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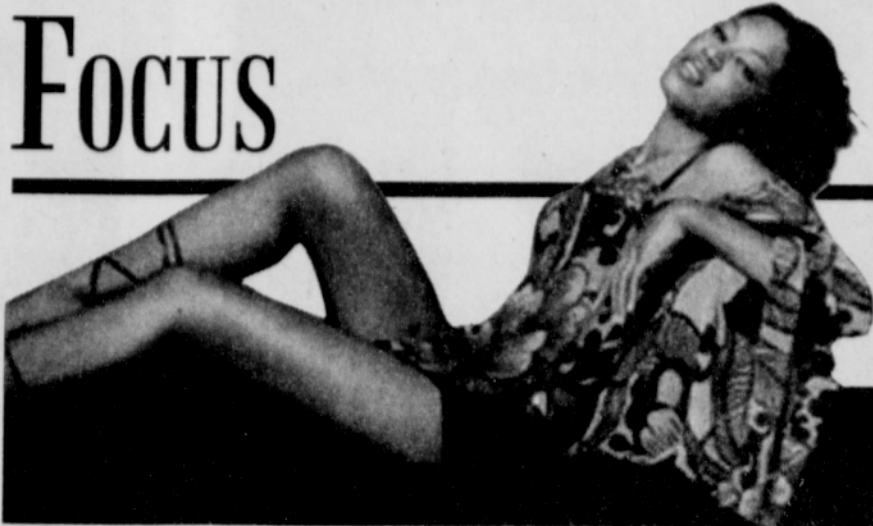
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Amerie (above) and Ashanti (right) took three Soul Train nominations each.



Ladies Lead in Nominations

(AP) — R&B ingenues Ashanti and Amerie collected a leading three nominations for the annual Soul Train Music Awards. Ashanti's self-titled album and Amerie's "All I Have" were named in the best female R&B album category, while Ashanti's "Foolish" and Amerie's "Why Don't We Fall In Love" were among nominees for best female R&B single. Ashanti, who won two honors for favorite new hip-hop-R&B artist and new pop artist at the American Music Awards and has five nominations for the upcoming Grammys, was also nominated for soul or rap album of the

year. Amerie had an additional mention for best new artist. The Soul Train Music Awards, started 17 years ago by the syndicated music show "Soul Train," celebrates artists in R&B, hip-hop, rap and gospel music. The awards will be presented during a

March 1 ceremony at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. The awards are determined by a group of radio station professionals, talent managers and performers.

Ice-T Admits Paternity

(AP) — Ice-T, a star of television's "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit," acknowledged he's the father of a school clerk's 15-month-old son and was ordered to pay \$4,000 a month for temporary support for the child. He waived his right to a paternity trial last week after Manhattan Family Court Hearing Officer David Kirschblum said a DNA report proves the rapper-actor is the father of Kevin Ice Marrow. Ice-T, whose real name is Tracy Marrow, initially denied he was ever intimate with Linda Marie Sanchez, 27. Sanchez' lawyer, Suzanne



Law & Order actor Ice-T

Kimberly Bracker, asked for \$8,000 a month, but Kirschblum awarded Sanchez \$4,000 a month, pending the outcome of a trial on a final support amount. Ice-T told the court he earns about \$25,000 for each of 22 episodes a year of his television show. He also lectures a few times a year for about \$5,000 to \$10,000 per appearance and is starting a new clothing line called Ice Wear. Bracker said Sanchez lives in the Bedford section of the Bronx and takes home \$589 every two weeks as a clerical worker.



Go to Paris without leaving Portland

Until March 23, the Portland Art Museum will feature 'Paris to Portland: Impressionist and Post-Impressionist Masters in Portland Collections.' The show includes 165 works drawn from private collections in the Portland area and has work by Cezanne, Renoir, Monet, Gauguin, Picasso and prints by Toulouse-Lautrec, amongst others. Some of these works have never before been seen in public.

Sculpture on paper by Paige Saez

Showing until Feb. 28 at Disjecta, Paige Saez will present her new works on which she doctors old medical file stickers into informal geometric shapes that resemble floor plans, cruise ships, cityscapes or robots with a limited color palette of red, white and black. With sparse architecturally inspired designs of stickers and enamel, Saez's work emanates a muted commotion of mechanics and mathematics that appeals to both material and spatial sensibilities.

Rob Scheps Big Band returns

After a month-long performance hiatus in the Canadian Rockies to compose new works for the band to showcase throughout the month of February, the Rob Scheps Big Band is back with a mammoth incarnation of music. Alan Jones is back on the kit and Dick Titterington joins the band on trumpet. The group will play at Disjecta on Monday, Feb. 24 from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Admission is \$5 and the show is open to all ages.

Reparations and the Black Notes

David Parks, original member of indie-rock band Hitting Birth and founder of hip-hop group Hungry Mob is ready to set Portland on fire with his new band 'Reparations.' The group blends a mix of hip-hop, R&B, jazz and African rhythm and they will play in celebration of Black History month with Gemini, a duo of ladies that fall into place with a neo-soul sound, the rising reggae singers of Blessed Love and the hot R&B cover band Black Notes with DJOG One at the Fez Ballroom, 316 S.W. 11th St., on Saturday, Feb. 15.

Sonia Sanchez poetry reading

African American author Sonia Sanchez will read her poetry and sign any of her 16 books at the Reed College Kaul Auditorium on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Sanchez, nationally known for her involvement in the Black Arts Movement, has read her poetry and lectured nationwide about her work during the civil rights movement. She is the author of 'Homecoming,' 'We a BaddDDD People,' 'Homegirls and Handgrenades,' 'Wounded in the House of a Friend,' and most recently, 'Shake Loose My Skin.'

Back to the Doo Wop days

High school friends from Detroit's North End, Levi Stubbs, Renaldo "Obie" Benson, Abdul "Duke" Fakir and Lawrence Payton began marveling their audiences with an infectious blend of pure vocal power and sweet harmonies in 1954. Once they signed with Motown Records in the 60s as the Four Tops, the group chummed out hit after hit eventually ending with an induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. With 43 years of playing history, the group will play at Chinook Winds Casino on Friday, March 21 and Saturday, March 22 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 to \$40 depending on seat location. For more information or to buy tickets, call 1-888-624-6228, or Fastixx at 1-800-992-8499.

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