

Entertainment

Ebony Etchings, etc.

"TOP OF THE ETCHING..."

This weeks headline etchings centers on the report that there's more bad checks, unpaid cowboys, unpaid bills, unhappy people and another big law suit in the making behind the recent Cal/Tex Rodeo fiasco in Waco, Texas, that was supposed to benefit the Central Texas Sickle Cell Anemia Association.

The news of this most recent Cal/Tex Rodeo promotion ending up as it did comes as no surprise to this writer, who through this weekly column has tried to warn folks not to get involved with any Cal/Tex Rodeo promotions, sponsorships, or business dealings, regardless of how good the offer may sound. Our stand on the matter comes behind the first hand experience we had last year, with the way Mr. James Watson and his Cal/Tex Rodeo promotions in the City Brotherly Love (Philadelphia), left everybody holding the bag on a rodeo event that turned out to be an outright scam!

We certainly did not want to see the same thing happen again, or to anybody else. That's why we took the time to tell the public at large about the way Mr. Watson and his Cal/Tex Rodeo

scam operated, and hopefully through our warnings folks would be aware and steer clear of any Cal/Tex Rodeo promotion offer or opportunity being offered them, regardless of how good the offer may have sounded. Then in January we published the news that the same Mr. James Watson, CEO of Cal/Tex Rodeo Productions, had been arrested by the Bunko and Foreery Division of Los Angeles Police Department's Major Section, and his bail had been set at \$1 million dollars behind his rodeo promotion scams and other bogus money taking ideas revolving around his Cal/Tex Rodeo Promotions.

Unfortunately or for whatever unexplainable reason, and in spite of warnings, the Central Texas Sickle Cell Anemia Association fell victim to another Cal/Tex Rodeo scam this past February. Unfortunately too, another black eye was given 'black rodeo promotions' by the unscrupulous doings of a smooth operating con man who promises everything and gives nothing! It's also unfortunate this latest 'rip off' of blacks folks had to come during a month desig-

nated and celebrated as "Black History Month." Then there's the damage this Cal/Tex Rodeo fiasco caused the Central Texas Sickle Cell Anemia Association in the creditability arena with their supporters and the public at large.

To be forewarned is to be forearmed! Please, don't let another Cal/Tex Rodeo promotion victimize any other black folks or organizations through 'rip off' schemes disguised as beneficial fund raising rodeos for African-American Organizations in inner-city communities. So when you hear tell of a Cal/Tex Rodeo coming your way, take cover. Better still, call the police and let'em know there's a con man and his operation in town planning to 'rip off' brothers n' sisters with a 'Cal/Tex Black Rodeo Scam.'

"HOLLYWOOD HOTLINE..."

March is the month (the 25th to be exact) that actor Roger E. Mosley jets to Santa Fe New Mexico to officially be declared 'Celebrity Spokesperson' for The College of Santa Fe's new Masters Program to train educators of 'at risk' youngsters. So when you start seeing promotional material with Roger's likeness or seeing videos with Roger speaking on behalf of the program, remember, we told you it was gonna' happen!

From the literary department comes word that two of Tinseltown's premier African-Americans writers, Darlene Donloe and Joe Nazel have penned two of the books released so far for the Black American series on great Black Americans. Each book in the series gives the reader an inside look at the individual and an assortment of interesting photos. In our opinion this series should be a must buy and read

item for all African-Americans. The two books we have read so far are "Mahalia Jackson (Gospel Singer)" by Darlene Donloe, and "Martin Luther King, Jr. (Civil Rights Leader)" by Joe Nazel. The new Black American series is published by Melrose Square Publishing Company. If you cannot find the Black American series books at your local book store, call (213) 653-8060.

In spite of the rumors flying that Whitney Houston's finding it difficult making the transition from singer to actor, word from the set where Whitney's paired with Kelvin Costner for her acting debut, has it that everything is going great on the set of "Bodyguard."

From the Malibu colony comes word that Lou Gossett and his wife have decided to call it a day, and a divorce is in the making.

The Waters, L.A.'s premier family back up and recording group are finally back in Tinseltown following a year on the road with Paul Simon's global concert tour. Now Julia, Maxine and Oren are back working on their own album in between studio session calls...and that's Hollywood this time! Until the next time, Lanier.

SENTINEL-VOICE TOP 10 SINGLES

- 1.) REMEMBER THE TIME - Michael Jackson
- 2.) AIN'T TOO PROUD TO BEG - T.L.C.
- 3.) HELLUVA - Brotherhood Creed
- 4.) TESTIFY - Sounds Of Blackness
- 5.) THE RUSH - Luther Vandross
- 6.) BREAKIN' MY HEART - Mint Condition
- 7.) PEACEFUL JOURNEY - Heavy D.
- 8.) MASTERPIECE - Atlantic Starr
- 9.) IF YOU DON'T SAY - Whistle
- 10.) DON'T BE AFRAID - Aaron Hall

ONE MONTH @ #1 - Remember The Time

PICK HIT OF THE WEEK - Breakin' My Heart

TOP 10 CONTENDERS - Why Me Baby - Keith Sweat; Make It Happen - Mariah Carey; When You Love Somebody - Keith Washington

FURTHERMORE - Black or White - whatever he's claimin' to be - Michael is still maintaining the #1 spot although if T.L.C. begs enough, the top spot could be theirs next week; Brotherhood Creed is also hangin' tough but may have a Helluva time with Mint Condition's new entry - 'Condition's Breakin' My Heart will definitely see #1 in the next few weeks; Since Always. Atlantic Starr hasn't had a slow cut worth listening to, but Masterpiece is nothing less than its name...

Last but not least - a shot out to L.A. and the Kev-Roc-P2THE-E-A-C-E; WW

Top 20 listing compiled by Willie-Will, Mobile D.J., W.W. Mobile Entertainment Service 594-7594

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