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Emmitt Smith and Cheryl Burke celebrate their win and display the mirrorball trophy on 'Dancing with the Stars, the Results Show,' in Los Angeles.

Emmitt Smith Dances to the Top

NFL great dazzles in TV competition

(AP)—Emmitt Smith danced off with the mirrorball. The three-time Super Bowl champion, who proved to be as nimble on his feet in the ballroom as on the football field, was named the winner of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars." With last week's victory came the glittering trophy. The NFL's all-time leading rusher beat out actor Mario Lopez. The hunky, dimpled Lopez was generally regarded as the series

most dynamic celebrity dancer, but the public's vote, the deciding factor after the contestants had tied in the judges' tally at Tuesday's final dance-off, brought Smith the victory. "It is awesome! It is awesome!" declared Smith, after hugging his professional dance partner Cheryl Burke. "We came a long way, we really have." Burke won last season, too, on the arm of singer Drew Lachey. Smith had kind words for Lopez, who was gracious in his defeat. He called the former "Saved by the Bell" star a "true gentleman" and said he and part-

ner Karina Smirnoff "raised the bar" during the competition. "This whole journey was unbelievable ... And Karina, most unbelievable person," Lopez gushed. "It's something I'll never forget." Smith and Burke wowed judges in the final night of competition with a spirited samba, to the tune of Stevie Wonder's "Sir Duke." "What's so great about you is you are the everyday man who became a dancer in our eyes in the past 10 weeks," judge Carrie Anna Inaba told Smith, who's been dubbed "The Big Easy" for his laid-back elegance and charm.



Lava Alapai in "Mutt"

Playwright Presents 'Mutt' — A local playwright is challenging racial issues with levity and bravery in her world premiere production "Mutt" opening Friday, Nov. 24 at North Portland's Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave. Lava Alapai tells the story of a bi-racial young adult's mistaken Caucasian self-identity. Shows run subsequent Thursday-Saturday nights at 8 p.m. through Dec. 9. Tickets are \$12 and can be obtained by calling 503-952-6646 or visit the website online at manyhatscollaboration.com.

Worlds AIDS Day Gala — In honor of World AIDS Day, Kimpton Hotels is hosting a gala charity fund raiser to benefit the Cascade AIDS project to fight HIV/AIDS. The event will be held Thursday, Nov. 30 at 5 p.m. at the, 5th Avenue Suites Hotel, 506 S.W. Washington St. The event venue includes: live jazz, artist, hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting, palm reading, Champagne, tempting deserts and a raffle. This is a free event but requires a RSVP to casey.odonnell@kimptonhotels.com

'Festival of Trees' — The 24th annual Providence Festival of Trees is held Nov. 30 through Dec. 2 at the Oregon Convention Center, featur-

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 ing over 50 elaborately decorated trees, live entertainment, crafts, and a photo with Santa, gingerbread displays, and more. For more information, call 503-215-6070.

Norman Sylvester Band — Playing at Domenic's in Milwaukie, Friday, Dec. 1; at 9 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 2 at 8 p.m. at Halibut's; and at 9 p.m. on New Years Eve at Clyde's Prime Rib. Make your New Years Eve Party reservations early by calling 503-281-9200 or visit nomansylvester.com.

Christmas Revels — Friday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m., the Scottish Rite Theater, S.W. 15 & Morrison, will present the opening night performance of Christmas Revels, a winter solstice celebration that crosses religious and ethnic boundaries, to entertain the entire family. For performance schedules and information please contact the box office: 503-247-4654.



Ballet Flamenco — White Bird Dance series presents Eva Yerbabuena, one of the world's

most exciting flamenco dancers, at the Schnitzer Concert Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 29. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster locations and the Portland Center for the Performing Arts Box Office on Southwest Broadway and Main.



Scrooge Gets Skewered — 503-241-1278, online at artistsrep.org or at the box office at 1516 S.W. Alder St.

Holiday Ale Festival — The 11th Annual Holiday Ale Festival will begin on Thursday, Nov. 30, and continue through Sunday, Dec. 3, at Pioneer Courthouse Square, 701 S.W. Sixth Ave. Complimentary sodas for minors and designated drivers.

'A Season for Peace' — The Portland Gay Men's holiday concert "Goodwill to All" assembles music from various cultures and traditions to celebrate the holiday season with performances scheduled at Kaul Auditorium on Friday and Saturday Dec. 15-16 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m.

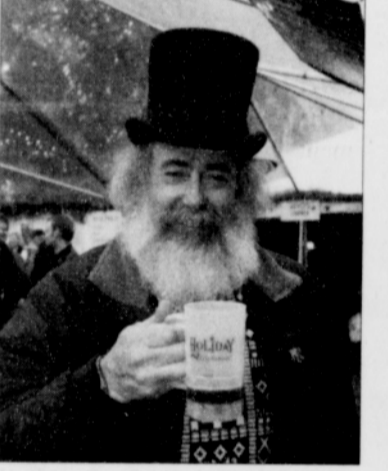
Newport's Jazz for the Holidays — Friday, Dec. 29 thru Monday, Jan. 1, the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts will host Newport's Jazz for the Holidays, a massive New Years Eve Party, spread out over 4 days and headlined by some of Portland's jazz icons, including the Bobby Torres Ensemble and singer Nancy King, at the Newport Performing Arts Center. Visit jazzatnewport.org or call 888-701-7123.

Time to Jam — Jam Night, Portland's ever-popular comedy and variety show is at Christian Performing Arts Center, 8131 N. Denver Ave. Shows continue every 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.

Famous Nature Photographs — Famed works by photographer Ansel Adams, including 'The Tetons and the Snake River,' and many other of the most beautiful national sites, is on display this fall and inter at the World Forestry Center Discover Museum.



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.



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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.

Belly Dance Classes — Caravan Studios offers classes in belly dance, African dance and more. Visit www.gypsycaravan.us.

OMSI Presents: Black Holes — A flight simulator transforms real scientific data about black holes into stunning visualizations in OMSI's new planetarium show "Black holes: The Other Side of Infinity." For more information, call 503-797-4000 or visit omsi.edu.

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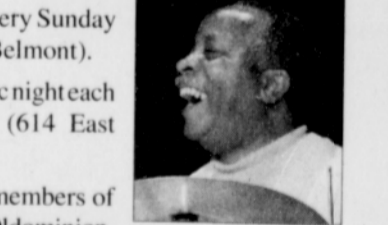
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- The Thorn City Improv, featuring members of Oldominion, Quivah, The Chosen and The Black Notes, perform at Conan's (3862 S.E. Hawthorne) every Tuesday at 10 p.m.



- 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, playing jazz at Salty's every Friday and Saturday, and Jimmy Mak's on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Live Reggae on Fridays and Saturdays at Montego Bay, (1239 S.W. Jefferson).

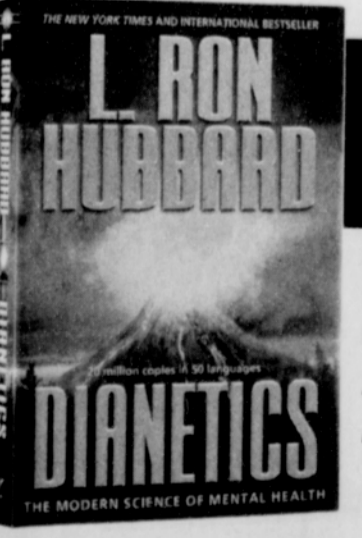
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