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MARCH MOVIES...



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A war-weary, former military captain John Carter is inexplicably transported to Barsoom (Mars) where he becomes embroiled in a conflict of epic proportions amongst the inhabitants of the planet, including Tas Tarkas and Princess Dejah Thoris. In a world on the brink of collapse, Carter rediscovers his humanity when he realizes that the survival of Barsoom and its people rests in his hands.



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A pair of underachieving cops are sent back to a local high school to blend in and bring down a synthetic drug ring. Starring Josh Hill, Channing Tatum and Ice Cube.



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Kurosawa Everdeen, a 16-year old from a poor territory that was once Appalachia, becomes a gladiator in a reality-show that is a battle to the death against other teens from the 12 districts of the former United States.



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A reimagining of the classic fairy tale starring Oscar winner Julia Roberts as the Queen, Lily Collins as Snow White, Anne Hathaway as Prince Arwen, Sam Beaz as the King and Nathan Lane as the Queen's hapless and hanging servant, Religion. An evil queen needs counsel of a litigant, and an evil princess enlists the help of a resourceful eldritch sorceress for her birthday.

VERA HOUSE KICKS OFF 18TH ANNUAL WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN



This month Vera House begins its annual White Ribbon Campaign to raise awareness about domestic and sexual violence and the ways our community is working to end that violence. Concerned men who invite and encourage all members of the community, both men and women, to pin on a ribbon lead the campaign. Wearing a white ribbon is your personal statement to never support, commit, or remain silent about abuse.

Rev. Kevin Agee is the 2012 White Ribbon honorary chair. Rev. Agee is and both Dave Bellso, president of Designworks Advertising and Jim King, a partner at King & King Associates, are the 2012 campaign co-chairs. This year's goal is to distribute 40,000 white ribbons to individuals, businesses, educational institutions, community organizations, and places of worship throughout Onondaga County. Ribbons are attached to educational cards. Help Vera House achieve its fundraising goal by purchasing a metal lapel pin for \$5.

The campaign breakfast will take place at 7:30 a.m. Monday, March 19, at the Holiday Inn Liverpool. Contact Chris Benton at (315) 425-0818 or email cbenton@verahouse.org for more information or to make a reservation. A Mile in Her Shoes will take place at noon on Friday, March 23, with a short walk from Clinton Square to Armory Square. Lunch to follow at King & King Architects. The White Ribbon Campaign Education Challenge will run from March 26 through March 30 to promote education and awareness of the campaign. Every school has an opportunity to earn rewards. If a school raises \$500 or more, 10 percent of your sale of white ribbons is returned to your school toward education, prizes or student appreciation.



SYRACUSE'S JOHNSON FAMILY HOME MAKEOVER

Diana Johnson and her husband, Dave, a retired fire chief with the Syracuse Fire Department, have a total of 17 children to call their own. How did their family grow to be so big? Diana says, "it just happened." The Johnsons always talked about adopting children. "After we got married, we thought it would be a wonderful thing to do...to build a family this way." The family is now made up of three "homemade" children, as Diana likes to say, and adopted children from the Central New York area and also India, Korea, the Philippines, Germany and Sierra Leone.

About two years ago, ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" was looking for a Central New York family to feature on the show. Members of the Syracuse Fire Department were bound and determined to nominate the Johnsons and see them selected for a home makeover. Scott McClurg, co-owner and president of McClurg Remodeling and Construction Services, got the inside scoop from a fellow builder in Long Island because he had done work with the ABC show in the past. Although the family was in the running for a home makeover, the network had its number of shows reduced. Despite this setback, McClurg and other fellow firefighters wanted to "get this done" for Dave and the whole Johnson Family. Dave retired as chief after 35 years of service, and there wasn't a day that went by where he wasn't putting others first, according to McClurg.

With a large group of volunteers, McClurg says renovation plans will begin April 16. The "big reveal" is set for May 7. McClurg said it's the family's selflessness that has made the project very popular to community members. Learn how you can help at www.johnsonfamilyhomeproject.com.

