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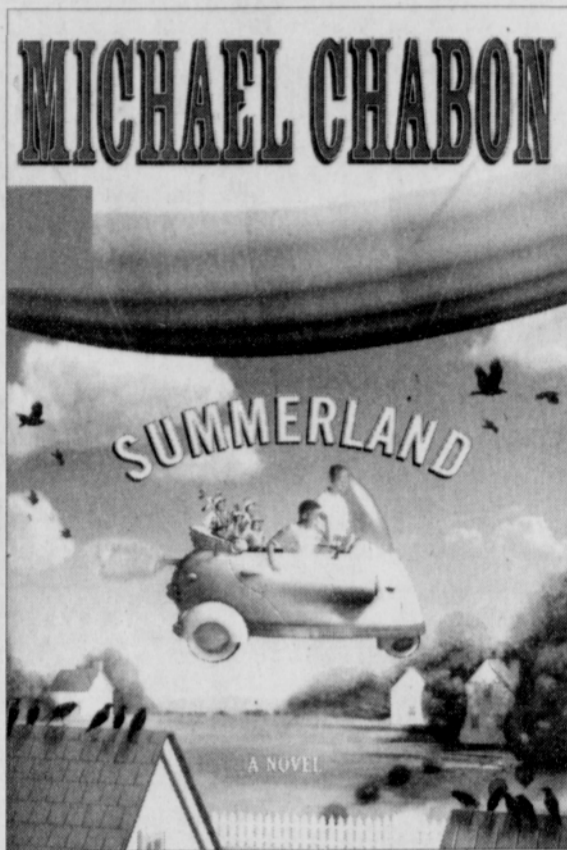
In Print

Crossing Harry Potter with Baseball

BY MICHAEL CHABON
HYPERION; 2002

For over a century, the people of Clam Island, Washington, have enjoyed barbecues and baseball games at Summerland, on the western tip of the island, where it never rains. The small beings, known as ferishers, who ensure this perfect weather, however, are threatened by an ancient enemy, and need a hero—a baseball star, in fact—to vanquish their foe.

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At the Movies



Trying out the latest eye wear in spy technology is Daryl Sabara.

Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams

In this sequel to last year's hit *Spy Kids*, the adventures of the brave and daring Carmen and Juni Cortez continue. They team up with two other spy kids, Gary and Gerti Giggles, and together they must save the world from an evil scientist named Romero. (Genre: children's, action, adventure, spy; Rating: G)



Ray Charles at Zoo Summer Concert

Considered an American icon for his musical talents, Ray Charles will be giving a performance at the Oregon Zoo Summer Concert Series on Thursday, Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at any Safeway Fastixx ticket outlet by calling 503-224-8499, or go online to www.oregonzoo.org.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Portland State University; Thursday, Aug. 15

Luis Munoz, a well-known poet from Granada, Spain will be giving a presentation of his poetry on Thursday, Aug. 15, from 12 - 1 p.m. at Portland State University's Smith Memorial Center Room 298. This is a free event that's open to the public. Call 503-725-3276.

Elephant Garlic Festival; Friday, Aug. 16

Follow your nose to food, arts, live entertainment, carnival rides and elephant-garlic-related events on Friday, Aug. 16 at the Jessie Mays Community Center, 30975 N.W. Hillcrest Ave. in North Plains. For more information, call 888-771-3708.

Oregon Folklife Festival; Friday, Aug. 16

The 22nd Annual Oregon Folklife Festival in Corvallis tradition presents folk and roots music, dance and storytelling presentations and workshops fill downtown Corvallis throughout the weekend. Musical showcases and participatory open jams are also a highlight. It will be held on Friday, Aug. 16, 12 p.m. Call 541-754-3601.

Rose Festival Airshow; Aug. 17 & 18

With the theme "Freedom Takes Flight," the 15th annual Rose Festival Airshow presents the excitement of aerobatic pilots, the latest in military technology on exhibit, interactive displays and amazing ground acts. The shows will be held on Aug. 17, 11 a.m. and on Aug. 18, 5 p.m. For tickets, call 503-648-1102 or 503-224-5373 or go online to www.rosefestival.org.

Chinook Winds Casino; Sunday, Aug. 18

Put on your zoot suit and get ready to jump and jive to the swinging groove of a big band. Chinook Winds Casino invites swing lovers to "Live a Little" as they present "It's a Swing Thing," a monthly swing band dance in the Convention Center on Sundays, Aug. 18, Sept. 22,

Nov. 17 and Dec. 1. Doors open at 2 p.m. with free dance lessons from 2 - 3 p.m. Call 1-888-CHINOOK or 541-996-LUCK.

Lents Founders Day; Sunday, Aug. 18

The annual Lents Founders Day celebration in southeast Portland will be held at the Lents Park Gazebo Stage. There will be a parade at noon time, with big band jazz from the Providence Stage Band at 1 p.m. and Hawaiian music at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 503-823-2223 or go online to www.PortlandParks.org.

Lakewood Theatre Company; Through Aug. 18

The Lakewood Theatre Company is celebrating its 50th anniversary season with "Quilters," a musical about the lives of pioneer women who helped tame America's wild frontiers. The show runs until Aug. 18. The theatre is located at Lakewood Center, 368 S. State St. in Lake Oswego. For reservations, call 503-635-3901.

Bruce Springsteen; Tuesday, Aug. 20

Thanks to his rebellious persona, small town outsider lyrics and memorable pop tune, Bruce Springsteen has become one of the most popular rock musicians of the past 30 years. He will be performing at the Rose Garden on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 7:30 p.m. For tickets information, call 503-224-4400. Limit is 4 tickets per person.

The Pacific Festival Ballet; Aug. 20 & 23

The Pacific Festival Ballet will perform at the Oregon Zoo Amphitheatre on Aug. 20 and 23, 7 p.m. This is a family-oriented program featuring many classical ballet favorites. Principal dancers from various ballet troupes will be performing. For tickets, call or visit any Safeway Fastixx outlet or call 503-224-8499. For information, call 503-977-1753.

African Story Night; Friday, Aug. 23

Everyone is invited to the second year of the Homowo African Story Night: An Evening of Storytelling. This event will kick off the 13th annual Homowo African Arts Festival on Friday night, Aug. 23. The storytelling will take place at the Bowl at Waterfront Park in downtown Portland, 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in telling a story or have questions, please contact Okaidja or Sinead at 503-288-3028.

Music Series Kicks Off

continued from Metro Men, De Prima Dolci and McDonald's. IFCC is kicking off its 20th anniversary season with a jazz music series, one for each season of the year.

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