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At the Movies

John Q



Denzel Washington plays an outraged father in "John Q," a hostage crisis thriller.

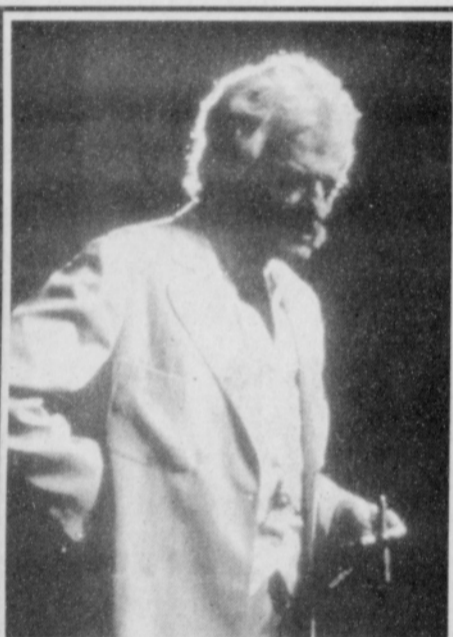
After collapsing on the baseball field, a young boy is rushed to the hospital only to discover he needs a heart transplant. When the hospital learns that his father's health insurance won't cover the operation, the boy is promptly taken off the donor list. Outraged, the boy's father then holds the emergency room hostage until the doctors agree to operate. (Genre: action, drama; Rating: PG-13; Running time: 100 mins.)

Crossroads



Premiering in her first full-length feature film, Britney Spears stars as Lucy in "Crossroads."

Three childhood friends from a small Georgia town find that high school has torn them apart. So Lucy (the straight-A student), Mimi (the cheerleader) and Kit (the burn out) decide to renew their relationship by taking a road trip across the country. Along the way they met a young wannabe musician who persuades them to come to Los Angeles to compete in a musical contest. (Genre: teenage, drama; Rating: PG-13)



For forty-six consecutive years, Hal Holbrook has played the legendary Mark Twain. The actor will be bringing his Tony Award-winning show, "Mark Twain Tonight!" to the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28. For more information, call 224-8499 or visit www.fastlxx.com.

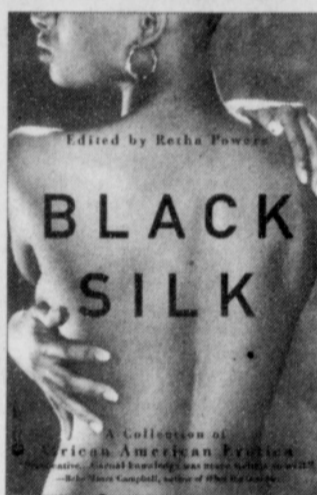
In Print

A Collection of Black Erotica

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In her anthology, "Black Silk" Retha Powers stokes a fire with 31 smoldering short stories from today's hot authors. Ardor, passion, fervor, heat! Sensuality revels between these sheets in assorted panting incarnations from flirty to salty, from breathless to ooh, la, la. Each story is told in a distinctive voice as fresh as a post-coital shower.

Donna Hill, Camika Spencer, Thomas Glave, and Margaret Johnson-Hodge are among the other authors in this collection who warm the soul (and other regions) with "Black Silk's" arousing tales. Retha powers has brought together stories that reach new heights with novel twists on sexual congress. No two of them are alike, yet all lead to prurient pleasures by their final words.



Billy Reed's is proud to acknowledge Black History Month and the accomplishments of all African Americans.

February 10 - N'Touch with 7 of the region's best Gospel singers, 3 - 7 p.m. Taking reservations for the best seats in the house.

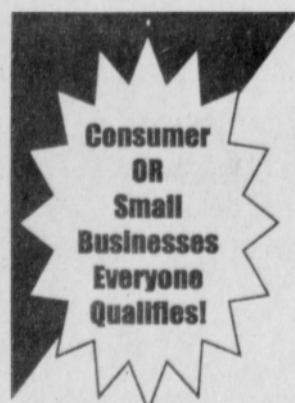
February 12 - Brazilian Carnival featuring Xevi Nova with Rosie Hertier on vocals. Starts at 8 p.m. Party all night.

