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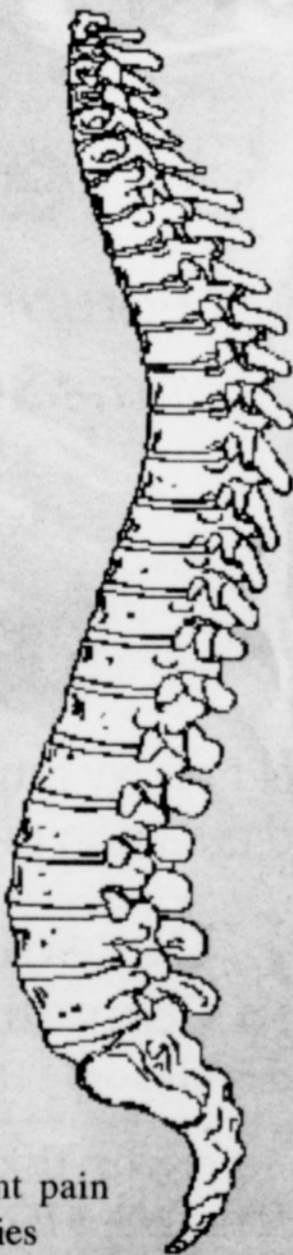
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'Bring It On' Star Dies

Actress and musician Natina Reed died outside Atlanta on Friday after being hit by a car. Reed was a member of the R&B group Blaque and co-starred in the 2000 smash cheerleading movie "Bring It On."

Authorities said Reed was in the roadway when struck and the driver was "determined to be not at fault."

Reed is survived by 10-year-old Tren Brown, her son with rapper Kurupt.

"We are devastated by the loss of our group member, sister and friend Natina Reed," said a joint statement from her band. "Because of the enormous support of Blaque fans and our love for each another, Blaque officially reunited this fall and we were in the process of working on a new album and a reality show. Natina continuously embodied the pioneering spirit of Blaque and her undeniable creativity touched the hearts of fans everywhere."

Reed was a protege of TLC's Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes -- who herself passed away in a 2002 car accident.



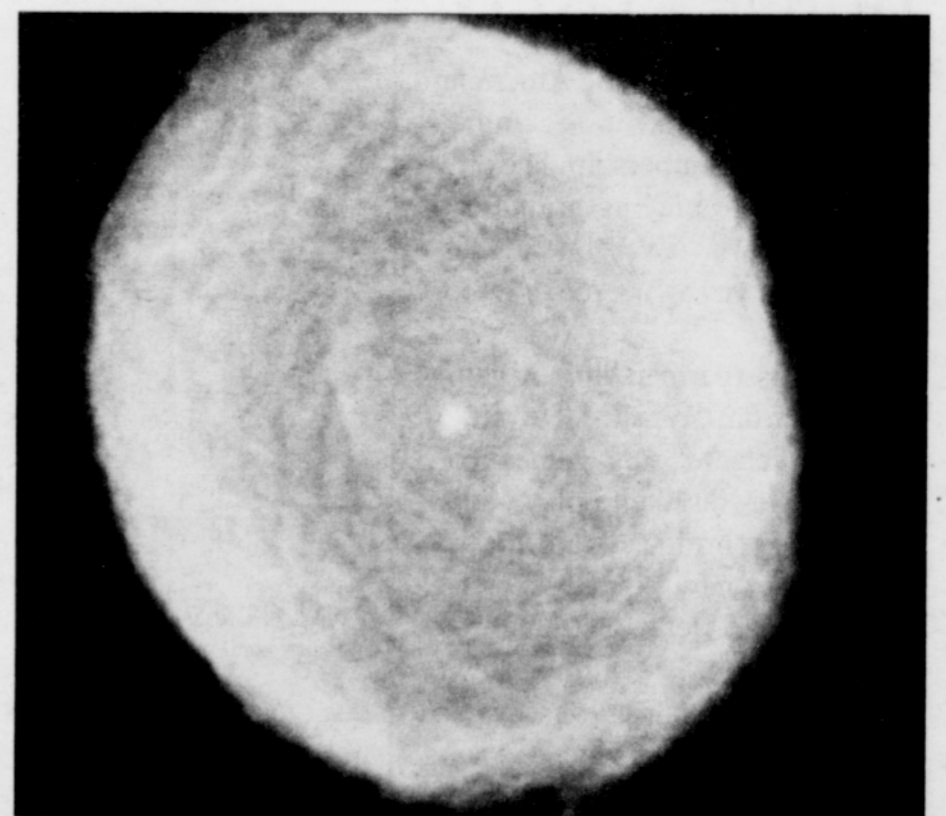
Actress and rap star Natina Reed was killed in a traffic accident Friday in Atlanta.

Planetary Sleeping Beauties

The Mt. Hood Community College Planetarium Sky Theater will present "Sleeping Beauties and the White Dwarf" a planetary show that will cover the beautiful objects that occur when stars such as our own sun end their lives, on Monday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.

Sleeping Beauty refers to the nebula shells that form around the dying star remnants. These are too small to see with the unaided eye, but telescopes show them as strange shells of odd shapes. They have names such as the Eye of God, Spirograph, Red Spider and Hourglass nebulae.

White Dwarf refers to the incredibly dense stellar remnant that lies in the center of each of the nebula shells. Stars such as our sun are shrunk into a ball no larger than our Earth but still have stellar masses. While they are incredibly small, they remain hot for billions of years, yet they have no nuclear reactions to maintain their heat.



A spirograph nebula from a dying star. The object is part of a Mt. Hood Community College Planetarium Sky Theater show "Sleeping Beauties and the White Dwarf."

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