

# Focus

## 'Lita'

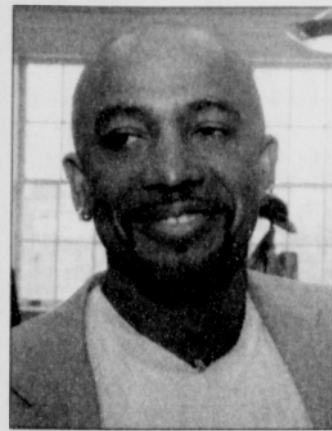
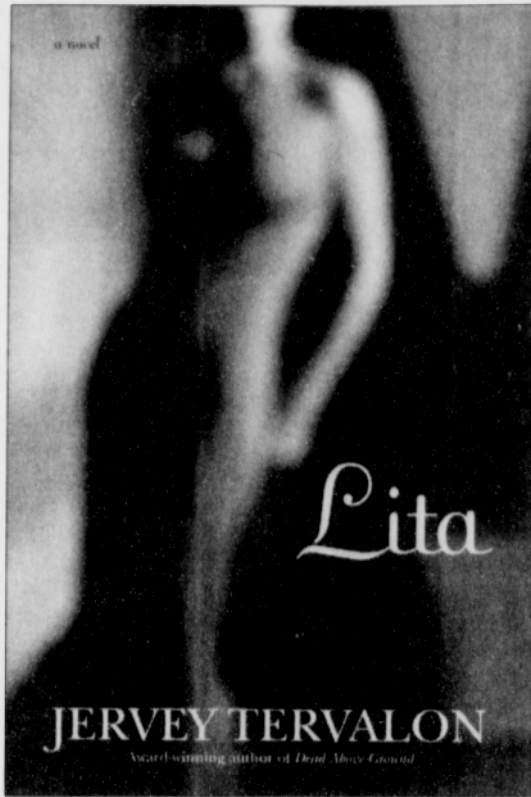
### Heroine Returns to Face Her Past

Award-winning author Jervey Tervalon answers a legion of fans asking for the return of his most popular character, Lita Du Champ, in one of the most colorful and troubled families portrayed in contemporary fiction.

"Lita," sequel to national bestseller "Dead Above Ground," finds Tervalon's memorable heroine in California, attempting to leave her hometown behind for good.

Ten years after Lita, her twin sister, her husband and their children packed up and moved to Los Angeles, issues left behind in New Orleans return to haunt her. Lita is already at wit's end, trying to hold house and home together when her younger sister rebels and both conspire to free them both.

Lita finds herself overwhelmed by a flood of long-suppressed memories and grudgingly realizes she must make amends and come to terms with her family and her past.



Montel Williams

### Montel: Marijuana Used Medicinally

(AP) — Television talk show host Montel Williams was fined \$100 after authorities at Detroit Metropolitan Airport found him with marijuana paraphernalia.

Williams, who has multiple sclerosis, has been prescribed medicinal marijuana to treat the disease, The Detroit News reported. The 47-year-old paid the fine Monday night, boarded a flight and left Michigan.

"He has prescriptions for many

different medications for MS," a statement on his behalf read. "One of the medications he has been prescribed to alleviate his chronic pain is medical marijuana."

Messages from The Associated Press seeking comment from producers of Williams' talk show weren't immediately returned.

Airport police referred calls to airport spokesman Mike Conway, who declined to comment on the matter.

### Arts Benefit

The Talisman Gallery presents "Foot Square," benefiting Habitat For Humanity, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, and runs through Dec. 28. For more information, call 503-287-9529.

### ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

### Lit Comes to Life

The Warner Pacific Drama Department presents "The Diary of Anne Frank" from Nov. 14-16 and 21-23 at the Very Little Theatre, 2219 S.E. 68th Ave. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 and Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$7. For tickets, call 503-517-1207.

### Best of Northwest

Over 200 of the regions finest artists will gather at the Oregon Convention Center, 777 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14 and 15 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16. Admission is \$16. For more information, visit www.bestnwcrafts.com.

### Myriad of Talent

Roseland Theater welcomes Less Than Jake with Fall Out Boy at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12; and B.B. King at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23; Living Colour with Tony C & the Truth at 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 28. Tickets are on sale now by calling 503-224-8489.

### All New Christmas Carol

The Northwest Childrens Theater and School presents the "All New Christmas Carol" at the Northwest Neighborhood Cultural Center, 1819 N.W. Everett St., from Nov. 28 through Dec. 24. Tickets are \$20 for adults. For showtimes and more information, call 503-222-4480 or visit www.nwcts.org.

### Bazaar

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal church is having a Bazaar from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29. For details about renting a table, call 503-775-4759.

### Tapestry of Tales

The Hollywood Library, 4040 N.E. Tillamook St, presents a story swap with Tapestry of Tales Storytellers from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 21, recommended for kids 8 and older. For more information, call 503-988-5402.

### Soul Patrol is Riveting Story

African American reminisces about Vietnam experience

When Ed Emanuel was hand-picked for the first African-American special operations soldier for the Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol in Vietnam, he knew his six-man team couldn't have asked for a tougher proving ground than Cu Chi in the summer of 1968.

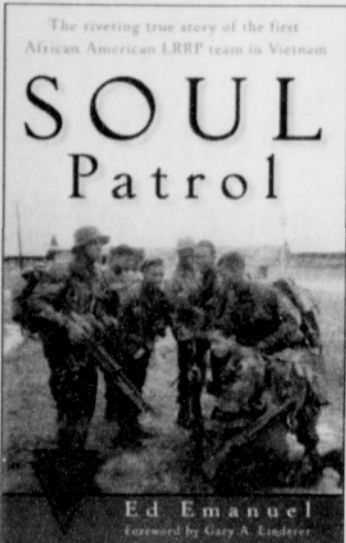
Home to the largest Viet cong tunnel complex in Vietnam, Cu Chi was the deadly heart of the enemy's stronghold in Tay Ninh Province.

Team 2/6 of Company F, 51st Infantry, was quickly dubbed the Soul Patrol, a gimmicky label that belied the true depth of their courage. Stark and compelling, Emanuel's account provides an unforgettable look at the horror and the heroism that became the daily fare of LRRPs in Vietnam.

Every mission was a tightrope walk between life and death as Emanuel's team penetrated NVA bases, sidestepped lethal booby traps, or found themselves ambushed and forced to fight their way back to the LZ to survive.

Emanuel's gripping memoir, "Soul Patrol" is an enduring testament to the valor of all American LRRPs, who courageously risked their lives so that others might be free.

It has been called the only printed African-American perception of the Vietnam War.



"Soul Patrol" by Ed Emanuel is published by Presidio Press.

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