February 14 - "It's a Love Thang" Valentine's Day Celebration. Great music all night featuring the Kung Pao Chickens, from 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. and the funky dance sounds of Dr. Theopolis.

February 22 - Absolute Night.

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ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE



Passionate and fearless in its telling of what it's like to be black and female, the show "for colored girls who have considered suicide when the rainbow is enuf" uses poetry, music and dance to tell their intimate stories. Performances will be given at the Newmark Theatre, 1111 SW. Broadway, until March 10. For more information, call 274-6588 or go online to www.pcs.org.

SnoCore Icicle Ball Thursday, Feb. 21

SnoCore, the top winter touring event, will kick off its 7th year with the SnoCore Icicle Ball. The line-up this year includes Karl Denson's Tiny Universe, Spearhead, Blackalicious and the influential political poet Saul Williams. The event will be held in the Crystall Ballroom on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. For tickets, call 224-4400 or go online to www.ticketmaster.com or www.hob.com.

Lorrie Morgan at Chinook Winds Casino Feb. 22 & 23

Take "Five Minutes" and get your tickets to see Lorrie Morgan when she comes to Chinook Winds Casino and Convention Center on Feb. 22 and 23 in Lincoln City. The show is at 8 p.m. each night. For more information, or to obtain tickets, call 1-888-MAIN-ACT (624-6228) or Fastixx, 1-800-992-TIXX (8499).

Animal Expo and Pet Fair Sat., Feb. 23

The Unique Animal Expo & Pet Fair is an exposition that is open to the public, consisting of literally hundreds of live reptiles, spectacular birds and large and small animals. All of which is offered for sale by the breeders. The event will be at the Washington County Fairplex in Hillsboro on Feb. 23 and 24, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call Jean Phelan at 738-6996.

Audition for a Musical Feb. 24, 25 & 26

The Lakewood Theatre Company will be holding auditions for the musical "Carousel" on Feb. 24, 25 and 26 for young people. The director is seeking 8 men, 12 women, 5 young people and 2 ballet dancers. Call 635-3901 or go online to www.lakewood-center.org.

Vanc. Symphony's Young Artist Competition Feb. 23 & 24

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra announces the 8th annual Young Artist Competition in the categories of strings, brass/woodwinds and voice. A cash honorarium will be awarded to the three finalists in each category. Winners of each category will perform with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra on Feb. 23 and 24 at Skyview High School Auditorium. To apply, call 503-292-2837.

Lily Tomlin to Perform Monday, Feb. 25

Renowned comedienne Lily Tomlin will entertain at the Dignity Awards Gala, to be held at the Nike World Headquarters Campus - Tiger Woods Conference Center on Monday, Feb. 25. Tickets are available by going online to www.ticketweb.com.

Comic Show at Central Library Wednesday, Feb. 27

Standup comic Dylan Cooper Phoenix will be giving her 1 1/2 woman show "Running with Scissors" on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Central Library for free. The show is a hysterical journey into metaphysics, quantum physics, illness, healing and the daily "realities" of life. Call 957-2137.

Washington State University Exhibit Thursday, Feb. 28

Washington State University focuses on diversity with three public art exhibits on African American and Polish art. On display are photos of African American and Brazilian children and Polish movie posters, from 1970 to 2001. WSU Vancouver is located at 14204 NE. Salmon Creek Ave. Call 360-546-9600 or 360-546-9575.

Temple Beth Israel Lecture Fri., March 1

Sister Helen Prejvan, an outspoken advocate against the death penalty, has accompanied three men to the electric chair and witnessed their deaths. Sister Prejvan will be lecturing on several topics such as social action at Northwest Portland's Congregation Beth Israel on Friday, March 1 at 8 p.m. The lecture will take place in the historic Temple sanctuary and is free of charge.

Concordia College Band in Vancouver Friday, March 1

The Concordia College Band from Moorhead, Minn., will perform a dynamic program of wind band literature at 12:15 p.m. on Friday, March 1 at Fort Vancouver High School. The concert is free.

Chinese Garden Celebration Through March 3

The Portland Classical Chinese Garden welcomes the Year of the Horse with a multi-layered Chinese New Year celebration, throughout February until March 3. During the first week, the first 100 visitors each day during the celebration will receive a hong bao, a traditional New Year's gift. The garden is located at NW. Third and Everett.

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