

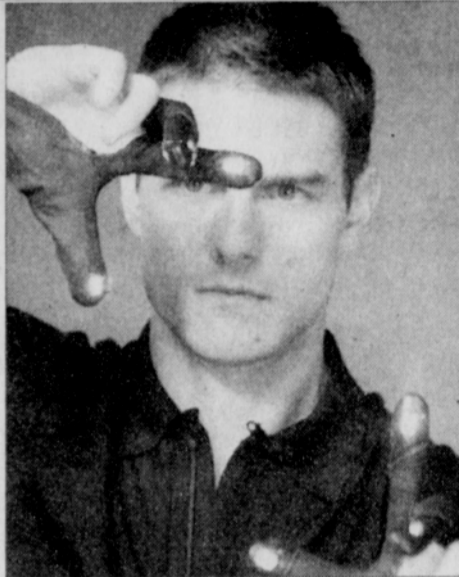


FOCUS

At the Movies



Lilo (middle) and her "dog" Stitch (second from right) dance a traditional hula.



John Anderton (Tom Cruise) conducts an array of images that lead him to a murder that has not yet occurred.

Lilo & Stitch

Lilo, a little girl in Hawaii, unknowingly adopts a dog she names Stitch, who is actually an evil alien. Stitch is really a criminal whose ship crashed on Earth while he was being transported to an intergalactic prison. He is only taking the form of a dog (thus hiding two of his six legs) to escape detection from alien police who are searching for him. Through her love, faith and unwavering belief in "ohana" (the Hawaiian concept of family), Lilo helps unlock Stitch's heart, unexpectedly giving him the one thing he was never designed to have—the ability to care for someone else. (Genre: children's animation, comedy, sci-fi; Rating: G)

Minority Report

Based on a short story by famed science fiction writer Philip K. Dick, this action-detective thriller is set in 2054, a time when Washington, D.C., police are able to utilize a psychic technology—Pre-Cogs, three psychic beings whose visions of murder have never been wrong—to arrest and convict murderers before they commit their crimes. Destroyed by a tragic loss, Chief John Anderton—the head of the Pre-Crime Unit, has thrown all of his passion into a system that could potentially spare thousands of people from the tragedy he lived through. Unfortunately, it is he who is ultimately accused of a "future" murder of a man he hasn't even met. With no way to defend himself against the charge of Pre-Crime, Anderton has only 36 hours to uncover the truth behind the question he has spent the past six years working to eliminate: Is it possible for the Pre-Cogs to be wrong? (Genre: sci-fi, action, thriller, adaptation; Rating: MPA)

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

A weekly guide to events and activities in the Portland area.



Paintings by Joseph Glasgow entitled "Along the Columbia River" features photographic silver prints at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, located at 5340 N. Interstate Ave. His documentary-like works are on display at the center gallery until Friday, June 28. Call 503-823-2072.



Based on a classic novel, the upcoming performance of "The Phantom of the Opera" tells the story of a masked figure who lurks beneath the catacombs of the Paris Opera House. Performances of "The Phantom of the Opera" will be from July 3 - July 28 at the Keller Auditorium. For tickets, call Ticketmaster at 503-790-ARTS or through the Portland Opera Box Office at 503-241-1802.

Peace and Justice Family Camp; June 27 - 30
The twelfth annual Parenting for Peace and Justice Family Camp will begin on the evening of Thursday, June 27 until Sunday, June 30. The camp nurtures and empowers families for a little more justice and peace in one's heart and in society. There will be music and drama for the whole family at the Aldersgate Conference Center in Turner, OR. Call Bud Bunce at 503-233-8373.

Lakewood Theatre Anniversary; June 28, 29 & 30

This summer marks the 50th anniversary of continuous theatrical productions by Lakewood Theatre Company in Lake Oswego. To celebrate, they will present four performances of Stephen Sondheim's musical masterpiece, "Follies," concert version on June 28, 29 and 30. For more information, call 503-635-3901. The center is located at 368 S. State St.

Good in the 'Hood Festival; Sat., June 29

The annual Good in the 'Hood Multicultural Music & Food Festival features a variety of ethnic dance, food and music at two different locations: Legacy Emanuel Hospital, 2801 N. Gantenbein Ave. and at the Holy Redeemer Area School, 8 N.E. 15th Ave. For more information, call 503-283-5175.

African American Health Coalition; June 29 & 30

Join the African American Health Coalition for two family affair events: comedy and theatre with renowned comedian Norman Mitchell. For kids, a youth event will be held at the Matt Dishman Center, 77 N.E. Knott on Saturday, June 29, 3 p.m. HIV testing available at 2 p.m. Adults can attend the event that's on Sunday, June 30 at the Miracles Club, 4069 N.E. MLK on Sunday, June 30, 5:30 p.m. HIV testing offered at 4 p.m. Call 503-413-1850.

Essay Contest; Sunday, June 30

April Henry, acclaimed Oregon mystery novelist, is sponsoring an essay contest in conjunction with the publication of her new book, "Learning to Fly." Contest entrants are invited to submit an essay on the theme "Learning to Fly: How I Reinvented My Life and Lived My Dream." Essays should share what you did to make a dream come true. Contest deadline is June 30. Essays are not to exceed 500 words. Go online to www.AprilHenryMysteries.com.

Washington State University; Sun., June 30

Vibrant paintings by Pacific Northwest artist Patricia Berg called "Solar Sojourns" will be on display till the

end of July at Washington State University. Four other acrylic paintings on canvas are on display in the Student Services Building gallery and two are featured in the WSU Vancouver boardroom. The campus is at 14204 N.E. Salmon Creek Ave. Call 360-546-9600.

