

ENTERTAINMENT



NATALIE COLE OFFERS two of the top hits of the past year, "Pink Cadillac" and "Jump Start," on "Dick Clark's New Year's Rocking' Eve '89," airing Saturday, December 31, 11:30 P.M. (ET&PT) on ABC-TV. Clark reports "live" on the festivities from Times Square, New York, while "China Beach" stars, Marg Helgenberger and Brian Wimmer, in Hollywood, introduce performances by Taylor Dayne, D.J. Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince, Richard Marx, Reba McEntire and Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons.



D.J. JAZZY JEFF & THE FRESH PRINCE sing their rap-anthem, "Parents Just Don't Understand," on "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve '89," airing Saturday, December 31, 11:30 P.M. (ET&PT) on ABC-TV. Clark counts down the seconds to midnight from Times Square in New York, while "China Beach" stars, Marg Helgenberger and Brian Wimmer, welcome musical guests, Natalie Cole, Taylor Dayne, Richard Marx, Reba McEntire and Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons from Hollywood.



SINGER/ENTERTAINER LOU RAWLS (far right), host of the ninth annual "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" telethon, kicked off this year's national fund-raising effort last week. Over 300 Hollywood celebrities and special guests attended the gala event, held at Chasen's Restaurant in Beverly Hills. For the ninth straight year, Anheuser-Busch is underwriting the telethon, which is scheduled to air on Saturday, December 17, for the benefit of the United Negro College Fund. Joining Rawls at the event are (left to right) legendary entertainer Sammy Davis, Jr.; producer/composer Quincy Jones; and Wayman F. Smith III, vice president, corporate affairs, Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.



THE NINTH ANNUAL "LOU RAWLS PARADE OF STARS" TELETHON was kicked off last week at a pre-Thanksgiving gala celebrity event with over 300 Hollywood celebrities and special guests. This year's "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars," which benefits the United Negro College Fund, will be aired on Saturday, December 17, and is the only program of its kind in support of higher education. The national and founding sponsor of the telethon is Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. Shown during the celebration are (left to right) producer/composer and party co-host Quincy Jones; Christopher F. Edley, president and chief executive officer of the United Negro College Fund; actress and co-host Carol Channing; and Wayman F. Smith III, vice president, corporate affairs, Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.

Smithsonian Resident Associate Program Presents Two Lectures On Afro-American Achievements In January

Three Afro-American artists and the recent discoveries at an 18th-century Black settlement near St. Augustine, Fla., will be the focus on two talks sponsored by the Smithsonian Resident Associate Program in January 1989.

"Keepers of the Flame"
Jeff R. Donaldson, associate dean of the College of Fine Arts at Howard University, himself a noted artist, will describe the achievements of three well-known artists - Richmond Barthe, Charles White and Romare Bearden - in an illustrated lecture, titled "Keepers of the Flame: Three Afro-American Master Artists," on Monday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hirshhorn Museum's auditorium (Independence Avenue at Eighth Street S.W.) Ticket

are \$7.50 for Associates and \$10 for non-members.

"Black Oasis: Fort Mose"
"Black Oasis: Fort Mose" is believed to be the first settlement of free Black men and women in America. The fort was a buffer between English and Spanish settlements in northern Florida, and is now the center of intensive exploration. Project historian Jan L. Landers, who is a visiting associate professor at the University of Florida, will present a slide-illustrated lecture of recent discoveries at this 18th-century site on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 6 p.m. in Carmichael Auditorium at the National Museum of American History (14th Street and Constitution Avenue N.W.) Tickets are \$7 for Associates and \$9 for non-members.



BEHIND THE SCENES

By Lisa Collins

All's Well That Ends Well: Those of you who were just betting that Brenda Richie's notorious summer assault on 22-year old Diane Alexander (over an affair with her superstar husband, Lionel Richie) would have ended their 13-year old marriage were wrong. While rumors flew that Richie wanted out of the marriage, close friends report that things couldn't be better for the couple, who have apparently grown closer since the incident.

