

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



**Is it 'Safe'?** Denzel Washington dips into the sociopath mindset to play a CIA agent turned killer in "Safe House," now playing in Portland area theaters.

## Film Tackles Population Issues

A free screening of a documentary about population issues and how they impact the world will be presented on Monday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hollywood Theatre, 4122 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

"Mother: Caring for 7 Billion," brings to light an issue that fuels an environmental, humanitarian and social crisis: population growth.

Since the 1960s the world population has nearly doubled, adding more than three billion people. At the same time, talking about population has become politically incorrect because of the sensitivity of the issues surrounding the topic—religion, economics, family planning and gender inequality.

The film illustrates both the over consumption and the inequity side of the



population issue by following Beth, a mother, a child-rights activist and the last sibling of a large American family of 12, as she discovers the thorny complexities of the population dilemma and highlights a different path to solve it.

"Mother is a must-see film on why population growth still matters and what is hindering action to reduce it," said Hania Zlotnik, director of the Population Division at the United Nations.

"By ignoring the facts and continuing a course of business as usual, we are endangering our future on this planet. I am so happy to see a courageous film that deals with population in both a sober and hopeful way," said Paul R. Ehrlich, author of the Population Bomb.



Charles McPherson

## PDX Jazz Presents Sax Legend

World renowned saxophonist Charles McPherson will perform in Portland on Monday, Feb. 20 as part of the US Bank Portland Jazz Festival.

McPherson's schedule includes free afternoon education workshops with the Alan Jones Academy of Music, the Portland Youth Jazz Orchestra and the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra.

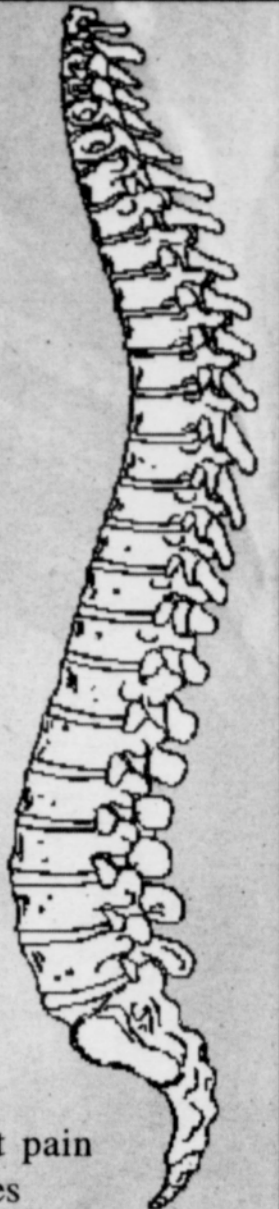
He will also perform for paid audiences during evening shows at Jimmy Mak's, downtown. Tickets for a 7:30 p.m. performance with the Portland State University Jazz Ensemble are \$10 to \$15. Tickets for a 9:30 p.m. show with the Portland-based Randy Porter Trio are \$15 to \$20.

For more information, visit the websites jimnymaks.com or pdxjazz.com.

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