

HAPPENINGS



ENTERTAINMENT NETWORK
Joe "Bean" Keller, Entertainment Editor

Future Funk

On Sunday, June 17th, two of Portland's most innovative dance bands, LeBon and Tom Cheeks and the Hy-Tecs, meet at Key Largo in Old Town for a double-bill. Both groups include several of the city's top musicians and explore new directions in modern music, where free-jazz horn solos flirt with rock vocals and consent to funk on the dance floor.

LeBon was organized in 1983 by percussionist and song writer Rick Mitchell. The Hy-Tecs, a seven-piece group, is led by baritone saxophonist and vocalist Tom Cheeks.

Spanky, Burn'em Up

Confident, energetic and always ready to perform is the only way to describe this 13-year old singer and dance machine. Spanky Hopkins has been entertaining audiences throughout the Portland area with his "Tribute to Michael Jackson" and repertoire of his music. Spanky will delight you with tunes from Michael's past such as "I want you back" on through to his most recent hit tune, "Thriller". Spanky will be appearing on Sunday, June 17th for two shows at 3 and 6 p.m. at Darcelle's, 208 N.W. 3rd. Tickets are \$5, 21 and over.



Photo by Richard Brown

Spell #7 is a two-act production that allows the audience to observe the pain and celebration of Third World artists. The play is set in a bar which has been constructed as a haven or "safe" place for these artists to congregate. The cast of 9 performers (5 women & 4 men) includes poets, dancers, actors and actresses who are in various states of employment. From Lily, who never seems to be able to land a part and, therefore, opts out of the world of reality, to Alec, who chooses his part carefully and politically, to Lov, who as a magician creates the illusion that allows these people to continue to exist and survive.

In as much as "Spell" is a realistic look at the artist, each performer is forced to look at himself as both character and artist. Shange uses every medium possible to demonstrate the interconnections of life and the roles we as people assume daily. She encourages all the characters to "demolish the notion of straight theatre...move our theatre to the drama of our lives." Four shows, June 22nd, 23rd, 24th at 8 p.m. and June 24, matinee, 3 p.m. at I.F.C.C. For info call 284-4108.



Winning a hug from little Melinda Swenson of Portland is Cap'n Beware, the Beach Safety Bear. The two will be among those featured in a television public service announcement now ready for showing throughout the state. The TV campaign, along with related radio and print media messages, will make the point that the Oregon coast is a beautiful place to visit, particularly if some natural dangers are kept in mind. The effort is sponsored by the State Parks and Recreation Division, in cooperation with a steering committee composed of coastal residents.

Black single mothers

Portland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. sponsors a conference, "Summit II: A Call to Action in Support of Black Single Mothers", Saturday, June 23, 1984, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Portland Community College, Cascade Campus.

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Directed by Glance Bailey



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Crushed ice

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