

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Double Bill at Jimmy Mak's

Portland jazz artists Matt Brown and Naomi LaViolette team up once again to perform at

Jimmy Mak's on Friday, Jan. 10.

Brown, a blues and soul singer-songwriter, celebrates his return to Portland with his trio, The Connection, while LaViolette showcases songs from her new critically acclaimed record *You've Got Me*.

LaViolette blends retro-style grooves with cool pop. Her smooth vocals span the sultry blues of Norah Jones to the ambience of Sarah McLachlan, and her keyboard style is reminiscent of both the funky rhythms of Billy Preston and classic folk-rock of Carole King.

For reserved seats, call 503-295.6542.



Naomi LaViolette

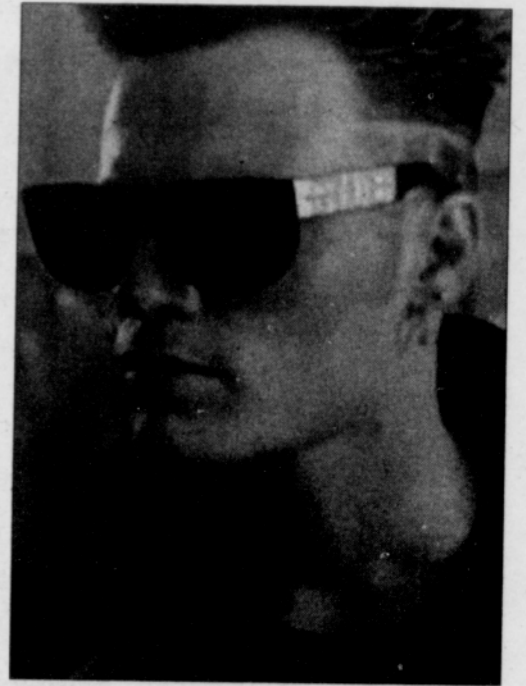
Cool as Ice in Hecklevision

Deschutes Brewery Presents the movie *Cool as Ice in Hecklevision* on Saturday, Jan. 11 at 9:30 p.m. at the Hollywood Theater. Admission is \$8.

Released to theaters in 1991 barely a year after Vanilla Ice's inescapable hit single "Ice Ice Baby", the *Cool as Ice* challenged viewers to not only accept Vanilla Ice as an actor, but tolerate him for more than three minutes.

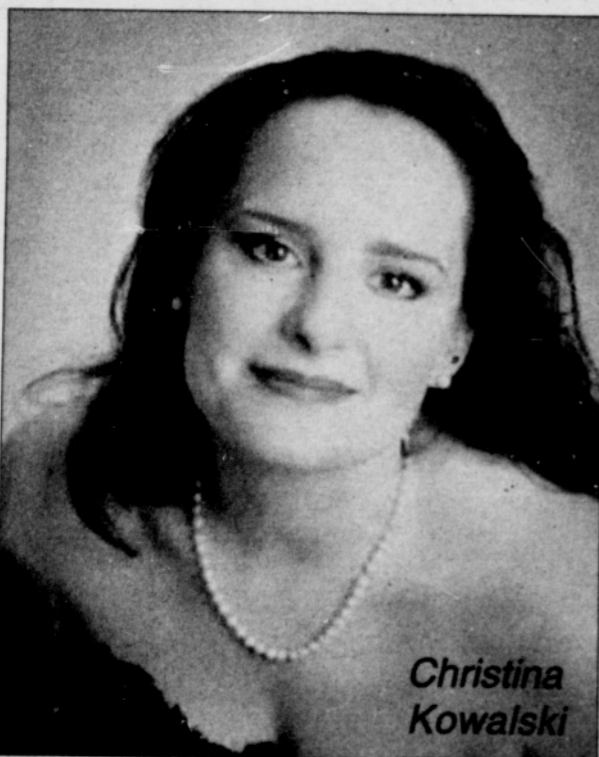
Robert van Winkle, AKA Vanilla Ice, plays Johnny Van Owen, a rapper-dancer-biker who rolls into a sleepy small town with his neon-clad crew. Strangely frenetic scenes, pointless montages, astoundingly bad attempts at comedy and even worse attempts at acting make you wonder if this movie was intentionally made so poorly that you're relieved to see Vanilla Ice on screen!

This special screening is pre-



Vanilla Ice

sented in *Hecklevision*: Through the magic of MuVChat technology, your jokes, heckles and commentary are encouraged—in TEXT form! Tap out your wittiest wisecracks with your phone and they'll appear instantly on screen!



Christina Kowalski

Vancouver Music Series Concert

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Chamber Music Series continues to shine at the Kiggins Theatre in downtown Vancouver with its third concert, "A Bright New Year" to take place on Sunday, Jan. 12 at 2 p.m.

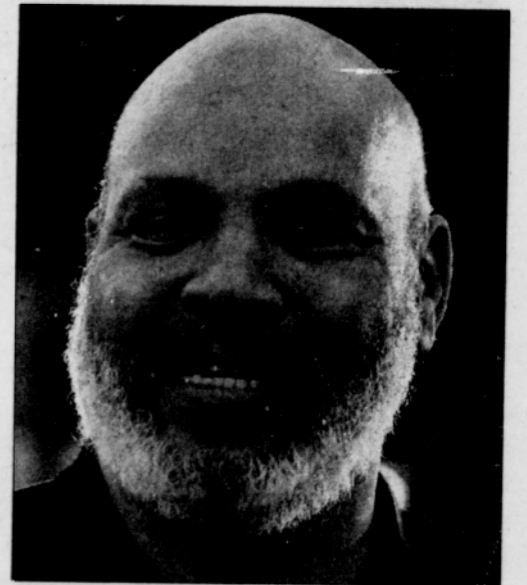
Artists will include acclaimed soprano Christina Kowalski, making her second appearance with the series; Dr. Michael C. Liu, piano; principal clarinet Dr. Igor Shakhman and a string and flute quartet comprised of concertmaster Eva Richey, violin; Kirsten Norvell, violin; Ashley Peck, cello and Rachel Rencher, flute.

Fresh Prince Star Dead at 68

(AP) - James Avery, the bulky character actor who laid down the law at home and on the job as the Honorable Philip Banks in "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," died on New Year's Eve, following complications from open heart surgery. He was 68.

Avery, who stood more than 6 feet tall, played the family patriarch and a wealthy attorney and judge on the popular TV comedy that launched the acting career of Will Smith as Banks' troublemaking nephew.

The sitcom, which aired on NBC from 1990 to 1996, was set in the



James Avery

Banks' mansion, where Smith's character was sent from Philadelphia when things got tough in his own neighborhood. Fans came to know the imposing Banks as "Uncle Phil."

Avery liked to say that the way to be an actor was to act, and he had a busy and diverse career before, during and after "Fresh Prince." His TV credits included "Grey's Anatomy," "NYPD Blue" and "Dallas," and among his many films were "Fletch," "Nightflyers" and "8 Million Ways to Die." His voice alone brought him many jobs, notably as Shredder in the animated TV series "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles."

Avery grew up in Atlantic City, N.J., and served in the Navy in Vietnam in the late 1960s. After returning to the states, he settled in California and studied drama and literature at the University of California at San Diego.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and stepson Kevin Waters.

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