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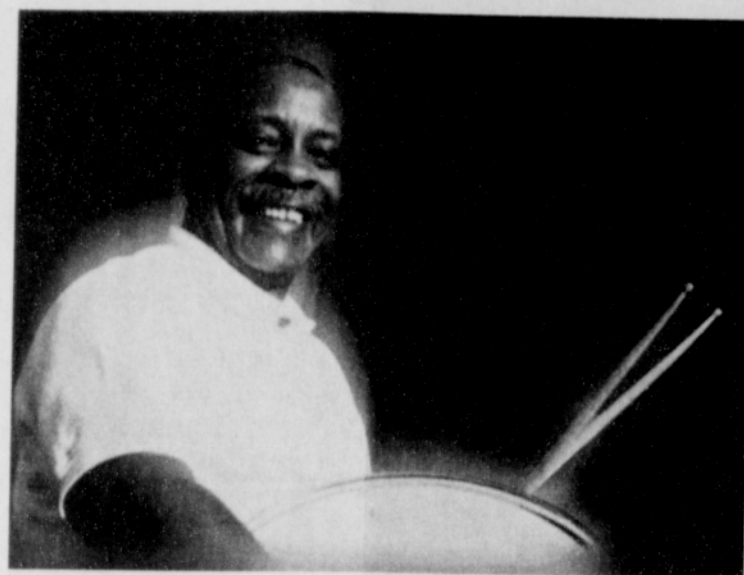
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Mel Brown

Jazz Night to Feature Local Legend

Local jazz legend Mel Brown and the B-3 Organ Quartet take part in Jazz Night on Friday, April 23, at 8 p.m. in Evans Music Center at Lewis and Clark College, 0615 S.W. Palatine Hill Rd. This event is free and open to the public.

The quartet is made up of drummer Brown, organist Louis Pain, saxophonist Renato Caranto, and guitarist Dan Balmer. The band is promoting its recent release, "Live at the Britt Festival." Balmer currently directs the jazz program at Lewis and Clark.

The musicians will kick off the evening followed by three jazz combos made up of Lewis and Clark students. The combos will play their arrangements of jazz classics and modern jazz compositions.

"Rather than the traditional big band performance, this concert will emphasize small groups with everyone taking part in soloing," said Balmer. "It will be a new and exciting approach to Jazz Night."

For more information, call 503-768-7460.

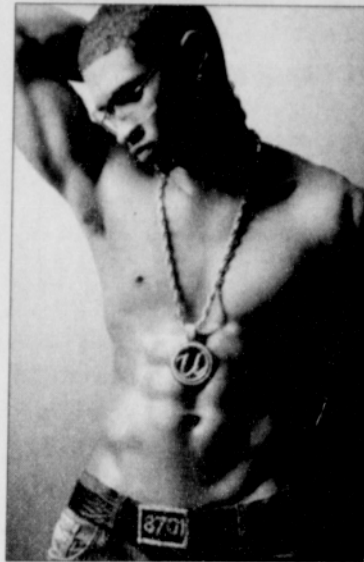
Latest Usher Album Breaks Record

A new chapter in Soundscan history was made with the new release of Usher's long-awaited fifth album "Confessions."

Approximately 1.1 million copies were distributed in the first week of distribution.

The amount was the highest first week numbers ever scanned by a male R&B artist in Soundscan's 13-year history, breaking R. Kelly's record of 540,000 and the highest first week scans by any male artist since Eminem's 1.7 million units.

The first week sales gave Usher his first #1 on the Billboard 200 Albums chart, and his first simultaneous #1 pop/#1 R&B entry. As icing on the cake, Usher's success marks the biggest debut week in the 30 years of Arista's existence, breaking the 689k record held since 1997 by Notorious B.I.G.'s posthumous



Usher

Life After Death.

"My feeling has always been that "Confessions" would be a landmark album for me," said Usher.

Street Wars

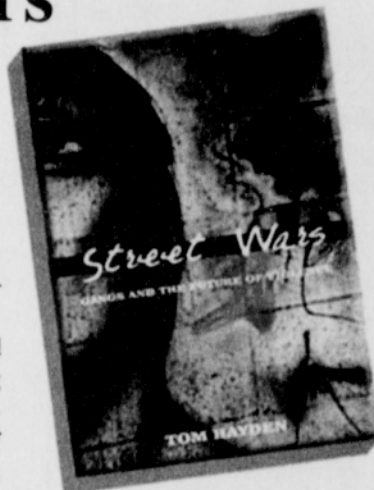
Healing begins by addressing a world of gang violence

Gang violence, still prevalent in cities large and small, has led to much suffering to street kids, families and communities at large.

