

# ENTERTAINMENT PREVIEW



**ED NORTON (left) and Brad Pitt star in "Fight Club," the story of a group of young men who learn to bond with each other through extreme violence. The film is scheduled to open on August 6.**

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## JUNE 17-18

**"The Dreamlife of Angels"** This movie, only showing for two weeks at the Mary Riempa Ross Theater, is a qualified must-see film. The directorial debut Erick Zonca is a French film which follows two squatters Isa and Marie, as they get caught up in the world of seedy men and thankless work. It's an art film, but it was hit at the Cannes Film Festival. Should be brilliant.

**Must-see factor:** ★★★★★ Not to be missed by people who love the art of film.

**"The General's Daughter"** John Travolta and Madeline Stowe play military investigators tracking down the murderer of the general's daughter. Advance buzz says the porno plot's a little unbelievable but Travolta puts a solid performance on screen. James Woods, James Cromwell and Timothy Hutton co-star.

**Must-see factor:** ★★½ How many military movies do we need?

**"Tarzan"** We might be talking another animated "Lion King" here. The trailers have been exciting and animation moves faster than our eyes can. If Disney can hold that type of work throughout the film, it could rank among the five best the company's made in the last 20 years.

**Must-see factor:** ★★★★★. Kids will want to see it even more. Our guess: "Tarzan" will be the second-highest grossing film this summer.

## JUNE 25

**"Big Daddy"** Be honest. Adam Sandler's movies haven't been very good. It's OK to admit it. Your friends think so too, they just won't admit it. Sandler stars now as a man who adopts a child to impress a girl. Hilarity ensues, I'm sure. A gaggle of beautiful women co-star to keep men in their seats.

**Must-see factor:** ★★★. Sandler is



**ADAM SANDLER offers up another in his long line of mostly mindless comedies in "Big Daddy." This time around, his eternally adolescent character adopts a young boy in order to impress a woman. The film is scheduled to open June 25.**

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quickly turning into another Jim Carrey.

## JUNE 30

**"Wild, Wild West."** Will Smith may lose his perch on the July 4 weekend. Mind you, "West" will do well, but the movie might be hard to sell. It co-stars Kevin Kline, who teams up with Smith to stop an arch-villain in the old west with a futuristic twist. Get ready for spiders. Parts of the film had to be re-shot recently, as test audiences didn't think the movie was very funny.

**Must-see factor:** ★★½ The other big special-effects movie of the summer probably won't be stop traffic for long.

**"South Park, Bigger, Longer and Uncut"** Audiences have tapered off this Comedy Central show, so the movie must promise something different. Besides cussing, it's hard to see what exactly "South Park" could add. Wit and humor are the key here.

**Must-see factor:** ★★ I'm not sure the f-word is a reason to see a movie.

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## Rockfest II kicks off another rock-filled summer

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Rock dominates the Midwest concert scene again this summer, with many of the shows taking place in Omaha.

The season opens at Westfair Amphitheater in Council Bluffs, Iowa with Rockfest II Sunday, which features headliner Kid Rock. The show also includes several acts who played in the Omaha and Lincoln area in the past year including the Urge, Fuel, Eve 6 and 2 Skinnee J's. The alternative affair kick off at noon.

The Westfair will display of variety of musical genres again this summer. The venue will be the home of a surely jam-packed event featuring country giant Tim McGraw and classic rock act Lynyrd Skynyrd June 26. Guitar and Saxs returns June 13 with last year's headliners Kirk Whalum and Marc Antoine. Also appearing at Westfair is Hootie and the Blowfish July 10. More shows at the Westfair will be announced as the summer progresses.

Across town at the Ranch Bowl, 1600 S. 72nd St., Ani DiFranco and jazzman Maceo Parker will be treading through the sand outside for a show July 2. Ranch Bowl vets Reel Big Fish, Let's Go Bowling and Kottonmouth Kings appear July 7 and Widespread Panic and the Melvins July 13. Each will take their acts outside as well.

At the Orpheum Theater, 409 S. 16 St., Country star Loretta Lynn will perform July 29. In August, Sugar Ray, Fastball and the Goo Goo Dolls will arrive at the Omaha Civic Auditorium, 1804 Capitol Ave., August 1.

In Lincoln, the Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St., will continue this summer with some of the best blues in the area. Also, July Jamm will showcase such acts as Natty Nation, Kinsey Report and the Chicago Blues Kings July 23-25.

At the Royal Grove, 340 W. Cornhusker Hwy., Immortal/Epic recording artists Bare Jr. will be arriving June 18. Performing July 8 is current MTV favorite Godsmack, who is riding high with the hit single "Whatever."

Other edgy acts are abound at the Sandstone Amphitheater in Bonner Springs, Kansas with the Dave Matthews Band June 12, Phish June 30 and OZZfest '99 July 9. There's the comeback of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers August 4 and everyone's favorite group that doesn't need an instrument onstage returns as N'Sync will appear August 10.

As the fair season rolls around, Britney Spears will probably win least talented at the Douglas County Fair August 14. And what will happen when Willie Nelson, Chris LeDoux, Creedence Clearwater Revisited, the Statler Brothers, Alabama, Toby Keith Lee Ann Womack, Semisonic, and even Def Leppard appear at the State Fair, 1800 State Fair Park, Lincoln, in late August and early September?

One word: hysteria.



**THE URGE is one of the many bands that will make pit stops in the Midwest this summer.**

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