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ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE



Photo caption: The Nut Warrior and the Rat King duel in the timeless classic, "The Nutcracker". It is a spellbinding and enchanting ballet that combines fantasy, magic and childhood dreams. Performed by the Oregon Ballet Theatre, "The Nutcracker" will be shown at Portland's Keller Auditorium on Dec. 7.

Portland Art Museum Concerts **Through Dec. 13**
Presented by Smooth Jazz KKJZ 106.7, "Museum After Hours" is held every Wednesday evening, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. through April in the Museum's North Wing, 1119 SW. Park Ave. in downtown Portland. Shirley Nanette's Jazz and Gospel Show will be performing on Wednesday, Dec. 12 and Thursday, Dec. 13. Call 503-226-2811 or go online to www.portlandartmuseum.org.

Winter Wonderland **Through Jan. 1**
A sensational display of lights and animation span the track at Portland International Raceway. Enjoy the largest drive-through light show in the Northwest right from the comfort of your own car. Traditional favorites include Santa jumping down an 84-foot ski slope, reindeer flying over your car and the vivid color of the giant poinsettia arch. Times are Sunday through Thursday, from 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, from 5 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Africa AIDS Response **Thursday, Nov. 29**
Portland is celebrating World AIDS Day through music and dance at the Crystal Ballroom, located at 1332 West Burnside St. on Thursday, Nov. 29, 7 p.m. This will be a benefit for Portland's Sister City, Mutare, Zimbabwe. Performances will be by Maya Soleil and master drummer Obo Addy and Kukrudu. Call 503-735-1475.

Mt. Hood Ballet Theatre **Friday, Nov. 30**
Mt. Hood Ballet Theatre is pleased to present "Christmas with the Nutcracker" at the Parkrose High School Theatre, located at 12003 NE. Shaver on Friday, Nov. 30 and Saturday, Dec. 1. The lively sets, colorful costumes and the beauty of dance are sure to captivate young and old alike. Call 503-667-6698.

Sojourn Theatre **Friday, Nov. 30**
Sojourn Theatre will be having a production of "Tartuffe: The Visitor," on Friday, Nov. 30 at the Echo Theatre. "Tartuffe: The Visitor" tells the story of a household turned upside down by a pious visitor who demands moral obedience from his host family. The performances will run until Dec. 16. Call 971-544-0464.

Hip Hop at Roseland Theatre **Friday, Nov. 30**
Local hip hop artists Dru Down, Cool Nutz, Maniac Lok and others will be performing at the Roseland Theatre for the Po-Hop 7 Holiday Edition on Friday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. This multi-artist concert is for all ages. Call 503-221-0288 or go online to www.doubletee.com.

Barnes & Noble Holiday Party **Saturday, Dec. 1**
Join Barnes & Noble on Saturday, Dec. 1 for a Harry Potter Magical Holiday Party at 3 p.m. They will be celebrating the book that started it all, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" by J.K. Rowling. Potter fans of all ages will gather for a magical event featuring a lookalike contest, activities, book discussion, giveaways, trivia, prizes, refreshments and more. Come dressed as your favorite "Sorcerer's Stone" character for a chance to win prizes. Call 503-283-2800.

N-Touch to Perform **Saturday, Dec. 1**
N-Touch, a favorite five-member band that plays jazz locally will be giving an in-store performance at Reflections Coffee & Books, located at 446 NE. Killingsworth on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 4-5 p.m. For more on the band, go online to www.n-touchband.com.

The Northwest Film Center **Dec. 1 & 2**
The Northwest Film Center is pleased to present the Portland premiere of an Afghan movie called "Djomeh". Winner of a Cannes Film Festival award, "Djomeh" follows the day-to-day life of a young Afghan immigrant who left home because of his past romantic indiscretions: falling in love with an older woman and bringing shame to his family. The film will be playing on Dec. 1 and 2 at the Whitsell Auditorium, located at 1219 SW. Park Ave. Call 503-221-1156 or go online to www.nwfilm.org.

Lakewood Theatre Company **Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22**
The Lakewood Theatre Company will be presenting a child focused musical review called the Holiday Magic Breakfast Theatre. The show is an original adaptation of holiday stories and songs from different cultures. Performances are suitable for ages 3-12. The event will be held in the Community Meeting Room at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22. A continental breakfast is included. Call 503-635-3901.

M.C. Hammer **Sunday, Dec. 2**
MC Hammer will be at the New Beginnings Christian Center, located at 7600 NE. Glisan on Sunday, Dec. 2 to record a television production and a music video that will be released in the New Year. The public is invited to attend as the studio audience, and admission is free. Childcare is available for children 5 and under. Seating will be on a first come first serve basis. Call 503-256-6050 or go online to www.newbeginnings.org.

