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## Horizon Conventions Presents: Brent Spiner

Portland, Oregon; August 19-20, 1995; Oregon Convention Center; 777 N. E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.; Portland, Oregon.

The convention is scheduled from 11 AM to 6 PM each day. Doors open around 10 AM.

Other guests during the weekend include: Terry Hiller (Trekology expert; concept creator of the Star Trek: Federation Science Exhibit); Bob Gillan (Assistant DS9 Script Coordinator); Lolita Fatjo (Script Coordinator on Star Trek: Voyager & DS9). The event will be hosted by Eric A. Stillwell (Horizon president; former Script Coordinator on TNG



Brent Spiner as Lieutenant Commander Data.

and co-writer of TNG's "Yesterday's Enterprise" and Voyager's "Prime Factors.")

Other convention activities include a Charity Auction featuring Star Trek collectibles. Since it's incorporation, Horizon Conventions has raised more than \$10,000.00 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation -- helping dreams come true for terminally ill children.

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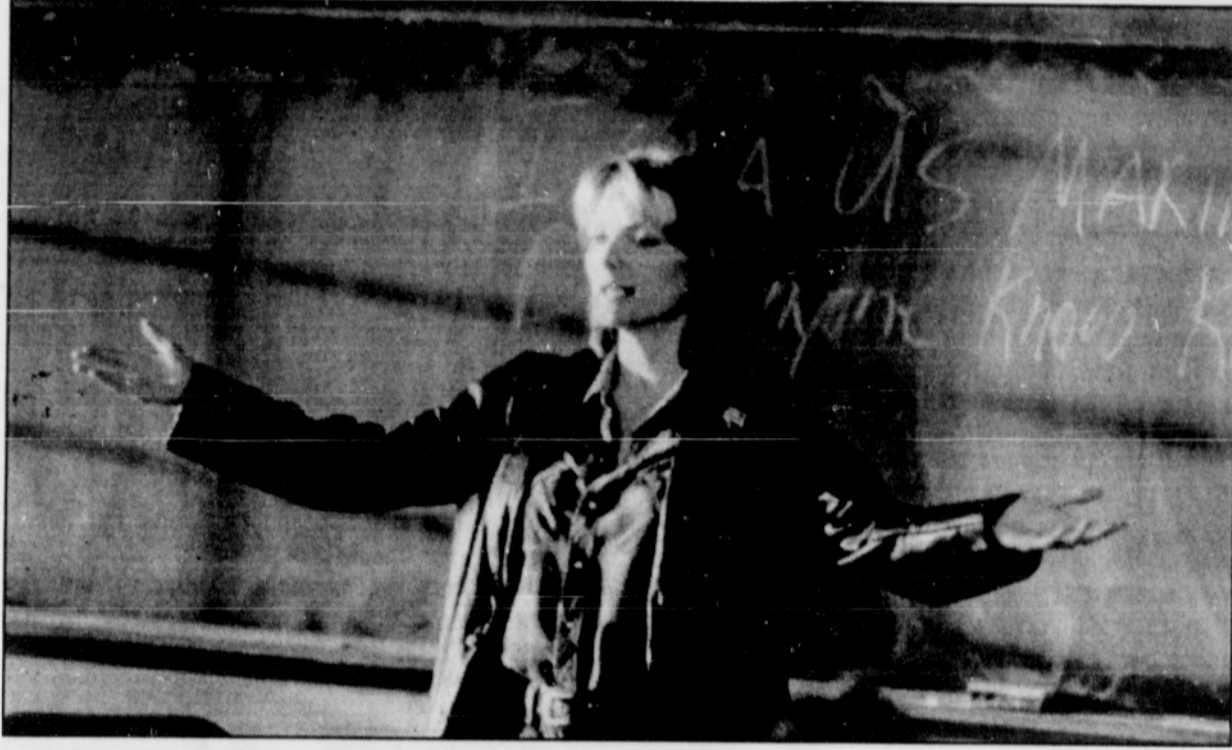
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## My Posse Don't Do Homework

Michelle Pfeiffer stars as former Marine-turned high school English teacher LouAnne Johnson, a maverick who defies all the rules, creates her own curriculum and instructs a class of tough, inner-city teenagers from college level texts. Frustrated that her students, whose standardized test scores range from average to excellent, have come to accept failure as a way of life, she cajoles and tricks them, even bribes them into learning. More important, she loves them and helps them to believe in themselves and their potential, in Hollywood Pictures' compelling drama "My Posse Don't Do Homework." George Dzundza also stars. Directed by John N. Smith, produced by Don Simpson and Jerry Bruckheimer, the screenplay is by Ronald Bass, based on the book by LouAnne Johnson. Executive producers are Sandra Rabins and Lucas Foster. Buena Vista Pictures distributes. (Title subject to change)

Photo by Linda R. Chen

## Dis 'N' Dat Earn Nomination For Best Rap Album



Tishea and Tenesia

Epic Records' rap/bass duo Dis 'N' Dat continue to heat up Summer '95 with a nomination for Best Rap album in the first annual Soul Train Lady Of Soul Awards. Featuring single "Freak Me Baby", which has been on the Hot 100's chart for 10

weeks, 7 weeks top # 10 rap and for 14 weeks on the r&b chart, Bumpin' is nominated in the same category with Funkdified by Da Brat and TLC's CrazySexyCool. The live, two-hour ceremony was telecast from Santa Monica Civic Center August 6.

Dis 'N' Dat, Atlanta-based Bennett sisters Tenesia (Nee Nee) and Tishea (Shea-Shea), first hit the bass music scene as featured dancers on a major tour headlined by 95 South. Once 95 South's Jay McGowan discovered the two could also rap, he took them into the studio to record their 1992 debut single "Whoot! Here It Is," a high-spirited, comic response to 95 south'; platinum hit -- which still reigns as one of America's favorite phrases.

The ladies have been on the road with the Bass Fest Tour featuring 95 South and 69 Boyz throughout the summer, putting bass in places like Chicago, Cincinnati and Orlando, the latter in which they taped a special guest appearance for Stomp!, a national step competition to air in syndication this fall.

Of the nomination for the first annual Soul Train Lady Of Soul Awards the ladies say, "We're proud to be included in what will go down in history as the first ceremony. We're also glad to represent for the fans of bass music across the country."

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