



ENTERTAINMENT



MAN OF THE YEAR--Columbia recording artist Wynton Marsalis was named "Man of the Year" by Graham-Windham, the New York child-care agency that works on behalf of abandoned, neglected, and abused children. Wynton accepted the Isabella Graham award in recognition of his "dedication to the educational and moral enrichment of our children," from honorary board member (and previous award recipient) Arthur Ashe. The annual awards banquet took place at the Hotel Pierre on Oct. 3, 1989. The date coincided with the release of Crescent City Christmas Card, Wynton's brand new album, featuring arrangements of traditional and modern Yule favorites, plus his reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas." "The Majesty of the Blues, Wynton's current album, is top 3 in its 16th week on Billboard's Traditional Jazz chart. (Photos: Arthur Krasinsky)

Night Tracks ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

BLUES AND JAZZ

BELMONT'S, 3357 SE Belmont (232-1998). M-(8:30 p.m.) Stu Dodge and Friends; Tu-(8:30 p.m.) The Terraplanes; W-(8:30 p.m.) Margo Tufo's Blues Revue; Th-(8:30 p.m.) Neil Gilpin and the Cleavelands; F-Sa-brydgc; Su-(7:30 p.m.) Country All Stars.
BRASSERIE MONTMARTRE, 626 SW Park (224-5552). M-Nancy King Duo; Tu-Brian Dunning Duo; W-David Friesen Duo; Th-Dick Berk Trio; F-Sa-Rick McNutt Quartet; Su-Andre Kitaev.
CAFE VIVO, 555 SW Oak (228-8486). M-John Endsley Band; Tu-Joe Heineman; W-Curtis Salgado/Lloyd Jones/Janice Scroggins; Th-Sa-Lloyd Jones Struggle.
CAL'S, 1530 SW Macadam (241-2971). M-Tu-Stan Davis; W-Andre Kitaev; Th-Tim Mayer; F-Sa-(6:30 p.m.) Michael Horsfall, (9:30 p.m.) Tall Jazz Band; Su-(brunch) Tall Jazz, (5:30 p.m.) George Mitchell.
CHIANTI RISTORANTE, 2719 SW Kelly (222-4409). Tu-Sa-Steve Miller.
CISCO AND PANTO'S, 511 NW Couch (223-5048). F-Sa-Conjunto Alegre.
DAKOTA CAFE, 239 SW Broadway (241-4151). M-Dakota Sounds; Tu-Dakota Jam; W,Th,Sa-Dakota Sounds; F-Red String; Su-Carlton Jackson Band.
DANDELION PUB, 31 NW 23rd (223-0099). M-Joe Louis Walker; Tu-Paul deLay Band; W-Dan Perz and Spontaneous Combustion; Th-Terry Robb; F-Sa-The Nerve.
DEMETRI'S FIRST AVENUE CAFE & BAR, 824 SW First Ave. (295-1012). W-Craig Carothers; Th-Uma Thurman; F-Sa-The Nerve.
DJ'S VILLAGE JAZZ, First and B streets, Lake Oswego (636-2024). Tu-W-Herb Ellis; Th-Andre Kitaev; F-Sa-Rebecca Kilgore Quintet.
DUGAN'S, 1441 NE Broadway (287-7715). M-Dale Lawrence/Jody Seifers; F-Sa-Brad Rapp/Bill Coons.
HOBBIT, 4420 SE 39th (771-0742). M-Kicks Band; Tu-Andre Kitaev Trio; Th-Mel Brown/Leroy Vinnegar/Eddie Wied; F-Sa-mel Brown Sextet; Su-KMHD-Down-towner Jazz Jam.

RHYTHM & BLUES

CHAMPION'S, American Sports Bar, 1401 SW Front (274-2470). M-Su-Recorded music with DJ.
CITY NIGHTCLUB, 1313 NW 13th (224-2489). Main Section: Th-Su-Recorded music with DJ Alex Whittaker; Hollyrock Lounge: Th-Sa-Recorded music with DJ Jonathan Ziegler and Bill Hicks.
CONFETTI CLUB, 126 SW Second (274-0627). W-Funk Night; Th-Modern Dance Confetti Classic; F-House and Funk; Sa-Progressive Dance.
EMBERS, 110 NW Broadway (222-3082). W-Sa-Recorded music with DJ Chris Lawrence.
MAIN PLACE, 101 SW Main (227-7266). Th-Sa-Recorded music with DJ Cammie Williams.
NIECEY'S, 5700 NE Union (249-1893). W-Sa-Palette Davis and New Attitude; Su-Jam.
RED LION-CITYSIDE, 310 SW Lincoln (221-0450). M-F-(5:30 p.m.) Michael Harrison; F-Sa-Michael Harrison Band.

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

Children, like branches on a tree,
Blowing in the wind of life
Young, vulnerable, searching.

