

Focus

Cedric Goes Undercover

Cedric The Entertainer stars as a hard charging private investigator Gus Petch, in *Intolerable Cruelty* produced by Universal Pictures and opening in theaters nationwide on Friday, Oct. 10.

A mix of Beverly Hills high glamour and maliciously competitive fun, it brings together a cast of unusual pedigree, including George Clooney, Academy Award winner Catherine Zeta-Jones, Oscar winner Geoffrey Rush, Edward Hermann, Richard Jenkins and Oscar winner Billy Bob Thornton.

The picture is the story of a prominent Los Angeles divorce attorney Miles Massey (Clooney) who has reached a career plateau and begins to look for new challenges. He finds his greatest challenge when he meets the much-divorced Marilyn Rexroth (Zeta-Jones), a hard-headed woman pursuing financial independence through serial matrimony. Underhanded tactics, deceptions and an undeniable attraction escalate as Marilyn and Miles square off personally and professionally in this classic battle of the sexes.

"Gus Petch is a little overly serious," says Cedric about his character. "He is a little ex-military - more merchant marine or probably a general in the Salvation Army. And he expects people to give him a lot of respect for his job. He was hired by Marilyn Rexroth to gather incrimi-



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nating evidence against her wealthy, philandering real estate developer husband Rex Rexroth (Hermann), but ultimately figures prominently in her undoing.

Cedric is best known as one of the headlining stars of the hit film *The Original Kings of Comedy*, MTV's acclaimed documentary feature directed by Spike Lee. Most recently, the funnyman starred in the box office smash *Barbershop*, which opened in first place during the Summer of 2002.

Last fall, he debuted his new sketch/variety television series *Cedric The Entertainer Presents...* on the Fox network, garnering a *People's Choice* nomination for Best New Comedy Series.

Fabulous at 73

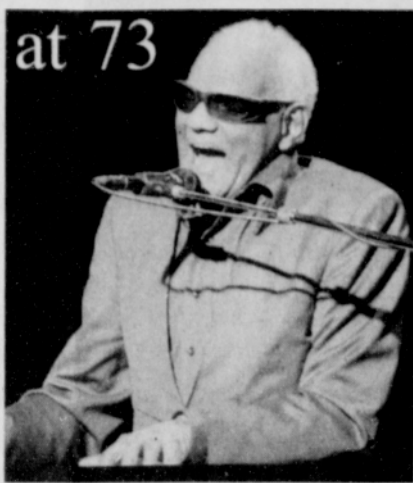
(AP)—Ray Charles celebrated his 73rd birthday with a cake shaped like a piano and visits from Quincy Jones and Willie Nelson.

"I've been lucky to have done so many things these 73 years, but there's a lot more I want to do in life, especially with longtime friends like Willie and Quincy," the legendary musician said at his private studio.

At the festivities, Charles also announced a blues songwriting contest, which he'll judge with help from Flea from the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Alicia Keys and Roger Waters of Pink Floyd.

Teenagers can submit the lyrics to a blues song and five winners will be flown to Los Angeles to work with Charles in producing the song.

Charles has been resting because of a hip ailment, but has started work on a duets album to feature B.B. King and others. Charles, who was 7 when he lost his eyesight, has won 13 Grammy Awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award. He also was one of the original inductees to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1986.



Ray Charles

He's recorded classic songs including "What'd I Say" and "Georgia on My Mind."

Myriad of Talent

Roseland Theater welcomes Peter Frampton with Joe Bonamassa at 8 p.m. Oct. 29; Twiztid with Wolfpac, the R.O.C. and Society One at 8 p.m. Nov. 5; Less Than Jake with Fall Out Boy at 8 p.m. Nov. 12; and B.B. King at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 23. Tickets are on sale now by calling 503-224-8489.

