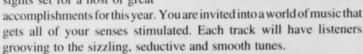
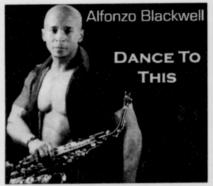
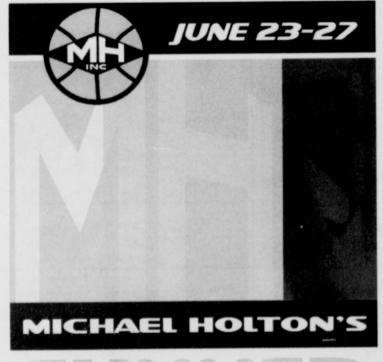
Dance to This

Saxophonist and contemporary jazz artist Alfonzo Blackwell has released his latest and seventh CD entitled "Dance to This," an album he calls the most anticipated of his career.

Blackwell is an electrifying recording veteran who has his sights set for a host of great







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Jefferson Dancers Spring Concert

The Jefferson Dancers, Portland's elite multi-ethnic dance company from Jefferson High School, will perform their spring concert over four days at the Newmark Theater in the Portland Center for the Performing Arts, downtown.

Performances are scheduled May 7 through May 10 at 7:30 p.m. each night, in addition to a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available at the box office or through Ticketmaster.



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Multicultural Film Series Concludes

Twodocumentaries will conclude Jefferson High School's 7th-annual Multicultural Film Festival on Monday, May 5 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in Room C39.

"Accidental Hero: Room 408" documents the life-changing role of a public-school forensics coach and teacher who helps young adults succeed. Ed Washington, one of Portland's retired elected officials and an adjunct educator at Portland



State University will facilitate a discussion about the documentary.

The second feature, "Another World is Possible," envisions a world where everyone belongs, where we defend sustainability, morality and solidarity. Sen. Avel Gordly will facilitate the discussion for this last presentation for the current school year.

The films are open and for the community at no charge.

Mario Opens Up

He's only 21, and yet R&B singing sensation Mario has already accomplished more than many people can ever dream of in their lifetime. But the road to success hasn't always been easy.

"I've been through so much. My struggles drive me," said Mario, explaining how he's dealt with his mother's former drug addiction, in an interview that captured in the current issue of Jet magazine.

Mario has also been determined to rise to the top with his third CD, Go! and by showing off his moves in front of 15 million viewers each week on "Dancing With the Stars."

"I know what type of man I want the world to see me as and that matters more to me than money. The way I make my decisions now is according to how I want people to look at me as a person first," he said.



Mario