Needing, wanting, grasping,
Eager to know,
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Trusting hearts, seeking.

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But we choose to ignore,
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By M. Parris



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BEHIND-THE-SCENES

by Lisa Collins

Sheryl Lee Ralph and Denzel Washington kicked off their Fourth Annual LA Children's Toy Drive with a bash at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange Disco. Among those in attendance were Bryon Allen, The Boys, Blair Underwood, Beverly Todd, Roger Mosley, and 21 Jump Street's Reginald T. Dorsey. Over the last four years, Denzel and Sheryl Lee have delivered toys to over 2,000 inner city kids . . . Meanwhile, Sheryl Lee Ralph's upcoming TV series -- "New Attitudes" (also starring Morris Day) is set to be a midseason replacement . . . In other television news, Tim & Daphne Reid's "Snoops" became the first casualty of the season as CBS has cancelled the show, which placed third in its Friday night time slot . . . And the ball is in actor **Howard Rollins court** as to whether or not he will stay on as part of NBC's "In The Heat Of The Night" lineup. Rollins, who was hospitalized over a month ago from chest pains has not yet returned to the set. According to the Hollywood rumor mill, Rollins is still battling drug problems. The tabloids talk of AIDS. However, according to actor Carol O'Connor, Rollins has decided to take some time off due to illness, and is expected to return to the cast in the near future.

Lou Gossett Gets Back In High Gear: If Lou Gossett looks a little heavier, it's not because he's been sitting around since the cancellation of his series -- "Gideon Oliver." Quite the contrary, he gained forty pounds for work as an over-the-hill, overweight, alcoholic cop in "The Punishers," with Dolph Lundgren. "Gaining it was a pleasure, but losing it has taken longer than I expected," said the actor, who has yet to lose ten pounds. Work starting this month on an HBO special called "El Diablo" just might help. Meanwhile, he's trying to raise funds for two of his own projects; one of which, "Stomping At The Savoy," teams him with Gregory Hines in the life story of Cab Calloway. While Gossett admits the cancellation of his series -- was disappointing, it was also a relief. He saw his name and face on the screen, yet Gossett says "I didn't have too much say in the decisions they made, so I felt like an employee. The stories should have been a little more relevant. I thought it was a little bit to much lip service and nothing real, so I'm kind of glad it was over. I like doing what I'm doing now. My destiny is more within my reach."

Around Town: Sheryl Lee Ralph was busy this holiday season with not just her celebrity toy drive, but her annual New Year's Eve bash. However, this year some guests complained of her lack of hospitality. In fact, few of the guests were actually allowed into the house. What's more, the party, which was held in a tent in the back of the house, featured portable toilets, a feature that irked if not just discomforted some in the star-studded crowd . . . Meanwhile, the atmosphere remained relatively calm as former Beverly Hills NAACP president Willis Edwards bumped into Arsenal Hall at a popular LA soul food eatery. Edwards and Hall who are locked in a defamation of character lawsuit, did not speak, but according to those present you could feel the tension. Incidentally, Hall (who some claim is only seen dating white women) was dining with a sister. Quipped one industry observer, "maybe he's come back to his roots." . . . Matt Robinson, baby brother of Holly Robinson, showcased his musical talents last month in Los Angeles. Robinson, alias "Daddy Matthews" (his stage name) is the lead of Funky Reggae Crew, a compilation of hip hop and reggae artists signed to Warner Brothers Records. The music producer/rapper a cut on the album called "Free Mandela." Among those on hand were fellow rappers Ice-T and Big Daddy Kane, actors Emilio Estevez, Leon, Nicholas Cage, and of course, big sis, Holly Robbins with her long-time steady, "Head Of The Class" Brian Robbins.

Rehashing Old Headlines To Push New Tunes: Remember the controversy Public Enemy member "Professor Griff" stirred when he said "Jews were responsible for the majority of evil in the world?" In fact, it was those anti-semitic statements that got him expelled from the group and prompted question as to whether or not the group would disband while attracting widespread attention and boasting the nation's awareness of Public Enemy, which featured prominently in Motown's highly successful "Do The Right Thing" soundtrack. (Even if the group did not disband and he was reinstated). Well, apparently "Griff," as he is called, hopes to recap the excitement in his upcoming solo debut LP, which will feature the interview in which he made the declaration. The album, titled "Pawn In The Game," is scheduled for release sometime next month. Meanwhile, Griff is also taking part in Public Enemy's upcoming album "Fear Of A Black Planet," which will be released at just about the same time . . .

In Short: Spike Lee's "Do The Right Thing" was named best picture at the prestigious LA Film Critics Awards . . . Actor Howard Rollins put some rumors to rest (at least for the time being) with his return to the set of "In The Heat Of The Night." Rollins, who missed four episodes, was rumored to be suffering with AIDS.

Next Week: More on the most sought-after role of Josephine Baker in an upcoming TV biopic.

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