Spooky Season

Portland Parks and Rec sponsors a Halloween Dive-In Movie at Columbia Pool, 7701 N. Chautauqua Blvd at 6 p.m. Oct. 24. Tickets are \$2 for kids and \$3.50 for adults; an all ages Monster Mash costume party is at the Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 N.E. Knott, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 24; a not so spooky Boo To You exhibit is designed for younger kids from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Matt Dishman Community Center on Oct. 25; Little One's Halloween Delights gives kids a chance to make their own decorations at the Dishman Center from 12:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 25.

Blues Sensation

Jonny Lang performs with special guests at 8 p.m. Oct. 30 at Chiles Center. For tickets, call 503-244-8499.

88 Years of Stories To Tell

McMenamins Kennedy School celebrates 88 years of stories at a party with carnival games from 3 to 9 p.m. Oct. 18 in honor of its opening in 1915. The walls will talk at 5736 N.E. 33rd Ave. For more information, call 503-249-3983.

Rock Legend

Santana will perform with special guests at the Rose Garden Arena, Theater of the Clouds at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 16. Tickets are \$55.50. For tickets, call 503-224-4400.

Roll in the Hay

Roll in the hay at a hay ride at Kruger's Farm on Sauvie Island in October. Delight in the autumn with a day of hay rides, pumpkin picking and a corn maze with caramel

apples, pumpkin pie and hot cider. \$3. For more information, call 503-621-3489.

Cirque Extravaganza

Cirque Du Soleil presents acclaimed Alegria under the white Grand Chapiteau on Southwest Moody Avenue through Oct. 26. Tickets start at \$45. For more information, call 800-678-5440 or visit www.cirquedusoleil.com.

Take a Trip

Take a trip through time to find the hottest poetry, hip hop and soul influencing Portland Wednesdays at the Ohm. \$7 cover. 31 N.W. First Ave.

Wild Party

Excite your child with a birthday party in the woods, meadow or near a pond, hosted by Portland Parks and Recreation staff. Themes include forest fairies, Indian legends, Lewis and Clark exploration, animal tracking, camouflage critters and "what's in a waterdrop." Parties begin at \$100 for 10 children, including games, activities and favors. For more information, call 503-823-3601.

Heading Out

Bookies Sports Bar and Lounge offers entertainment Thursdays through Saturdays in October. Ocean 503 performs Friday and Saturday, Oct. 10 and 11.

A Living Classic

The West End Players perform Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" weekends from Oct. 19 through Nov. 2 at the West End Theater, 1220 SW Taylor St. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 503-288-7465.

Get Involved!

The Portland Gay Men's Chorus is currently accepting new members. This energetic group needs people willing to make a commitment to the organization, whether on or off the stage. For more information, call 503-226-2588 or e-mail join@pdxgmc.org.



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Book Renewals Interest in Oregon Racism

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Initially when the charge of a racially-motivated killing was proposed, the killer denied it. It was a street brawl, plain and simple. But the prosecutor insisted and finally a plea-bargain deal was reached. Gradually a street brawl was converted by the public mind into a hunting party and its prey. Attempts to correct this myth were met with disbelief.

Once the racial motivation became official doctrine, the path was open to reach out for national leaders of the neo-Nazi movement. The impact on Metzger was severe at first, but was insignificant over the longer term. After meetings with Metzger, Langer concludes that he is probably not significantly worse off (or less influential) today than if he had never been charged.

More important, Langer feels that Portland and Oregon were let off the hook.

Roger Eiss is a reporter for the City Club of Portland

Can you dig it?



Maybe, but you should call first.

Eager as you might be to dig into your next landscape project, a word of caution: play it safe. Here are some outdoor safety tips to keep in mind this fall.

- **Call before you dig.** A shovel hitting an underground power line can be very dangerous. Call your utility locating service at least 48 hours before you start a job that requires digging. Call us at 1-888-221-7070 and we'll give you the number of the free utility line locating service in your area.
- **Follow the 10 foot rule.** Look up before you go up and keep yourself and anything you are in contact with at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines.
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