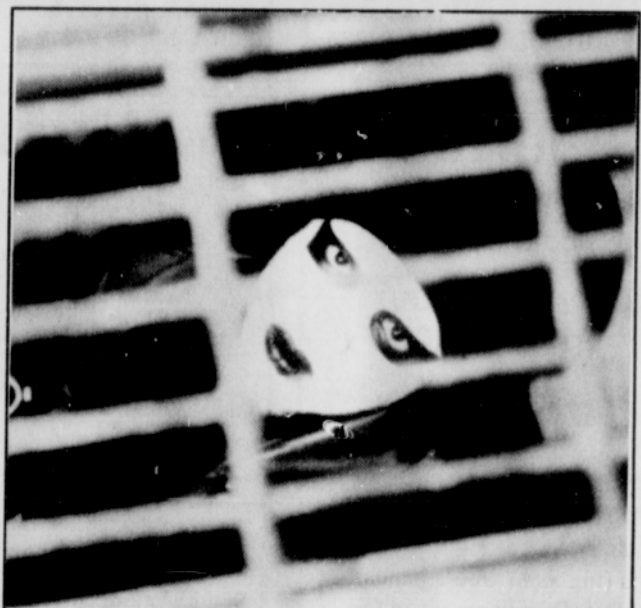
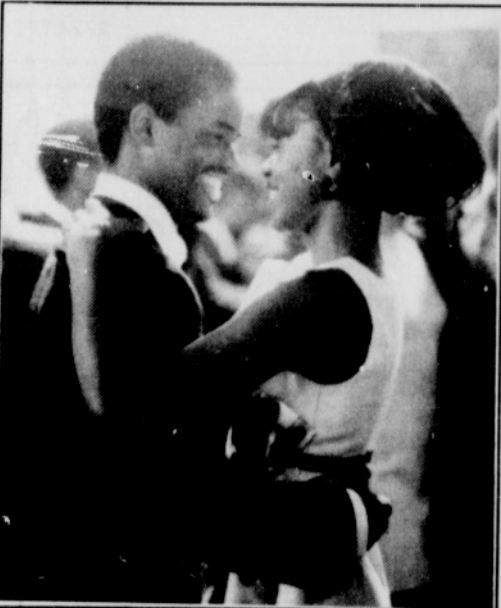


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Dead Presidents



(Left) During happier times, Anthony (Tate, left) and girlfriend Juanita (Rose Jackson, right) make plans for their future. (Right) Concealed behind whiteface, Anthony (Tate) is poised to hold up an armored car filled with dead presidents - a slang term for cash. Chris Tucker, N'bushe Wright, Freddy Rodriguez and Bokeem Woodbine also star. Hollywood Pictures presents, in association with Caravan Pictures, "Dead Presidents." Produced and directed by The Hughes Brothers, from a screenplay by Michael Henry Brown, and a story by Allen & Albert Hughes and Michael Henry Brown. Executive producer is Darryl Porter. Co-producer is Michael Bennett. Buena Vista Pictures distributes.

BY LANITA DUKE

"Dead Presidents", the second film by the Hughes brothers is sort of a "Menace II Society" robs a bank. Although, the story is broader "Dead Presidents" still ends on a, "if you are a Black male why are you born?" note.

The Black male in this movie is Anthony (Larenz Tate) and his evolution is the central theme. For those of us who entered our teens in the late 1960s this film is a wonderful journey down memory lane with its music and fashion sense.

Anthony's world displays a sense of community with a pool hall, girl friends and the neighbor-

hood pimp wantobe.

Anthony's desire to be different lands him on the front lines in the Vietnam war. The Hughes brothers pays homage to Black Vietnam Vets with their visual description of Blacks who served disproportionately as scouts.

This movie is one of the few to include leaflets from the North Vietnamese urging blacks not to fight this war.

For Anthony to survive he has to forget everything at home-girlfriend and daughter included.

He returns to the States in 1973 to underemployment, male competition and a sense of hopelessness. It is within this hopelessness that he plans

a robbery. Thus, the title "Dead Presidents" which is slang for dollars.

The Hughes brothers should be commended for their casting of N'bushe Wright as the revolutionary sister of this daughter's mother.

We need more images of Black women as strong fighter rather than always having babies or getting high.

I recommend "Dead Presidents" as a current history lesson, as well as watching the movie making abilities of these talented twin evolve.

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Michael Bolton -- Greatest Hits 1985-1995

Over the last ten years, Michael Bolton has created an unbroken chain of smash hit records, becoming one of the world's most beloved and popular recording artists. Whether singing his own material or providing new and fresh interpretations of classic R&B and pop, Bolton has the ability to illuminate the essence of a song and beam it into the hearts of his listeners.

Michael Bolton --- Greatest Hits 1985-1995 celebrates a decade's worth of music that's become a part of people's lives all over the world. This collection brings together not only some of the biggest selling songs of the 1980's and 1990's but five brand-new Bolton tracks recorded especially for this album. For Michael Bolton, writing and singing "greatest hits" is an ongoing and lifelong process.

On two of the new songs, Michael reunited with producer/co-writer



Michael Bolton

Robert John "Mutt" Lange (who worked with Bolton on the multi-platinum the One Thing album in 1993). Bolton and Lange have creat-

ed "I Promise You" and "Can I Touch You...There?," the first single from Michael Bolton -- Greatest Hits 1985-1995.



Who Are Those GUYs?



