

ENTERTAINMENT

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"OPERATION UNITY LAUNCHES YOUTH VOLUNTEER NETWORK..."

Recently in Los Angeles a newly organized non-profit organization with a focus on youth gathered youngsters age 13-18 years old from Churches and Synagogues throughout the city to launch it's "Youth Volunteer Network" as a part of Operation Unity that was founded by community activist Cookie Lommel.

At the organization's initial

meeting that was held at Universal Pictures Studio Restaurant a group of approximately 200 participants came together including Capitol recording artists Young M.C. and David Koz, and special guest speaker Michael Greene, President and CEO of the National Association of Recording Artists (NARAS). Youth Directors from Churches and Synagogues belonging to a group of covenant relationships, who shared various activities including pulpit exchanges also attended.

A dialogue session was followed with a preview screening of the documentary film "Back to the Promised Land," a film that depicted a group of African-American students from an alternative high school in New York, who went to live on an Israeli Kibbutz for ten weeks, and their experiences with Israeli people. The screening was

held at University's Alfred Hitchcock Theater.

The overall goal of Operation Unity's Youth Volunteer Network is held to provide an opportunity for Jewish American and African-American teenagers to work together. Operation Unity's Youth Volunteer Network will also encourage them to volunteer their time for cultural arts activities with the guidance of their own youth leadership. "With the cancelling of several cultural arts programs at the school level, there is a real concern at NARAS that it will drastically reduce the pool of talent available to us in the future," explained Michael Greene. "Scientific studies have shown that the arts teaches us how to balance the right and left brain activities, which is essential for being a great scientist or mathematician," Greene stated.

Operation Unity founder, Cookie Lommel said, "it was symbolically important for us as African-Americans and Jewish Americans to come together on the Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's death. During Dr. King's lifetime, Jewish Americans and African-Americans worked together and had common goals." Operation Unity was

formed to re-establish bonds between African-American and Jewish communities worldwide. The challenge is to build better communications through educational and cultural arts projects. The Youth Volunteer Network is the first in a series of special events and promotions being planned with special emphasis on young people, making them more aware of the two cultures before prejudices can grow.

The first project being developed will have a group of youngsters working with artists to create an art piece to be displayed at the Afro-American Museum during the fall opening of the L.A. Festival. A project with a music theme is also being planned. This event was made possible with the support of Bailey Broadcasting Service, Capitol Records, MCA Records and Warner Bros. Records.

"The kids who attended had a marvelous experience, and are looking forward to working with kids from the churches and participating in future projects. Operation Unity is a superb concept, and we in the Jewish community are eager to be involved," confirmed Rabbi Jim Kaufman of Temple Beth Hillel.



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Mayor Bradley's field representative Rev. Arthur Broadus who is also the Youth Coordinator affiliated with Calvary Baptist Church in Pacoima summed it stating, "this is an exciting vehicle, that presents a way to bridge communications not only with the African-American and Jewish communities, but as I see here today, has the possibilities to reach out and encourage other groups to come together."

"TINSELTOWN TOPICS..."

Tinseltowners are still talking about the talent laden package of Chaka Khan, Phillip Bailey, Hugh Masekela, Gerald Albright and others playing to a capacity crowd at the Wiltern Theater a couple of Saturday nites ago. Billed as "A Night On The Town," this musical combo was one of the most musically explosive entertainment units to play the

City of The Angels in a while.

Looks like Chicago based film maker Darryl Roberts who got his initial start in the entertainment industry promoting parties with the star players from the Chicago Bulls as drawing bait, and getting his initial on-the-job training in film making from Fred Williamson, is finally busting through and getting recognition as a film maker of note. His current motion picture "How U Like Me Now" is getting the full blown star treatment with great advertising and promotion through SGE Entertainment and Avant Garde Productions. "How U Like Me Now" takes a seriously funny look at male/female relationships, with Darnell Williams, Sallie Richardson, Daniel Gardner playing starring roles... and that's Hollywood this time!! Until the next time, Lanier.

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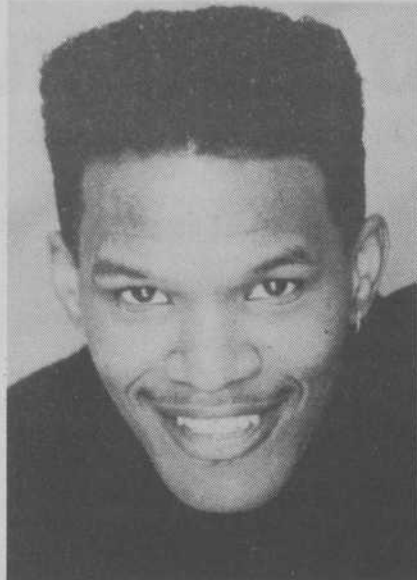
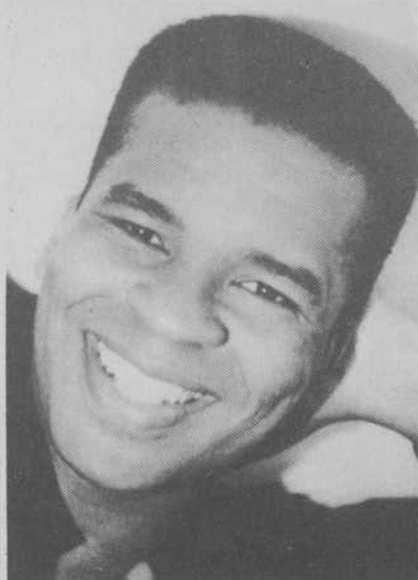
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SENTINEL-VOICE TOP 10 SINGLES

- 1.) IT WAS A GOOD DAY - Ice Cube
- 2.) FREAK ME - Silk
- 3.) I'M SO INTO YOU - SWV
- 4.) COMFORTER - Shai
- 5.) SO ALONE - Men At Large
- 6.) DEDICATED - R. Kelly
- 7.) DON'T WALK AWAY - Jade
- 8.) I HAVE NOTHING - Whitney Houston
- 9.) THAT'S THE WAY LOVE GOES - Janet Jackson
- 10.) LOVE IS - Vanessa Williams and Brian McKnight



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NEW #1 SONG: It Was A Good Day

PICK HIT OF THE WEEK: That's The Way Love Goes

FURTHERMORE: It Was A Good Day remains on top of the charts, with Silk and SWV on Ice Cube's heels; In the middle of the pack, at #6, R.Kelly looks like the strongest contender to reach the top; Janet enters the T'10 with her new smash, and could also make a challenge for the top;

TOP JAZZ CATS FROM THE CAT HIMSELF: 1. Walter Beasley - Intimacy 2. Fattburger - On A Roll 3. Kenny G. - Breathless 4. Richard Elliot - Soul Embrace 5. Norman Brown - Just Between Us 6. Mr. Fingers - Introduction 7. Incognito - Tribes, Vibes & Scribes 8. Everette Harp - Everette Harp 9. Ramsey Lewis - Ivory Pyramid 10. Marilyn Scott - Smile

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Top 10 compiled by:

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