Goo Goo Dolls; Monday, July 1

The assured and accessible lyrics of the Goo Goo Dolls' new album "Gutterflower" are matched, note for note, with music that both celebrates the band's stylistic diversity and conclusively consolidates their cohesive ensemble sound. They will be performing on Monday, July 1 at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 8 p.m. For tickets, call Ticketmaster at 503-224-4400 or go online to www.ticketmaster.com.

Phantom of the Opera; July 3 - 28

"Phantom of the Opera" now returns to Portland's Keller Auditorium to take your breath away. It's a timeless story of seduction and despair and the one show "The London Sunday Times" called "God's gift to the musical theatre. The musical will be held at the Keller Auditorium, at the corner of S.W. 3rd and Clay St., from July 3-28. Show times vary. For tickets, call Ticketmaster at 503-224-4400 or go online to www.ticketmaster.com.

July 4th at Blue Lake Park; Thursday, July 4

Celebrate a classic American holiday with friends and family at Blue Lake Regional Park in Fairview on Thursday, July 4. Bring your favorite picnic and a blanket to enjoy a festive day at the park ending in a spectacular pyrotechnic show. Festivities begin at 4 p.m. with fireworks starting at 10 p.m. \$6 per car for entry in the park.

Interstate Firehouse Classes; July 8 - 12

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center is offering two classes for students: Mask & Movement and Ethnic Dance, from July 8-12 for middle and senior high school students. Mask & Movement teaches how to incorporate theatre, dance, music and literary arts. Instruction is from 10 a.m. - noon. Ethnic dance will be taught from 1-3 p.m. Call 503-823-2001.

The Vagina Monologues; July 9 - 14

Powerful, provocative and hilarious monologues explore and explode the myths and mysteries surrounding that most private female part. A rotating cast of local celebrities will perform. The event will be held from July 9-14 at the Newmark Theatre, located at the corner of S.W. Broadway and Main St. For tickets, call Ticketmaster at 503-224-4400 or go online to www.ticketmaster.com.



Concentration steadies the movements of La Tasha Brown and her fellow debutantes as they prepare for the annual Les Femmes Debutante Ball.

Les Femmes

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presented as eligible young women to an upper crust society.

The debutantes pick their escorts, but they are asked not to choose boyfriends, so most end up with friends or brothers.

Many of the girls have joined the group because they want to be more involved with the community, or they have seen what Les Femmes has done for a sister, friend, or even parent.

The girls meet on the second Sunday of each month to discuss issues relating to the lives of young women.

Each meeting highlights a different topic. One week it was etiquette training, the next it was self-defense.

The girls learn traits like dignity and humility to help them become successful young women.

Robin Stewart of Benson High says the group teaches young women how to be strong.

"I wanted to be around positive black females," she said. "(Les Femmes) teaches you how to be a lady."

Briana Peterson, also of Benson, agrees that the group has made her tougher.

"It helps you face challenges like people pushing you down," she said.

With the help of what she has learned with Les Femmes, Peterson has received a full tu-



Robin Stewart practices her curtsy in preparation for the upcoming Debutante Ball. Stewart joined Les Femmes in order to be around other positive black females who were active in the community.

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ition scholarship to the University of Oregon.

The girls have organized free Easter egg hunts for the public, fed homeless people downtown, and prepared thanksgiving baskets for families in need. They also act as hostesses at community events.

Ball Chair Person and past debutante, Rica Brooks says Les Femmes "builds camaraderie and sisterhood between the girls."

Brooks says the friendships the girls make now help them as they enter college when previous members often act as guides to graduating Femmes.

"It's nice to have someone help them along the way," she said.

A rite of passage ceremony

at the ball will present each girl with a traditional African cloth that represents the passage to womanhood.

"You have to earn the Kente Cloth," says Brooks.

Brooks says her ladies are ordinary girls that can get overlooked. Les Femmes helps them be noticed.

Though some of the girls are outstanding students, Brooks says the majority of the girls fall somewhere in the middle.

"They are not out there achieving so high but not so low either," she says. "They are the ones that are doing what they are supposed to be doing, but never get recognized."

The 51st annual Debutante Ball will be held Sunday, June 30 at 7 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel, downtown.

Presented by: Holy Redeemer Area School and The Good in the Hood Community Outreach Association

Washington Mutual 2002 Good In the Hood

Multicultural Music and Food Festival

"Quarry" by Arvie Smith - courtesy of Alysia Duckler Gallery
1236 N.W. Hoyt Street Portland, Oregon 503.223.7595

Thursday, June 27 6:30 - 10:00pm Kickoff Party
McMenamins Kennedy School 5736 NE 33rd Ave.
Featuring: OHSU Community Gospel Choir - Border Crossing - Bethany Massey

Friday, June 28 6:00 - 10:00pm Ethnic Dance & Hot Jazz
127 N. Portland Blvd. Holy Redeemer Area School Campus 503.283.5175
State Farm Insurance Good Neighbor Night - Free Admission With Pass
Featuring: NW Afrikan American Ballet - Portland Taiko - Carlton Jackson & Friends

Saturday, June 29 11:00am The Good in the Hood Parade
Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Saturday, June 29 12:00 - 10:00pm & Sunday, June 30 12:00 - 7:45pm
127 N. Portland Blvd. Holy Redeemer Area School Campus
Featuring: Norman Sylvester Band - Linda Hornbuckle Band
Nueva Era - N'Touch - The Summer's Hottest Music - Nine Multicultural Acts and More

KidSpace - Ethnic Marketplace
Ethnic Food - Beer & Wine Garden

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