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At the Movies



The Queen of the Damned

The legendary vampire Lestat, awakening from a decades-long slumber, becomes a famous rock 'n' roll star whose music wakes up the ancient Akasha, the queen of all vampires, who subsequently embarks on a mission to make him her king. In the process, a young woman who works as a vampire hunter falls in love with Lestat. (Genre: horror, action, romance, adaptation, sequel; Rating: R)

Before Aaliyah's untimely death from a plane crash, she started work in her last movie "The Queen of the Damned."

Return to Neverland

When Jane, Wendy's daughter, is kidnapped by Captain Hook, it is Peter Pan who comes to her rescue. While at first Jane is worried that she'll never get back home, she eventually discovers she can "fly" through her deepest fears. Set several years after the original story, Peter Pan proves his antics are timeless—if only you believe. (Genre: animation, children's sequel; Rating: G)



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Self-Help Guide for Black Authors

BY JEWELL PARKER RHODES
BROADWAY BOOKS; 2001

Writing is a complex, personal, and exacting undertaking, and getting published can seem like a mysterious anxiety-filled process to the uninitiated. Here is the light at the end of the tunnel. Jewell Parker Rhodes has written a comprehensive and inspirational nonfiction writing guide filled with practical advice, essays, and journal exercises. "The African American Guide to Writing and Publishing Nonfiction" includes sage advice from successful contemporary African American authors. It is the ultimate guide to writing nonfiction. Unlike other guides, Rhodes supports her

winning strategies with excerpts from classic African American texts, and scores of advice from bestselling African American authors.

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Rhodes offers a comprehensive and encouraging guide for African Americans on writing a memoir, autobiography or personal essay, while providing invaluable advice about how to get published.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

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.

Lecture at Temple Beth Israel Friday, March 1

Sister Helen Prejean, an outspoken advocate against the death penalty, has accompanied three men to the electric chair and witnessed their deaths. Sister Prejean 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 and open to the public.

Frank Lloyd Wright Building Opening March 2 & 3

The Gordon House, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright is scheduled for a grand opening on March 2 and 3. This home was moved in sections from Wilsonville to its new home at The Oregon Garden, 40 miles southeast of Portland, 879 W. Main St. in Silverton. Call Jennifer Hagloch at 874-6006 or go online to www.oregongarden.org.

Oregon Ballet Theatre March 2 - 9

Oregon Ballet Theatre presents "James Canfield Signatures," a bold trio of contemporary ballets. The highlight will be Canfield's newest rock ballet, featuring the music of legendary 60s rock band, The Doors. Performances will be from March 2-9 at the Keller Auditorium. Call 503-2-BALLET or 888-9-BALLET or 790-ARTS.

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.

Junior Symphony of Vancouver Saturday, March 9

Come and join the Junior Symphony of Vancouver as they present a concert featuring some of the best and brightest young musicians performing a diversified and exciting program of chamber music for orchestra and small ensemble. The concert is set for Saturday, March 9, 7:30 p.m. at the St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Vancouver, 5607 NE. Gher Rd. Call 360-696-4084 or go online to www.oregonchamberplayers.org.

Don Ho at Chinook Winds Friday, March 15

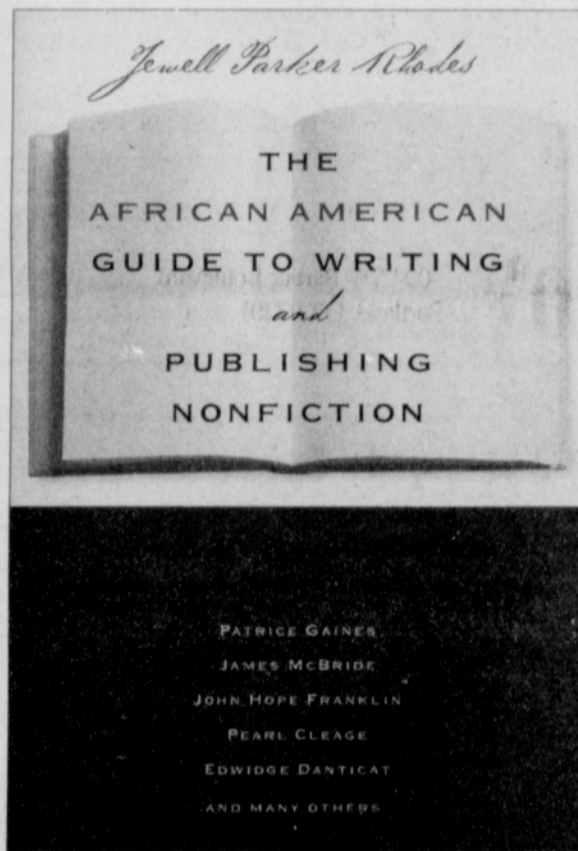
Don't miss the "Tiny Bubbles" of excitement floating in the air when Don Ho brings his beautiful Hawaiian music to Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City on March 15, 8 p.m. For information or tickets, call 1-888-MAIN-ACT (624-6228) or Fastixx, 1-800-992-TIXX (8499).

Pat Metheny Jazz Tour Monday, March 18

Pat Metheny, bandleader of one of the most acclaimed and influential musical ensembles of the past century, the Pat Metheny Group. He will be performing his style of contemporary and mainstream jazz at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall on Monday, March 18 at 7 p.m. Call for info. and to charge tickets at 224-4400, or go online to www.ticketmaster.com.

Northwest Tibetan Association Friday, March 22

The Northwest Tibetan Cultural Association is pleased to host Tibetan speaker Tenzin Tethong, lecturing on "A People and Government in Exile" on Friday, March 22, 7:30 p.m. Tethong was the official consultant for the film "Seven Years in Tibet." He has worked all of his life with Tibetan exiles as a teacher, journalist and grassroots activist.



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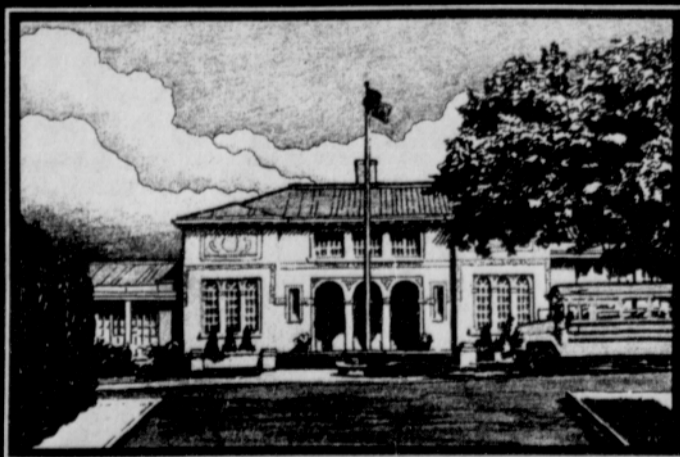


Teen sensation N'Sync will be arriving at the Rose Garden for their "Popodyssey" tour on Sunday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. To purchase tickets, call 224-4400 or go online to www.ticketmaster.com.

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