Pictured L to R: The Kings of New Jack Swing, Damion Hall, Aaron Hall and Teddy Riley, are seen here, at The Hit Factory in New York City, laying down tracks for Tell Me What You Like, their upcoming single on the New York Undercover soundtrack. GUY is currently working on their third album.

Photo By Ronnie Wright

Super group GUY is reuniting this fall to record a new album slated for '96. The trio will give the world a taste of things to come with the release of Tell Me What You Like on the New York Undercover soundtrack.

GUY's multi-platinum success with their first two albums, Guy, and The Future has lead to

three successful individual careers.

Teddy is a member of Interscope recording group, BLACKstreet, and is currently producing projects for MJJ recording group Vision, as well as the GUY album.

Aaron and Damion both went on to pursue solo careers with Silas/MCA Records. Aaron spawned the

platinum-selling album The Truth which included the hit single I Miss You, for which he won a Soul Train Music Award for best R&B video.

Damion's album, Straight To The Point, included the singles Satisfy You, a duet with labelmate Chante Moore, and A Song For You, in which he teamed up with his brother Aaron.

A Rose In Spanish Harlem

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This is the residence of one of the most sexy, talented, and personable new stars -- J. Quest.

Mercury Records new vocalist, J. Quest, is coming at you with straight up beats, bass line and lyrics, an artist to be reckoned with in both the urban and mainstream music arenas.

His debut LP "The Quest Is On...", hit the stores this September. J. began his professional career at the tender age of 10 as featured performer in the New York Boys Choir. By sixteen J. was working in the studio producing demos with his manager who introduced J. to Lisa Lisa. "I sang for her and she liked what she heard - then she hooked me up with Junior Vasquez who produces Madonna." J. worked with Vasquez to finish his demo and within months he was signed to Mercury.

At eighteen years old, J. Quest has proven his ability to infuse classic R&B sounds with raw rap flava, and delivered an album that's completely off the

hook. The debut single, "Anything," featuring Mecca Don/Perspective rap artist Pudjee, is about to explode so don't sleep. J. and Pudjee are a perfect match, creating a song sweet on the surface and injected with just the right bite of hip hop flavor.

In a musical genre dominated by African Americans J. knows the fact he's Puerto Rican may raise some eyebrows. "My race always kicked a certain type of music and there hasn't really been anyone that has done something different and been successful. I could make history like this."

To hear it is to believe it. He is history in the making and...

the Quest Is Most Definitely On!!!!

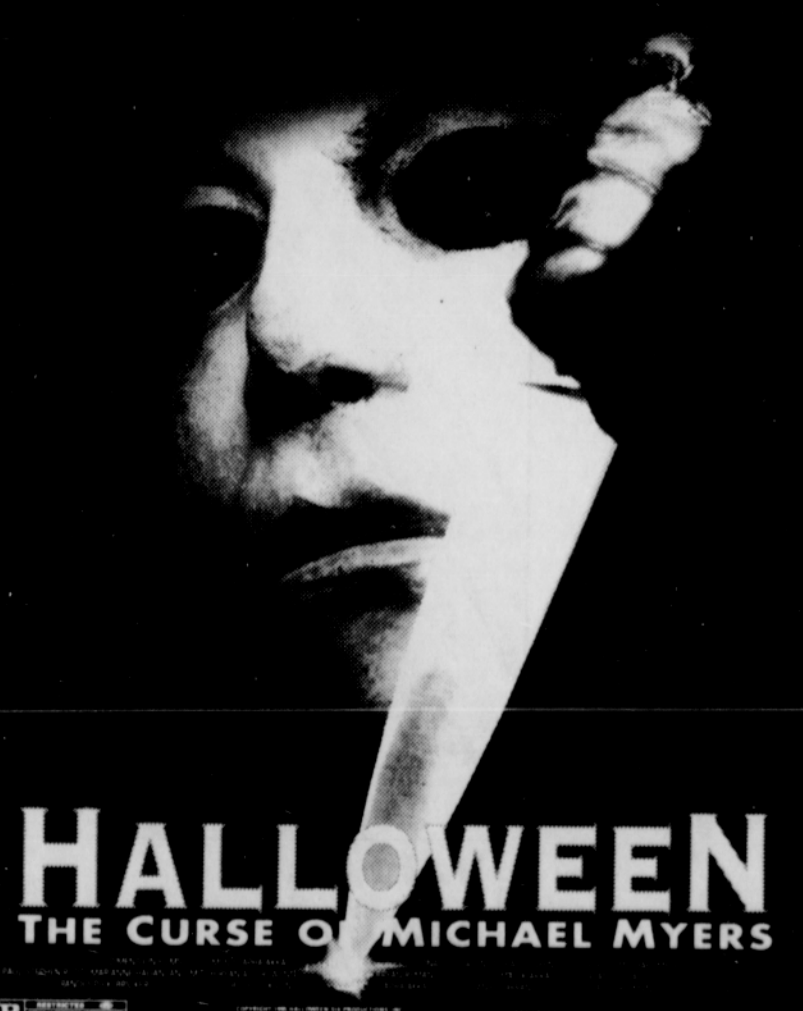
Portland's "Soul Diva"

Portland's "Soul Diva", Linda Hornbuckle will be accompanied by her music director and keyboardist, Janice Scroggins, on a performance tour of universities in Italy from December 3rd through the 13th, '95. Her 1994 CD release on the Criminal Records label, "Soul Diva Meets The Blues Monsters", is making her a pretty popular item in Italy as well as other European markets. In addition to her performances for the Italians, She's also slated for Paris, France in early '96.

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