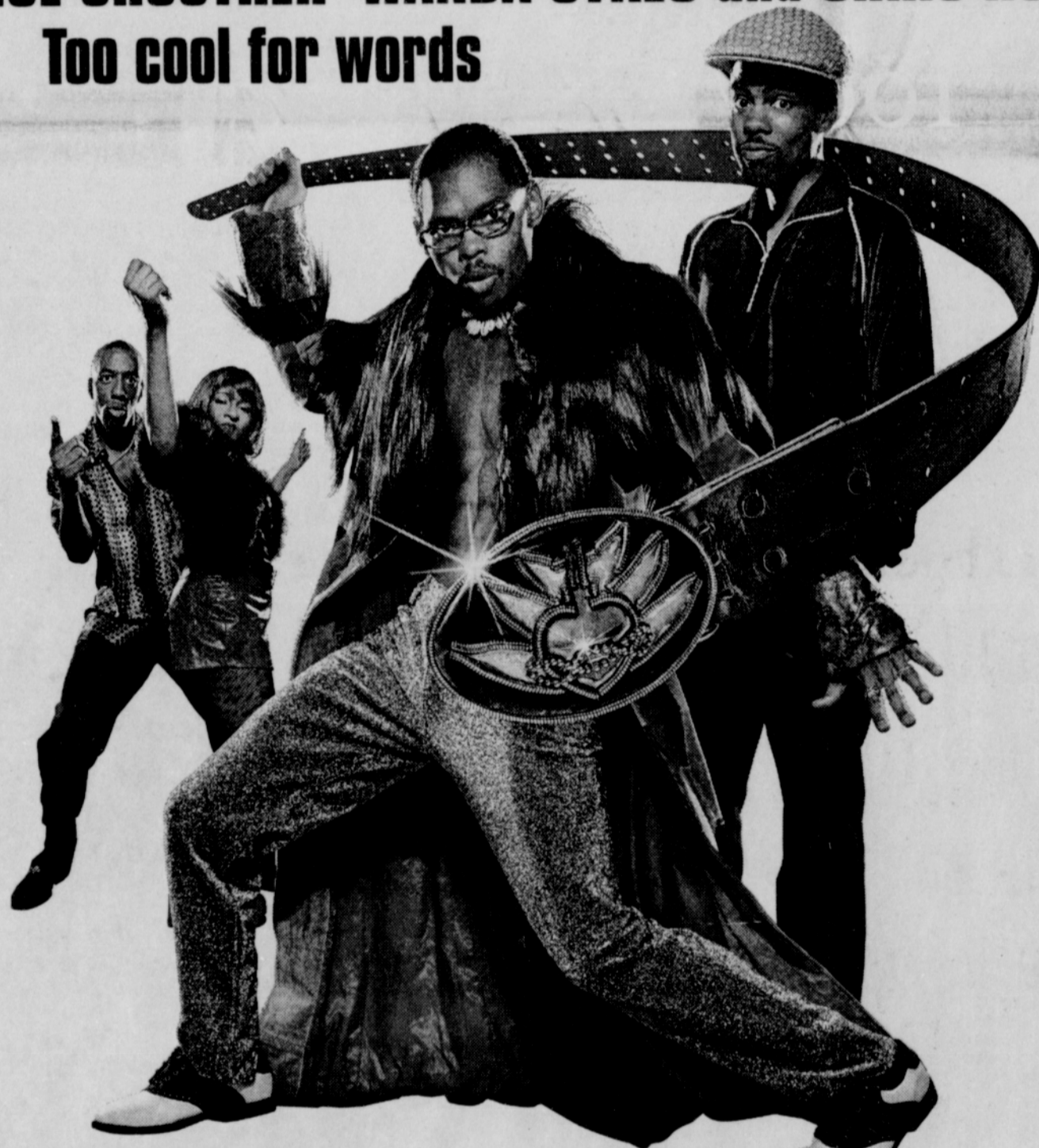
Synopsis: A Chinese intelligence officer goes to Paris on assignment and becomes embroiled in a deadly conspiracy.

Genre(s): martial arts; Distributor(s): Miramax; Theatrical Release: July 6.

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LANCE CROUTER WANDA SYKES and CHRIS ROCK

Too cool for words



MTV FILMS AND CHRIS ROCK PRODUCTIONS PRESENT

Pootie Tang

PARAMOUNT PICTURES PRESENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH MTV FILMS AND CHRIS ROCK PRODUCTIONS AN ALPHAVILLE/3 ARTS PRODUCTION
 IN ASSOCIATION WITH HBO DOWNTOWN PRODUCTIONS "POOTIE TANG" LANCE CROUTER JENNIFER COOLIDGE WANDA SYKES WITH ROBERT VAUGHN AND CHRIS ROCK
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 PRODUCED BY COTTY CHUBB CHRIS ROCK DAVID GALE AND ALI LEROI WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY LOUIS C.K.

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