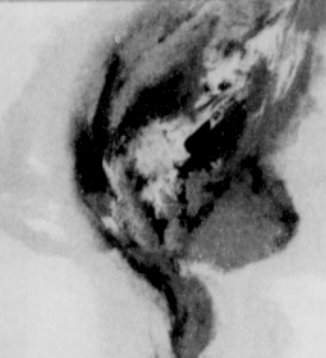


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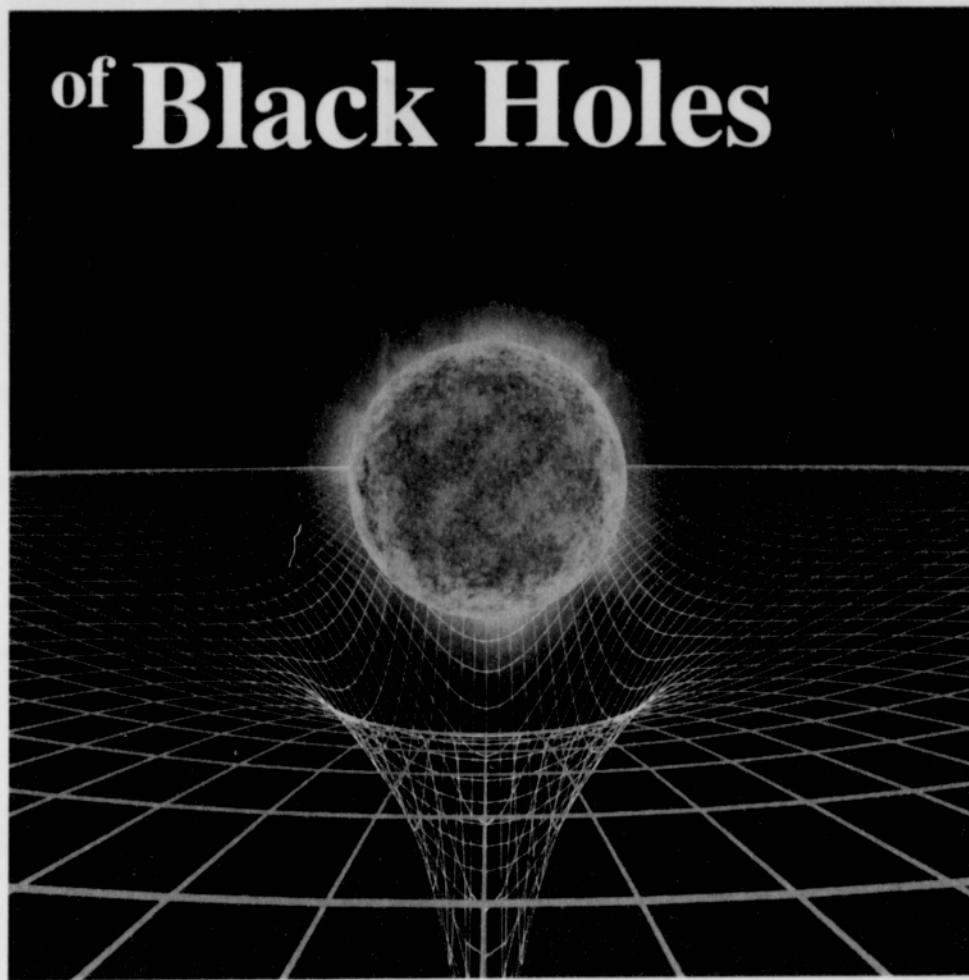
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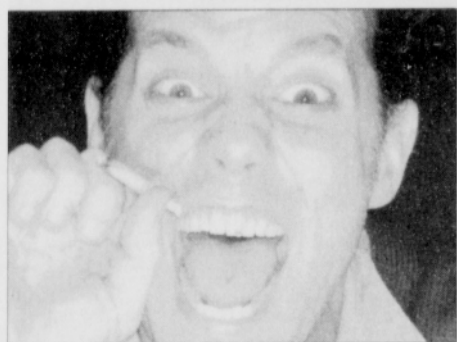
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'Reefer Madness!' at IFCC—The comedy 'Reefer Madness!' a political satire about government misinformation and greed, loosely based on the 1936 propaganda anti-marijuana film, debuts this week at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave. Performances run Thursdays through Sundays until Oct. 7. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling: Stumptown Stages Box Office at 503-381-8686 or online at stumptownstages.com.

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ery Friday night starting at 9 p.m. with dinner by Mondemaj Catering next door to the show at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.



Nashville Songwriter—Nashville songwriter David Olney will perform Friday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. at Mississippi Studios, 3939 N. Mississippi Ave. Olney has written vivid, dramatic songs for the likes of Emmy Lou Harris, Linda Ronstadt, Del McCoury and others. For tickets, call 503-288-3895.



Oregon Ballet Exposed!—Step outside for an inside look at Oregon Ballet Theatre with OBT Exposed! Open-air rehearsals are held daily though Saturday Sept. 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. at the South Park Blocks between Main and Salmon streets. Admissions is free. For more information call 503-227-0977 or visit www.obt.org.

Metamorphoses—Gods and Goddesses swirl and splash in 'Metamorphoses,' a lucid, glowing adaptation of Ovid's classic myths set in and around a giant onstage pool at the Artists Repertory Theatre, 1516 S.W. Alder, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at 7 p.m., Fridays



at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. through Oct. 15th. Special Wednesday matinees are at 11 a.m. Sept 27th and Oct. 4th. Call the box office at 503-241-1278 for tickets or visit www.artistsrep.org.

Hip-hop Dance Classes—Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation is hosting family friendly hip-hop dance classes for ages 5 to 18. Various lessons teach rhythm, technique, coordination, agility, combinations and teamwork through urban dance moves. For more information, call 360-696-8236.

Live Music Every Night—Kick off your week with live jazz every Sunday at 9 p.m. at The Blue Monk (3341 SE Belmont). Participate in a mixed-media open mic night each Monday at the Back to Back Café (614 East Burnside). The Thom City Improv, featuring members of Old Dominion, Quivah, The Chosen and The Black Notes, perform at Conan's (3862 S.E. Hawthorne) every Tuesday at 10 p.m. Celebrate Hump Day at The Red Sea (381 S.W. 3rd Ave) after work on Wednesdays, from 5 to 9 p.m. Inch toward the weekend at the Candlelight Room (2032 SW 5th Ave) with the Black Notes, performing each Thursday. Celebrate Friday with Mel Brown, who plays jazz at Salty's on the Columbia every Friday and Saturday, and Jimmy Mak's on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Round off your week with live Reggae on Fridays and Saturdays at Montego Bay, (1239 S.W. Jefferson).

PICA Time-Based Art Festival—The Portland Institute for Contemporary Art presents its 2006 Time-Based Art Festival, celebrating theatre, dance, music, film, visual exhibition and installation on Thursday, Sept. 7 through Sunday, Sept. 17 at venues throughout Portland. Workshops, lectures, performances, outdoor happenings and late night activities are planned. For venue locations, times, dates and other information, visit www.pica.org.

Gaither and Friends Homecoming—Award winning entertainer Bill Gaither leads a cavalcade of singers, musicians and comedians for a Gaither and Friends Homecoming concert at the Rose Garden, Saturday, Sept. 9, at 6 p.m. For tickets and more information, visit www.rosequarter.com.

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