

HAPPENINGS



ENTERTAINMENT NETWORK
Joe "Bean" Keller, Entertainment Editor

Blakey message returns

Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers will appear at the Key Largo on April 17 and 18.

A fountainhead of jazz for nearly 40 years himself, drummer Art Blakey's showcase band, the Jazz Messengers, has become the most influential graduate school for jazz in the world, featuring in their youth some of today's greatest players: Horace Silver, Wayne Shorter, Freddie Hubbard Wynton and Branford Marsalis. With his current group of Terrance Blanchard on trumpet, Donald Harrison on alto, Mulgrew Miller on piano, and Jean Toussaint on tenor, last August Blakey's group played one of Portland's hottest two-night stands in 1984. This is indeed some of the best hard bop in the country today, and Blakey himself is a jazz institution: a still-powerful force on drums and a professor of the jazz tradition whose proteges carry his spirit into succeeding generations.



27th Annual Ebony Fashion

The 27th Annual Ebony Fashion Fair will appear in Portland at the Red Lion Motor Inn, Jantzen Beach, on Friday, April 26, at 8:30 p.m. This famed traveling fashion show is produced by *Ebony Magazine* and is sponsored by Portland Chapter of Links, Inc., for the benefit of Ethiopian Aid (Africare, Inc.), American Heart Association Oregon Affiliate, Inc. and Kerr Young Parents Program.

More than 200 exquisite garments complete with the latest accessories, 10 female and two male models, are appearing in more than 177 cities.

Mrs. Jacquelyn Brown, general chairperson of the benefit performance, indicates ticket sales are going exceptionally well and expects an even larger attendance than last year. Tickets may be purchased at Stevens & Son (Lloyd Center), Meier & Frank (Downtown), Celebrity Attraction and Mrs. C's Wigs.



Michael Roberts talked to students at Jefferson about the temptations and pitfalls of drugs. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

"Rooster" dazzles Jeff

by Lanita Duke

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W. — Students at Jefferson High School were dazzled with "celebrity pressure" to counter the peer pressure they may receive to take drugs as "Double Trouble's" Mr. Arrechia — Michael Roberts — told the youths, "Drugs put you in a fog."

Roberts recounted his experiences with drugs as part of a national campaign against drug abuse called Right Track. Roberts has led the fight against drug abuse for eight years and was recently cited by Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles, California, for his work as a celebrity helping young people get off drugs by destroying the myth that drug use is cool.

Roberts' first major television role was "Rooster," an informant/pimp on the T.V. series, "Baretta." In an interview, Roberts said the Mr. Arrechia character was a radical departure from Rooster.

"The money's better, too. It just blows away the myth that Afro-Americans can't speak English. We are a versatile people."

Roberts added that the movie and entertainment industry has failed to recognize the diversity of Black actors and actresses. "We go beyond the stereotyping. We are a melting pot. I don't think the Afro-American has anything to worry about. All we need is some good P.R. The top entertainers on the planet are Afro-American. So, stay in there and keep trying," he said.

Roberts added that he supported the cultural boycott against South Africa. "Even though artists can make a statement, we have to take a stand. I would not perform for Hitler and I don't see much difference between the two."

Roberts studied drama in high school in Los Angeles and later at the California School of Performing Arts. He starred in "Ice Pirates," for which he was nominated for a 1984

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 April Fool's	2	3 Staple Bros.	4 Happy Birthday Francine	5	6
7	8	9	10 Staple Bros.	11	12	13 Ray Dell & Co. featuring Lady Magic Paulette
14	15	16	17 Happy Birthday T.J.	18 Strictly Roots	19	20
21 Aries Party with Gene Diamond & Francine	22	23	24	25 Staple Bros.	26	27 Ray Dell & Co. featuring Lady Magic Paulette
28	29	30				