Groundbreaking research and first-hand interviews from gang members combine to provide a healing process for youth veterans of street wars in a book by Tom Hayden.

Hayden, a former state senator in California and known for penning the script of ideals for the New Left, is the author of "Street Wars and the Future of Violence."

His book, slated for release on June 30, has gained much acclaim from community activists and leaders.



Rev. Jesse Jackson said, "Street Wars offers a vision through a door and not through a keyhole... that when it comes to our youth, we must lift them up, not lock them up." Hayden will sign and discuss his book at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14 at Powell's City of Books, 1005 W. Burnside.

Al Green Joins Songwriters Hall of Fame



Al Green

(AP)—Charles Fox, Al Green, Daryl Hall and John Oates, Don McLean and songwriting duo Barrett Strong and Norman Whitfield are this year's inductees into the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

The 35th annual induction ceremony will be held June 10 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel. Special award honorees will be announced at a later date.

Previous inductees include Carole King, Paul Simon, Bob Dylan, Billy Joel, Elton John, Stevie Wonder and Brian Wilson.

Neville Brothers at Chinook Winds

The Neville Brothers bring their Mardi Gras Mambo and New Orleans Big Easy sound to Chinook Winds Casino and Convention Center in Lincoln City, May 7 and Saturday, May 8.

Ebony Fashion Extravaganza April 16

The Portland Chapter of The Links presents its annual fundraiser, the Ebony Fashion Fair at the Oregon Convention Center at 6 p.m. Friday, April 16. Tickets are \$45 to \$75. For more information, call 503-286-6426.

Ongoing and Upcoming Music

The Blue Monk on Belmont plays live jazz. For a schedule, visit www.thebluemonk.com. Interstate Bar and Grill has mature live music at 4234 N. Interstate. The Black Notes plays Thursdays at the Candlelight Room. Mel Brown plays jazz at Jimmy Maki's on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Fridays and Saturdays at Salty's on the Columbia. A Community Unity Breakfast is every third Thursday at SEI at 7:30 a.m. Skip Elliott Bowman Jazz Trio plays Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon at Hannah Bea's, on northeast Shaver. R&B and live funk bands perform weekends at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center.

Dino Discovery at Oregon Zoo

The Oregon Zoo discovers Dino Island: The Land of Civilization Forgot through April 30. This simulator thrill ride includes riders on a scientific team whose mission is to explore a newly formed island, baffling environmentalists around the world. The ride is \$4 in addition to general admission. For more information, call 503-226-1561 or visit www.oregonzoo.org.

Artist's Featured at Abbey Cafe

The Abbey Café, 441 N. Killingsworth St., invites musi-

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cians to sell their CD's and perform on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, call 503-286-4847.

Laughing Through It

A Portland Jam Night plans to heal the community's ills through laughter at the Wave Theatre in North Portland. The live music and sketch improv comedy is at 9 p.m. Fridays. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids. For more information, call 503-735-4184 or visit www.jam-night.com.

Larger Than Life-sized

OMSI's big-screen OMNIMAX theater is "Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West" through June and "Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees" through May. For more information, call 503-797-4588.

Trippin' through Town

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

Jazz Mass Performance

Pacific University to present the world premiere of new arrangements of the only Jazz Mass commissioned by the Vatican at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8 in McCready Hall in the Taylor-Meade Performing Arts Center on Pacific University campus. General admission is \$5, and \$3 for students and seniors. For more information call 503-352-2918.

Blazers Street Jam

Blazer Street Jam 3-on-3 basketball to benefit the Special Olympics Oregon is on July 16-18. For information, visit www.blazersstreetjam.com.

The School of Rock

The School of Rock presents Music Law Basics at the Mississippi Pizza Pub with attorney Peter Vaughan Shaver from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Free admission. For more information, call 503-888-4480.

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Musical Event

An Evening with John Farrell, a musician and writer, is from 7-8 p.m. May 15 at the Hollywood Theatre, 4122 N.E. Sandy Blvd. Ticket are \$4 for kids, \$7 for adult and \$12.50 for a family. For more information, visit www.hollywoodtheatre.org.

Toots & The Maytals

Toots & the Maytals will perform with special guests at 8 p.m. May 4 at the Roseland Theater. Ticket are \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the door. To charge by telephone, call (503) 224-8499 or (503) 992-8499 or to order online, visit www.ticketswest.com.

Le Femme Filmposium!

Le Femme Filmposium is from May 22-23 at ITISSNESS, 3016 N.E. Killingsworth. For information, visit www.zonkerfilms.com.

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