

# FOCUS

## Cheetah Girls Set Portland Date

Tickets are now on sale at the Rose Garden Arena for a Sept. 17 performance by The Cheetah Girls, featuring Adrienne 'Chanel' Bailon, Kiely 'Aqua' Williams and Sabina 'Dorinda' Bryan. The Cheetah Girls appeared on the scene in 2003 when a movie by the same name was voted the No. 1 Disney Channel movie by viewers. Tween girls across the nation have been hooked ever since.



## Live, Funky and Soulful

A mutual love of live, funky and soulful music will come together when the San Diego band "On the One" comes to Portland's Good Foot Lounge, 2845 S.E. Stark St., on Wednesday, Aug. 16.

The group features a diverse array of talents, including drummer John Staten and saxophonist Jesse Molloy, guitarist Aaron Bleweiss and bassist Matt Schumacher.

One on One's shows are "get down like James Brown" dance parties with hard hitting hip-hop beats.



Saxophonist Jesse Molloy (left) and drummer John Staten blend soul jazz and high energy funk in the band 'On the One,' playing Wednesday, Aug. 16 at southeast Portland's Good Foot Lounge.

## Local Poet Publishes Book

continued from Metro young men without fathers, and wanted to bring this discussion to the community. "I don't want people to think I have the solution," she said. "Because the solution is in the process." "Fatherless Boys and Mothers On Their Own" is available at [www.AuthorHouse.com](http://www.AuthorHouse.com) and will soon be available at Portland booksellers.

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## Classic Romantic Comedy

The Rainmaker, a film made famous by Burt Lancaster and Katherine Hepburn in 1956, is a delightful reminder that we all need to have faith in ourselves.

A stage play production of the classic romantic comedy is now playing through Sunday, Aug. 27 at the West End Theater, 1220 S.W. Taylor St. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$10 for students. To make reservations, call 888-287-6318.

The local production is directed by Donna McFall, who most recently produced and directed Desdemona: A Play About A Handkerchief at the CoHo Theater. Nicole Snyder leads the cast as the complex and susceptible Lizzie Curry, Patrick Dizney as the seller of dreams, Starbuck, and William Tate as Lizzie's patient father.



The classic romantic comedy 'The Rainmaker,' now playing at the West End Theater, downtown.



Doris Brockell as a young performer in 1920. Brockell shares her experiences as a longtime Portland resident in a documentary sponsored by the local Marie Smith Health and Social Center.

## A Spoken History

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community activist and educator and other pioneers, including Mrs. Johnnie Maxey, who worked alongside her husband, the late Charles Maxey, operating the first African-American owned barbershop in Portland.

The film also features 98-year-old, Doris Brockell, a once accomplished dancer, who shares a story of being the 44th employee hired by Tektronics.

To RSVP for the premier, contact Linda Munsey at 503-335-9980 or [lmunsey@voaor.org](mailto:lmunsey@voaor.org), or Tiffany McKenna at 503-802-0453 or [tmckenna@voaor.org](mailto:tmckenna@voaor.org).

## Notorious B.I.G. Murder Re-examined

Probe follows civil lawsuit

(AP)-- Six veteran homicide detectives are leading a new police task force investigating the unsolved 1997 killing of Notorious B.I.G.

According to the Los Angeles Times, the new probe comes in the face of a wrongful death lawsuit filed by the rapper's mother, Voletta Wallace, and other relatives, who claim rogue police officers were involved in the killing.

The lawsuit ended in a mistrial last year when it was discovered that a police detective intentionally hid statements by a jailhouse informant linking the killing to two former officers.

A judge ordered the city to pay \$1.1 million in legal fees and other expenses to the rapper's family. A new trial was set for early next year.

There was no new evidence that prompted the formation of the task force. But evidence discovered by



Notorious B.I.G.

the task force could help the city in its argument against the family's claims.

B.I.G., born Christopher Wallace, was 24 when he was gunned down March 9, 1997, while leaving a party at a Los Angeles museum. The New York rapper, also known as Biggie Smalls, was one of the most influential hip-hop artists of the 1990s.

The investigative team is exploring the theory that Wallace was killed by a member of the Southside Crips gang as part of a hip-hop feud that that involved the slaying of

rapper Tupac Shakur in Las Vegas six months earlier.

The investigators also are pursuing allegations that Wallace was killed by a Blood gang member hired by Marion "Suge" Knight, the owner of Shakur's record label. Knight has denied any involvement in the killing.

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