

# ENTERTAINMENT

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### BLACK FAMILY SEMINAR SERIES BEING SPONSORED BY PROCTOR & GAMBLE

We've received notice that Proctor & Gamble Company will be sponsoring a national series, "Black Family Life Lines," aimed at showing black families how to track and preserve their family lineage and heritage.

The announced seminar series will run from July through October, adding another dimension to the 1992 National Council of Negro Women's (NCNW) Black Family Reunion Celebration (BFRC) - an annual series of free weekend festivities for which Proctor & Gamble is the major national sponsor. NCNW's BFRC celebrates the strength and contributions of Black Americans and provides forums to discuss issues facing the black family.

The NCNW, founded in 1935 by Mary McLeod Bethune, is a voluntary nonprofit membership organization that helps women improve the quality of life for themselves, their families and community. Its national president is Dr. Dorothy Height.

Black Family Life Lines will be held in advance of the BFRC in Chicago, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Cincinnati, Washington D.C., Memphis and Atlanta. During the BFRC in each of the

cities, a "Discover Your Roots" pavilion, dedicated to the life and work of Alex Haley, will offer other information on documenting the intergenerational experiences and achievements of black families.

Noted Historian and genealogist DeWitt Dykes, a professor of history at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, will lead the Black Family Life Lines seminars. He will share his insights into the dramatic impact that a sense of connection with history can have on black families. "It is vital that black families trace and hold on to family heritage," says Dykes. "It must be done for many reasons - to preserve our place in the community; to chronicle our strengths and our survival; and to demonstrate to our young people that they have a meaningful place in history."

For the past 18 years, Dykes has been on a mission helping hundreds of black families use stories, memorabilia and records to recreate their family histories.

He will offer tips on preserving precious family photographs, documents, and letters that are frequently destroyed by time. He also will point families to valu-

able resources as they get started searching for their roots.

"Family history research among African Americans has grown as an avocation, for the most part thanks to Alex Haley's "Roots", "Dykes noted. "For example, "Roots" sparked the establishment of the national Afro-American Historical and Genealogical societies throughout the U.S. Additionally, there are hundreds of individual family history associations and family reunion groups who published newsletters and collect family history.

Families in each city are invited to attend the Black Family Life Lines seminars to share their stories of newly discovered relatives, show off preserved remembrances of ancestors and to get tips on tracing details of family lines. L. Ross Love, Vice President of Advertising for Proctor & Gamble said, "Proctor & Gamble and its brands recognize the strength of the black family through their support of NCNW's "1992 Black Family Reunion Celebration, "and through helping black families preserve their heritage."

Proctor & Gamble brands supporting the Black Family Life Lines seminars and the NCNW's BFRC are Pampers diapers,

Scope mouthwash, Gain laundry detergent, Crest toothpaste, Charmin Potpourri bathroom tissue, Oxydol laundry detergent, Comet cleanser, Pantene Pro V shampoo and conditioner, Sunny Delight juice drink, and Tide laundry detergent.

The schedule of dates for the Black Family Life Lines seminars and the Black Family Reunion Celebration are as follows: Wednesday July 1st for the seminar and July 10th through July 12th for BRFC in Chicago; Thursday July 16th for the seminar and July 31st through August 2nd for the BRFC in Philadelphia; Thursday July 23rd for the seminar and August 7th through August 9th for BRFC in Los Angeles; Wednesday July 29th for the seminar and August 14th through August 16th for BRFC in Cincinnati; Thursday August 27th for the seminar and September 11th through September 13th for BRFC in Washington, D.C.; Thursday September 3rd for the seminar and September 18th through September 20th for BRFC in Memphis and concluding Thursday October 1st for the seminar and October 9th through October 11th for BRFC in Atlanta, Georgia.....and that's Hollywood this time!! Until the next time, Lanier.

## BLACK FILMMAKERS HALL OF FAME AWARDS

OAKLAND, CA. - The Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame, Inc. inducted Film Maker, Madeline Anderson; Actresses, Rosalind Cash, Helen Martin, Denise Nicholas and Madge Sinclair for their contributions to the motion picture industry, during the 19th Annual Oscar Micheaux Awards Ceremony February 23, 1992, at the historic Paramount Theatre in Oakland, California.

Actress Tempestt Bledsoe, "The Cosby Show", received the Clarence Muse Youth Award. Sidney Poitier was on hand for the newly established Sidney Poitier Fellowships: for Emerging Black Filmmakers.

AT&T, for the fourth consecutive year, was the major corporate sponsor of the Black Filmmakers Awards Weekend. During the televised awards ceremony, Martina Bradford, vice president & attorney, AT&T Federal Government Affairs, said, "AT&T is proud to be associated with an organization like

the Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame which is preserving an important institution in the Black community and shares your pride in recognizing some of America's most talented artists."

This year, the awards ceremony was hosted by Diahann Carroll, Blair Underwood and Sinbad and will be nationally televised in May, June and July.

The 19th Annual Oscar Micheaux Awards' all-star line-up included performances from Patti Austin, Tisha Campbell, Kim Coles, Clifton Davis, Denyce Graves, Wonder Kids, Melba Moore, Five-Star, Alpha Steppers, George Wallace, and Armetia Walker.

The awards show features clips from classic films like "Birth of a Nation" and "Raisin in the Sun" and contemporary movies like "New Jack City" and "Jungle Fever" with a special tribute to Dorothy Dandridge.

This year's presenters for the awards ceremony included: Jim

## SENTINEL-VOICE TOP 10 SINGLES

- 1.) HONEY LOVE - R. Kelly
- 2.) WARM IT UP - Kriss Kross
- 3.) I'LL BE THERE - Mariah Carey
- 4.) COME TALK TO ME - Jodeci
- 5.) IN THE CLOSET - Michael Jackson
- 6.) TENNESSEE - Arrested Development
- 7.) BABY GOT BACK - Sir Mix-A-Lot
- 8.) DO IT TO ME - Lionel Richie
- 9.) BEST THINGS IN LIFE ... - L.Vandross and J.Jackson
- 10.) BABY, BABY, BABY - T.L.C.

**NEW #1 SONG:** Honey

Love

**PICK HIT OF THE**

**WEEK:** Baby, Baby, Baby

**FURTHERMORE:** R.

**Kelly and the Public**

**Announcement** take

over the top spot with

their slow cut **Honey**

**Love;** Can those thirteen

year-olds pull off another

#1, looks like their sending a message to R.Kelly - **Warm It**

**Up** - so we can take over; **Jodeci** misses out on a #1

position as their third straight slow jam declines and still

leaves us wondering if they can jam; **Luther, Janet and**

**T.L.C.**, enter the Top 10 with potential #1 songs - as for the

latter of the three, I'll take one **T-Boz, Left-Eye and Chili**

**(with all the sauce)** rolled into one.

**TOP SONGS FOR '92:** From a rating system that has been used throughout the year according to all the Top 10 singles, these are the Top 5 songs through the first half of the year:

1. **My Lovin' - En Vogue** 2. **Remember The Time - M.**

**Jackson** 3. **Save The Best For Last - V. Williams** 4.

**Goodbye - T. Campbell** 5. **Jump - Kriss Kross**

**P2THE-E-A-C-E**

**WW**

Top 10 listing compiled by  
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