A Smokin' Affair: The Beverly Hilton Hotel glittered with stars last week as Retinitis Pigmentosa International, presented him with a star-studded musical tribute. The affair was hosted by Berry Gordy, Dick Clark and Motown president Jheril Busby. Among those in attendance were Byron Allen, *Family Ties*' co-star Tina Yothers, Angie Dickinson, Monte Hall, Shaunice Wilson, Dawnn Lewis and Olympic medalist Valerie Briscoe. Monies collected from the affair will go to RPI, a foundation that fights against blindness ... It was another star-studded occasion recently at Chasen's Restaurant in Beverly Hills when Carol Channing, Dwann Lewis, Quincy Jones, Sammy Davis Jr., Sheryl Lee Ralph, and of course Lou Rawls were among those on hand and to kick off this year's *Parade of Stars* telethon. The event, held annually.

Ill-mannered Eddie: It seems superstar Eddie Murphy was without etiquette when he stopped in on LA's Paradise 54, and ran into Solar record chief Dick Griffey, who was hosting a group of notable Africans from Angola. While Eddie did well as an African prince in the movie *Coming To America*, he showed plain bad manners when he refused to greet properly Griffey's prestigious guests.

About Town: Blair Underwood of *LA Law* with *Falcon Crest*'s Mariska Hargitay, daughter of the late Jayne Mansfield ... And for some reason the appearance of *"It's A Different World"* actress Dawnn Lewis with swimming

superstar Greg Louganis, still has some tongues a waggin' ... In other couple news, word is that former *Love Boat*-star Ted Lange has split from his wife, Sheryl, of ten years.

It's A Baby Girl for actress Lisa Bonet and musician husband Lenny Kravitz. Lisa gave birth to Zowie Kravitz, who weighed in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces at home last Thursday at 2 a.m. in their Venice, California condominium.

Marvin Gaye Estate Come To Terms With Songwriter: The Estate of Marvin Gaye, lyricist David Ritz and SBK Music have reached an out-of-court settlement over songwriting credits involving the 1982 hit song *"Sexual Healing."* With this agreement, Ritz is now recognized as co-composer of the song, which reached number one six years ago.

Like Father, Like Son Or Vice Versa? It could be vice versa with regards to Jimmy Nunya, the 38-year old father of rap star "L.L. Cool J." "I made the way for him," said Nunya, who is more than proud of his son's success, even if the sentiment is the proper order would have been for him to make it to the top first. Nunya, who is presently at work, putting the final touches on his second LP, soon to be released by MCA, has been looking for his big break in the music industry for years, while his son L.L. was somewhat an overnight success.

Nonetheless, a protective father, Nunya has provided solid guidance for his son, who recently nabbed some headlines while performing in West Africa. It appears all hell broke loose at a recent concert "L.L." was headlining in the Ivory Coast, when during the midst of his performance, fights broke out, people fainted and the audience stormed the stage. According to the concert coordinator L.L. was asked to leave the stage not only for his safety, but that of young girls who were hyperventilating.

Next Week: We'll hear from Heartbreak's Lynn Whitfield - one of the hottest young Black actresses around.



PHOTOGRAPHED RECENTLY AT A CELEBRATION OF PAUL ROBESON, which benefited the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, were (from left to right): Arthur Mitchell, artistic director of the Dance Theatre of Harlem; Ed Bradley, CBS News Correspondent and co-anchor of "60 Minutes"; Mrs. Edgar Bronfman, Jr., general co-chair of the celebration; Granville L. Stevens, Senior Counsel, Revlon, Inc.; Cicely Tyson, actress; and David Dinkins, Manhattan Borough President. A Celebration of Paul Robeson, on the occasion of the late actor, singer and activist's 90th birthday, included a special award to Frederick O'Neal, co-founder of the American Negro Theatre. Revlon, Inc. was one of the corporate patrons of A Celebration of Paul Robeson. The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture of the New York Public Library is one of the most widely-used research facilities in the world devoted to the preservation of materials on Black life. The Schomburg Center is located in Harlem, at 515 Malcolm X Boulevard.

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