

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## Political Thriller Tops Box Office

The political thriller "Vantage Point" secured the top spot at the weekend box office, earning an estimated \$24 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The previous No. 1 movie, 20th Century Fox's "Jumper," dropped to second with \$12.7 million, raising its domestic total to \$56.2 million in two weeks. Paramount's family fantasy "The Spiderwick Chronicles" was a close third with \$12.6 million. Disney's dance saga "Step Up 2 The Streets" and Warner Bros.' romantic comedy "Fool's Gold" rounded out the top five.

"Vantage Point," a Sony Pictures



Richard T. Jones and Dennis Quaid try to make sense of the scene after the president is shot in "Vantage Point."

action-drama about a presidential assassination seen from different characters viewpoints, included a star-studded ensemble cast that featured Dennis Quaid and Matthew Fox as Secret Service agents.

## Tonya and Nancy: The Rock Opera

Play revives wacky memories

A rock opera that retells the story of Portland's Tonya Harding and her rival Nancy Kerrigan includes 20 songs and plenty of wacky memories.

"Wow. Did my life really look that bad?" asked Harding, the one-time figure skater, after the Portland opening Thursday of "Tonya and Nancy: The Rock Opera."

"But you know what?" she said of the show. "They did a really great job."

It's more often been described as soap opera - the 1994 whack heard round the world in which a man with a club hit Kerrigan to knock her out of the world and Olympic competition for a gold medal.



Tonya Harding (left) and Nancy Kerrigan.

petition and has been involved in a number of scrapes since. Harding's ex-husband, Jeff Gillooly, and two others spent time in prison. Kerrigan went on to win a silver medal at the winter Olympics and become a spokeswoman for Disney.

The opera opened previously on the East Coast. It follows the lives of the two women before and after the whack.

Sample song titles: "Whip Her Butt" and "Estacada," for a blue-collar town near Portland. Sample lyrics: "When you wake up sleeping in your car in Estacada, cause your house is surrounded by reporters and the FBI."

The Triangle Productions play runs Thursdays through Saturdays until March 8 at The World Trade Center Auditorium on the skybridge level, 121 S.W. Salmon St. Curtain time is at 8 p.m.



Amazing bodies in sensuous motion perform for the Stephen Petronio Company.

## EXHILARATING DANCE

Portland's White Bird dance series will welcome back one of the most acclaimed choreographers, Stephen Petronio and the Stephen Petronio Company on Wednesday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

The dancers will perform a new work set to the music of Rufus Wainwright and performed live by

Portland's Pacific Youth Choir.

Petronio has been hailed as "the most fearlessly inventive choreographer of his generation." He is known for his high-speed, off-balance movement.

Tickets are \$20-\$50 plus service fee and available at all Ticketmaster outlets, including the Portland Center for the Performing Arts Box Office.

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