

Upcoming Movies

compiled by Jon Roberts

Here is a list of new movies coming out before June 30. For show times at Act III theaters call 255-5555.

CABLE GUY Comedy: *The life of a cable subscriber is turned upside down by a strange cable installer.* Stars: Jim Carrey, Matthew Broderick.

CAR POOL Comedy: *A car full of kids is taken hostage by a down and out hold-up man, who takes them on a day-long adventure.* Stars: Tom Arnold.

CELTIC PRIDE Comedy: *Two crazed Celtic fans kidnap the opposing teams superstar before the big game of the NBA Finals.* Stars: Dan Aykroyd, Daniel Stern, Damon Wayans.

CONTACT Science Fiction: *An astronomer discovers extraterrestrial radio signals, based on book by Carl Sagen.* Stars: Jodie Foster.

DRAGONHEART Action Adventure: *The only hope for an ancient land is an alliance between a knight and a dragon. With great special effects by Industrial Light and Magic.* Stars: Sean Connery, Dennis Quaid.

ERASER Action Thriller: *A bad U.S. Marshal battles another agent in a game of government cover-up and intrigue.* Stars: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Chuck Russell, James Caan, Vanessa Williams.

FEELING MINNESOTA Drama: *A woman forced to marry to repay a debt, falls in love with her husband's brother.* Stars: Keanu Reeves, Cameron Diaz.

GREAT WHITE HYPE Comedy: *A wild fight promoter cons a white Buddhist boxer out of retirement to challenge the champ.* Stars: Samuel L. Jackson, Jeff Goldblum, Jon Lovitz, Damon Wayans.

HEAVEN'S PRISONERS Thriller: *A detective comes out of retirement due to a mysterious plane crash.* Stars: Alec Baldwin, Mary Stuart Masterson.

MISSION:IMPOSSIBLE Action: *A group of specialized gov. agents protect the United States from terrorist attacks.* Stars: Tom Cruise, Emillio Estevez, Ving Rhames.

MRS. WINTERBOURNE Comedy: *After a train wreck, a 18-year-old is mistaken for another pregnant woman who was on her way to meet her husband's family for the first time.* Stars: Shirley Maclaine, Ricki Lake, Brendan Fraser.

MULHOLLAND FALLS Drama: *A true story about an elite L.A.P.D. anti-crime unit whose cops made their own rules and enforced the laws in Los Angeles during the 1950's.* Stars: Kick Nolte, Chazz Palminteri, Michael Madsen.

THE PHANTOM Action: *A crimefighting legacy, started 400 years ago when a youth witnessed his father's murder by pirates, is passed down to subsequent generations.* Stars: Billy Zane.

THE QUEST Action: *A New York crook finds himself on a non-stop cruise to the Far East when he jumps on a ship to avoid the police.* Stars: Jean-Claude Van Damme, Roger Moore.

STRIPEASE Drama: *A woman takes a job in a strip club in order to pay for a child custody battle.* Stars: Demi Moore, Armand Assante, Burt Reynolds.

TWISTER Drama: *An unfunded team of scientists chases tornadoes in the hopes of learning to predict and control them. Special effects by Industrial Light and Magic.* Stars: Bill Paxton, Helen Hunt, Kathleen Kennedy.

Poet Shihab Nye visits CCC

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With quiet assurance and confidence, internationally renowned poet Naomi Shihab Nye read from her works last Thursday night at CCC's McLoughlin Theater.

As her voice wove through works such as *Bill's Beans*, *Wedding Cake*, *The Flying Cat* and *My Friends Divorce*, the audience either laughed or murmured their approval. While she read the audience was incredibly still. The few seats that were left were in the middle of the rows, latecomers sat on the floor rather than disturb the reading. McLoughlin Theater has the capacity to seat 158 but attendance was easily standing room only.

Along with her own works, Shihab Nye also read works of other authors. Throughout her readings she interspersed anecdotal tales of her life. One particularly memorable poem was of her grandmother who lived in a stone house in Lebanon. Shihab Nye wrote *Stone House* in honor of her grandmother the trunk she kept. Shihab Nye expressed great admiration for her Grandmother.

