

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



The Broadway musical comedy bender 'Xanadu' opens Tuesday, Jan. 12 at Keller Auditorium.

## Musical Comedy Bender

Put a bunch of smash hit songs, Tony award-nominee Douglas Carter Beane and the cutest couple in town into a Broadway musical comedy bender, and what do you get? "Heaven on Wheels" says the

New York Times. Taking audiences back to 1980 California, "Xanadu" follows the beautiful Kira, who travels to earth to inspire a struggling young artist to find his voice, discover true love

and build the world's first roller disco. Xanadu opens at Keller Auditorium on Tuesday, Jan. 12 with shows continuing through Sunday, Jan. 17.

## 'Thriller' Added to National Archive

(AP) — Michael Jackson's "Thriller" video, with that unforgettable graveyard dance, will rest among the nation's treasures in the world's largest archive of film, TV and sound recordings.

The 1983 music video directed by John Landis was one of 25 films inducted last week for preservation in the 2009 National Film Registry of the Library of Congress.

It's the first music video named to the registry."

Joining the King of Pop in the 2009 class will be the Muppets from 1979's "The Muppet Movie" — the first time on the big screen for Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy — and the 1957 sci-fi classic "The Incredible Shrinking Man," among other titles.

The library works with film ar-

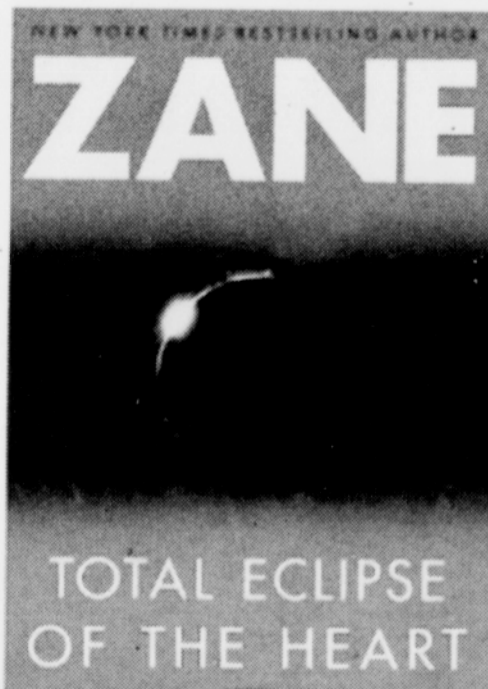


Michael Jackson performs in the 1983 music video 'Thriller.'

chives and movie studios to ensure original copies are kept safe. It also acquires a copy for preservation in its own vaults among millions of other recordings.

Congress established the registry in 1989, which now totals 525 films. They are selected not as the "best" American films but instead for their enduring importance to U.S. culture.

## Lives Intersect in Zane's New Book



Total Eclipse of the Heart is the title of a new novel by New York Times bestselling author Zane.

The book follows the lives of two married couples whose lives intersect in surprising ways after one of the husbands saves both wives from a car crash at the hands of an intoxicated driver.

"It is a novel that I have long yearned to create about love in the purest and truest form," Zane said.

As publisher of Strebtor Books, executive producer of "The Sex Chronicles" on Cinemax, based on her short-story collection of the



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same name, Zane also has several film projects in the works.

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