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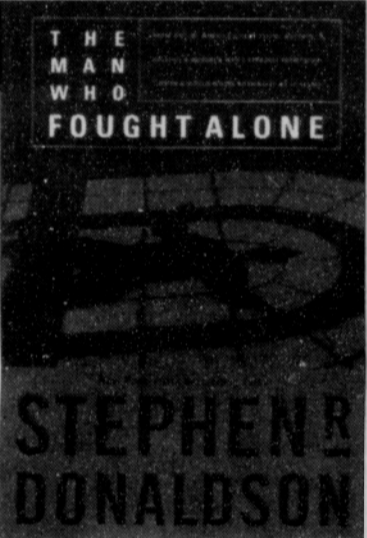
A Lesson in Self Reliance
BY STEPHEN R. DONALDSON
FORGE; 2001

In "The Man Who Fought Alone," Stephen R. Donaldson tells a tale of a wounded hero's struggle for redemption.

Mick Axebrewer, "Brew" to his friends, is a recovering alcoholic. He is also healing from a gunshot wound that almost killed him. On top of this, his old partner and lover, Ginny, has distanced herself from him.

Years ago, while working alongside Ginny, Brew accidentally shot and killed a cop. A cop who happened to be his brother.

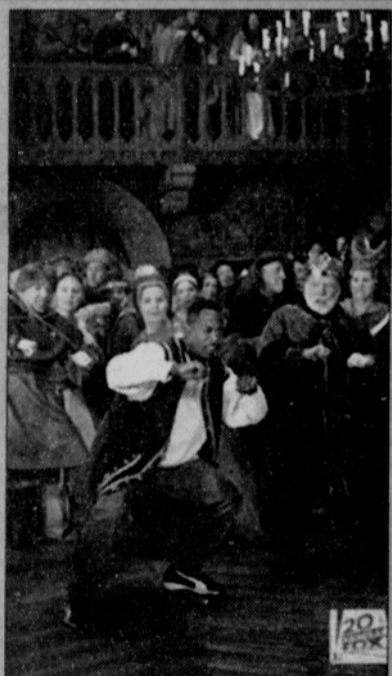
But Brew's real job isn't the one he was hired for. His real job is regaining his own self-respect.



At the Movies

Black Knight

Based on Mark Twain's novel, "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," character Jamal Walker is a fast-talking, disenchanted black man who works in a medieval themepark. His mundane existence becomes transformed when, one day, he finds a mysterious piece of jewelry floating in the themepark's moat. The jewel's powers transport him to England, 1328, where he teams up with an ex-knight and a peasant girl to restore the kingdom to the overthrown queen. (Genre: historical, action, comedy, period; Rating: PG-13)

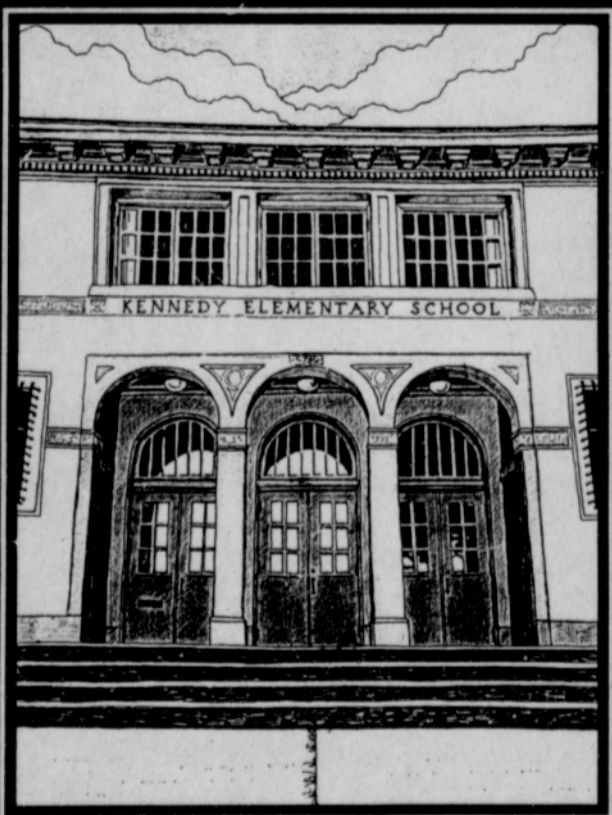


Martin Lawrence "gets down" with the royal court in "Black Knight."

Spy Game

There was a time when CIA officer Nathan Muir and his protégé Tom Bishop were inseparable, travelling the world and tasting everything it had to offer. In a profession fraught with danger and uncertainty, Muir and Bishop forged an uncommonly close friendship based on mutual respect and affection. But that was years ago. Now, in 1991, on the brink of his retirement from the agency, Muir learns that Bishop has gone rogue. His one-time protégé has been jailed overseas on espionage charges and is scheduled to die in 24 hours. Years of bad blood and hurt feelings are washing away in a flood of memorable adventures shared by the two men as Muir takes on his most dangerous - and personal - mission ever. (Genre: spy, thriller; Rating: MPAA; Running time: 95 mins.)

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