"She was a wild wonderful person," said Shihab Nye. "She used to say that she didn't want to die until everybody she didn't like died first." Her grandmother lived to 106.

Another poem, *Making a*



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Shihab Nye (Right) signs autographs for CCC students.

Fist, inspired an admirer to send her a copy of an Egyptian fist in the mail from the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The poem, *My Friend's Divorce*, prompted Shihab Nye and her friend to go dig up the friend's flowers at her ex-husband's house.

During the question and answer session she was asked when she wrote. As a full-time mother and poet she starts her days at 3:30 a.m. making coffee and then writing poetry from two and a half to three hours. "It's a great time of day because no one likes you at three or four in the morning," said Shihab Nye. "No one wants to talk to you. No one calls you." Shihab Nye was asked by another audience member about writer's block. What does one do when they can't write. Shihab Nye's answer was an emphatic

"Read." She told audience members to read everything they could get their hands on. One of the last questions asked was how much affect other writers had on her writing. Shihab Nye felt that other writers had a tremendous amount of impact on her own writing.

"I've always been skeptical if people say they're interested in writing...then you say 'what are you reading?' and they go 'I don't read very much,'" said Shihab Nye. "I don't understand that...you know, being a chef and never eating." Overall, the reading was thought provoking and the poetry was incredibly rich in its content. Shihab Nye is a very warm, friendly and vibrant woman. On a scale of one to 10 the reading and the poet deserved 10 plus.

Instructor Knorr published poet

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Jeff Knorr is an excellent teacher. It is obvious to his students that he loves teaching his writing and literature classes. Prior to his two years of teaching at Clackamas Community College, Knorr taught in Barcelona, Spain. In addition, he is a published poet.

"Up We Traveled" is a collection of Knorr's poetry, which was published three years ago. It reflects his experiences while living and teaching for a year at a private International School in Barcelona. This fall Knorr will be a contributing poet to a new work, "The Book of Herons," that will include a collection of his work as well as contributing poets, Diane Averill and Theodore Rothe.

Knorr grew up in San Leandro, California, near the San Francisco Bay area. He attended college at Chico State in Northern California and received a BA and Masters in English. While at Chico State, Knorr was a member of ASG. His job on campus was to organize all of the entertainment and concerts. When



Photo by Lora Wahrgren

Jeff Knorr has taught in Barcelona, Spain and lived in London, England.

Knorr wasn't organizing the concerts at school, he and friends were playing in a band called the "Philly Jones." They played around town at different parties and cafes. Knorr was lead vocals and played the rhythm guitar.

"I think that the atmosphere here at CCC is pretty good," said Knorr. "The unity of the people on campus really gives a sense of community. ASG does a good job with promoting activities on campus, which is hard to do sometimes, to create an atmosphere that brings people together," says Knorr.

During his junior year in college Knorr lived in London. While he was there he met a man from Boston who introduced him to poetry, which he took to very well. Knorr took the usual classes and was even considering a Biology major. But with the influence of his family to go into teaching and his love for writing he became an English teacher and headed for Oregon to teach at CCC.

Knorr has been married for six years to his wife Diane. They reside in S.E. Portland with their German shepherd Bailey.

One of the things that Knorr remembers about growing up in California was visiting Yosemite National Park. Every summer he would vacation there with his older brother, sister and parents. Besides Yosemite, Knorr also loved Barcelona where he lived for a year.

Knorr enjoys listening to all kinds of music and going to readings at Powells Books downtown.

"You can't beat Powells, they're the best," laughs Knorr. He also enjoys hiking around Mt. Hood with Diane. In Knorr's spare time, you might even catch him attending the Portland Symphony.

"I teach what I love and that is pretty special. Not many people get to do that. People have disagreements. I think that the people here at CCC are pretty civil to each other, which is hard to do sometimes," says Knorr.

"This is the best job I have ever had," added Knorr.

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