

## Malcolm-Jamal Warner, Club Nouveau Star On the Ebony/Jet Showcase!

Actor Malcom-Jamal Warner, music group Club Nouveau, Sculptor Tina Allen and Explorer Darryl Roberts, all star on the EBONY/JET SHOWCASE the weekend of May 18th-May 20th (consult your local listing for date and time).

Malcolm-Jamal Warner is best known for his portrayal as the now college student Theo Huxtable on the long-running NBC sitcom, "The Cosby Show." The 19-year-old actor who made his performing debut at the age of 9, says



his future goals include directing more and involving himself in other areas of television. Malcolm's directing credits include a video for the pop group New Edition, various scenes in "The Cosby Show" as well as directing his first full show this season.

Singers Jay King and Kevin Irving of the music group Club Nouveau, explain how they keep their sound unique with every new album. The Sacramento-based singers who were awarded a Grammy in 1987 for their dance rendition of the song, "Lean On Me," describe how a singer knows when he or she has "made it" in the music

business. The group's hits also include the singles "Jealousy," "Situation Number 9" and the current album, "Under A Nouveau Groove."

Sculptor Tina Allen, whose work has appeared on the sets of various television shows and in the film "Harlem Nights," says her philosophy involves telling the world through art about the challenges and victories of Afro Americans. A graduate of the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan, Tina says she prefers to focus on internal beauty, rather than external appearances. The artist, who says she works in bronze because it lasts a lifetime and can withstand any natural disaster, says it is important to her to depict positive images of Black men.

Explorer Darryl Roberts recently became the youngest American to walk to the North Pole. The 25-year-old explorer talks about the rigors of walking, with severe foot problems, 650 miles to the top of the world. The Harlem-born explorer who says his mother is his no. 1 source of motivation, describes the feelings and disappointments of standing at the world's apex.

## Northeast School Earns National Recognition

Northeast Portland's Alameda Elementary on April 27 earned a national award from the federal Drug-Free School Recognition Program.

Alameda, 2732 N.E. Fremont St., was one of 51 schools nationwide to win the award sponsored by the U.S. Dept. of Education.

Alameda and the other Oregon winner, Oceanlake Elementary in Lincoln City, were among four Oregon schools nominated and among 123 schools selected nationwide for site evaluations last February.

Only four winners were selected from Oregon, Washington and Idaho in Region X of the federal department. The other two are junior high schools in Cheney, Wash. and Pocatello, Idaho.

School representatives from Alameda and Oceanlake will join other national winners in awards ceremonies in late May or early June in Washington, D.C.

Charles Nakvasil, principal at Alameda, said the school has been in the forefront of drug and alcohol education since 1980 and has "tried to crack the barriers of misinformation by encouraging self-esteem in students." He went on to say Alameda accomplishes that by teaching decision-making skills to help youths take early steps toward drug-free lives.

## Senior Volunteer Program Receives \$54,000 Grant

Senator Mark O. Hatfield announced today that Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center in Portland has been awarded a \$54,237 federal matching grant to continue funding a successful volunteer program for senior citizens in Multnomah County.

ACTION, a federal agency that oversees volunteer programs, awarded the grant to Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center to fund a program for 775 senior volunteers engaged in a variety of activities through June of 1991. The total amount of the grant, including the ACTION funds announced by Senator Hatfield, is \$88,487. Additional funds are provided by the Legacy Health System and private donations.

"Senior volunteers are a vital resource for communities like Portland," Hatfield said today upon announcing the grant. "Through the efforts of Good Samaritan we can be assured that these activities will continue to provide lasting benefits for the individuals involved and for the beneficiaries of the efforts."

Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center will take over the 13

year-old Retired Senior Volunteer Program, or RSVP, from the Volunteer Bureau of Greater Portland on June 1. RSVP is an outgrowth of efforts by private groups, gerontologists, and government agencies over the past two decades to address the needs of retired persons in America.

RSVP currently has 700 volunteers in Multnomah County who perform 50,000 hours of work each year in community libraries, food banks, shelters, museums, hospitals, and other facilities. The primary goal of Good Samaritan's program will be to expand the respite care program, increase the number of volunteers to 850 people and 60,000 hours, and to continue to work with current programs, particularly in the area of aging services.

"Good Samaritan welcomes the opportunity to expand this excellent community program. We know the value of volunteers. Many many programs in this country cannot exist without their time and expertise," said W.K. Houston, senior program director of Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center's neurological services.

## Eye Witness

I saw a pretty sight last night:  
A large group of sisters  
A talkin  
A cussin  
A cryin  
A carin  
About dis here community:

I saw a pretty sight last night:  
Sisters jottin down the woes of  
other sisters:

I saw a pretty sight last night:  
Sisters a comin to the kitchen table  
to get dis here community n us to-  
gether:

I saw a pretty sight last night:  
Sisters applaudin n validatin one  
another:  
Sisters unafraid to stand  
for her beliefs  
Expressin her opinions  
Sisters a talkin out loud  
Sisters a hurtin cause it ain't even  
right:

I saw a pretty sight last night:  
I saw power behind closed doors:  
I saw us's as always lookin for a  
way to make it alright:  
I saw us takin matters into our  
hands;  
I saw sadness in our faces;  
I saw tears in our smiles;  
I saw beauty that adorns each one  
of us;  
I saw my sisters as always a lookin  
for a way to make it alright;  
I saw my sisters hopin  
I saw my sisters a prayin that a  
change would be a comin soon to  
dis here community:  
I saw a pretty sight last night:  
I saw my sisters a comin together  
to heal us a long overdue healin n  
to heal the woes of dis here com-  
munity.

-J. Lynn Erving, 1990

## Portland Woman Named Bus Driver of the Year

Portland School District's Bonnie Davis reigns as Oregon School Bus Driver for 1990.

Davis, a 22-year employee of Portland Public Schools' Transportation Services Dept., won the state honor April 28 from the Oregon Pupil Transportation Assn. She is one of 138 school district and

273 contract drivers transporting an estimated 13,000 students in Portland each school day. There are approximately 8,000 registered school bus drivers in Oregon.

Davis was credited with having no chargeable accidents and with near-perfect attendance during her career as a driver.

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