

FOCUS



Queen Latifah Lives It Up 'The Last Holiday' Opens Friday

Queen Latifah lives life to the fullest after her doctor tells her that she had only a few weeks to live in the heartwarming romantic comedy "The Last Holiday," opening Friday, Jan. 13 at theaters nationwide.

LL Cool J, Timothy Hutton, Gerard Depardieu, Alicia Witt and Giancarlo Esposito also star in the Paramount Pictures release.

Latifah says the movie taps into a basic human emotion.

"Try to imagine how you would feel if you were told that you only had a few weeks to live," she said. "All the dreams, all the desires, all the things you wanted to do and thoughts you wanted to express are in jeopardy of being unfulfilled, where would you begin?"

Latifah plays Georgia Byrd, who lives a small life tucked inside big dreams. A shy cookware salesperson for a department store, she handles knives and skillets with the flair of a master chef and dreams of one day opening her own restaurant. She has a secret crush on a co-worker, portrayed by LL Cool J, but is too timid to let him know. However, when a misdiagnosis leads Georgia to believe her days are numbered, she decides that if she has to go, she's going to go out with a bang.

Queen Latifah stars as a woman diagnosed with a fatal disease who wants to go out with a bang in the 'The Last Holiday.'

Community Calendar

School Options Explained

Area parents are invited to learn about the wide variety of Portland's educational options and schools at the annual "Celebrate Portland Public Schools" get-acquainted forum on Thursday, Jan. 12 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center. Free parking, transportation and translation services will be available. For more information call 503-916-3304.

Babysitter's Training

Here's an activity for kids ages 11-15 on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 16. Red Cross babysitter training focusing on what it takes to be a safe and responsible babysitter. The \$35 course covers life saving emergency care, first aid, rescue breathing, infant care and more. For class

locations and registration, call 503-280-1440.

Bradley-Angle House

The Bradley-Angle House needs volunteers to help its outreach against domestic violence. Women of color and bilingual women are encouraged to call. For more information, call 503-282-9940.

African Drumming, Dance

The North Star Ballroom, 635 N. Killingsworth Ct., hosts beginning drumming and Ghanaian rhythm classes on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays, intermediate drumming is offered in addition to an African aerobics and dance. Chata Addy teaches all classes. For more information call 503-632-0411.

Business Meeting

North/Northeast Business Association meetings are on the first Monday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. at Albina Community Bank,

2002 N.E. Martin Luther King Blvd. Morning networking meetings are the third Wednesday of each month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Blazers Boys and Girls Club, 5250 N.E. Martin Luther King Blvd. For more information, call 503-249-0487 or visit www.nneba.org.

Creative Space For Dance

Aurora Dance Studio, 5433 N.E. 30th, offers an array of classes for children, teens and adults at all levels of ability. Call 503-249-0201 or visit online at www.hevanet.com/auroradance for additional information.

Work For Change

Community Advocates invites those interested in protecting children from abuse to become an event volunteer, event outreach, technology expert, graphic artists or office support team member. For more information, call 503-280-1388.

Women in Community Service

Volunteer mentors are being sought by Women in Community Service to work with incarcerated women at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. Mentors provide support and encouragement for women transitioning from prison back into the community. Volunteers must be females, age 24 and up. For more information, call 503-570-6614.

Get Fit, Stay Healthy!

Sankofaa Health Institute offers a free diabetes support group from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every third Thursday at Alberta Simmons Plaza, 6707 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. For more information, call 503-285-2484.

Aquatic Fitness

Providence has a full schedule of fitness classes including water exercising at the Providence Aquatic Center, 4805 N.E. Glisan. For a schedule, call 503-215-6301.

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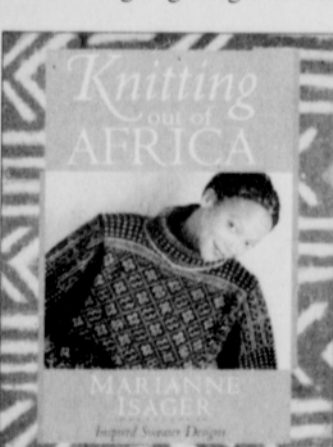
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Out of Africa Knitting Designs

An inspiring book, "Knitting Out of Africa," is a collection of 18 knitted sweater and vest patterns for both men and women by Marianne Isager.

Knitting is hotter than ever with more than four million knitters across the country and celebrity knitters boosting the trend.

The intriguing designs of "Knitting Out of Africa" were inspired by the author's first-hand visits to Africa and echo regional African textiles, such as the mud-dyed fabrics from Bamana in Mali, the block design from the Asante people in Ghana, and the palm-fiber fabrics from the former Zaire.



These sweaters are presented with step-by-step instructions and beautiful photographs. The materials are readily available in yarn shops and craft stores around the country. The book will be available in bookstores and yarn shops nationwide by Feb. 1.

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