

# Returning to the Movies for News

## 'Fahrenheit 9/11' brings perspective not seen on TV

(AP)—Time was, you had to go to the movies to see the news. Then came television, which brought newsreels right into your home.

Now, in this election year a half-century later, people in huge numbers have found that getting news about the war in Iraq and the politics behind it makes a trip to the multiplex well worth the bother.

Who could have forecast such a relapse?

Could be, neither fans nor detractors of Michael Moore, whose "Fahrenheit 9/11" has uprooted couch potatoes by the carload.

His is a film that is firing up the public, both pro and con — even people who haven't seen it.

And it's done something else. In the way the film frames the presidency of George W. Bush ("Was it all just a dream?" Moore muses over images of Al Gore celebrating his short-lived win and African Americans appealing on deaf ears the theft of an election) "Fahrenheit 9/11" has managed to upstage mainstream TV journalism.

All the more surprising that the TV-news establishment is eclipsed by an independent film that costs good money to see, and until just



Michael Moore (right) confronts Congressman John Tanner, D-Tenn., on Capitol Hill in Washington in a scene from Moore's documentary feature "Fahrenheit 9/11."

weeks ago, hadn't even landed a theatrical distributor.

So what does "Fahrenheit 9/11" give its audiences that newscasts thus far don't.

For starters: the video footage of recuperating U.S. soldiers, Iraqi casualties, President Bush in that classroom paralyzed for seven minutes after learning of the terrorist attacks. This is video you have

likely seen nowhere else, and you emerge from the theater wondering, "Why the heck not?"

"Fahrenheit 9/11," which won the top prize at the Cannes Film Festival in May, tackles grand themes with humor, fury and naked partisanship that insists upon a response from the viewer.

And it provides a bracing alternative to the claims for objectivity

that reign at TV news outlets (including, naturally, the "fair-and-balanced"-boasting Fox News Channel, whose lack of objectivity is probably its greatest asset). These Big Media news providers have served as Bush administration facilitators ever since his disputed election, declares Moore, a little guy whose message is unmistakably his own.

## Summer Heat Dangers

### County issues health advisory

As temperatures rise above 90 degrees, older adults and persons with disabilities are particularly at risk for heat-related illnesses.

Heat stroke and heat exhaustion are the most common conditions with symptoms that may range from generalized weakness and fatigue, to dizziness, rapid heart-beat, diarrhea, nausea, shortness of breath, mental confusion, throbbing headaches, vomiting, and cramping.

Hot weather can place a

dangerous strain on the heart, and can exacerbate other medical conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, and circulatory and respiratory problems.

Officials at Multnomah County's Aging and Disability Services Division, urge family members and neighbors to check on their elderly or disabled friends and relatives during the hot weather.

According to Michael Hardt, ADSD's Emergency Service Coordinator, "People affected by the heat may not recognize they have a problem. Many senior and disabled folks live alone, may not get out much, and so it is critical that someone check

on them."

Some tips for combating the heat include: Keep air circulating with fans; take cool sponge baths; go to an air conditioned building whenever possible; wear loose-fitting, light-weight clothing; wear a hat; drink water often; and limit physical activity and direct exposure to the sun.

Multnomah County, in cooperation with Loaves and Fishes, requests donations of fans for homebound seniors and disabled persons. If you have a fan you would like to donate, please contact Loaves and Fishes at 503-736-6325.

## Fabulous 50 Birthdays Celebrated

The Fab 50 Associates honor their classmates and friends who have turned or will turn 50 this year with a Birthday Extravaganza.

The party features N'Touch's up-tempo jazz, The Beyons, bringing' back Ole School songs and The Original Seattle Steppers. Get your groove on with a buffet, a no host bar and photographers at the Ramada Inn Airport, 6221 N.E. 82nd Ave from 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 31.

Tickets are \$35 single or \$60 per couple, benefiting the Albina Ministerial Alliance. Tickets can be purchased at Geneva's Barber Shop, Reflections Coffeehouse and SEI or call 503-249-1721.

## Adoption Makes Families

### Meet Daniel, age 10

People who meet Daniel are taken by his charm and empathy, as well as his love of life. His smile easily melts hearts and his caring demeanor puts people at ease.

Daniel is energetic and enjoys playing outside. He has a zest for living and is fascinated by the littlest things that others take for granted.

Daniel needs very skilled parents who can provide intensive one-on-one attention and supervision. Clear expectations with logical consequences help Daniel to make the best choices. Stability and structure are musts.

The loss and neglect in Daniel's life have been hard on him. More than anything, he needs a loving family who is excited and determined to help him achieve all that he can. In return, Daniel will be able to open up and share his heart.

To learn more about adoption, please call the Special Needs Adoption Coalition at The Boys and Girls Aid Society at 503-542-2392 or toll free 1-877-932-2734 x 2002 or DHS at 1-800-331-0503.

Agencies reduce fees for the adoption of a child in state care, and financial assistance may be available to help meet the child's needs. Single adults as well as couples are encouraged to call.



Daniel is one of thousands of children looking for a loving family.

## Festival Coming to Northeast 42nd

Music, food and films are in focus at the Crossroads Celebration Youth Film Festival and Youth Film Festival on Saturday, Aug. 7.

The event will feature 18 independent shorts from Portland area youth at the Portland Community

College Workforce Auditorium at Northeast 42nd Avenue and Killingsworth Street.

The community celebration will also offer a parade with the Lions of Batucada in the Cully and Concordia neighborhoods, a tradi-

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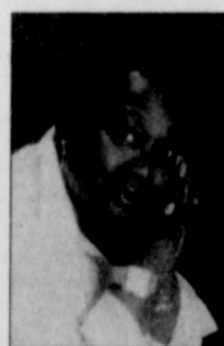
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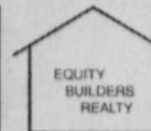
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