### ENTERTAINMENT

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#### TOP OF THE ETCHINGS...'

Following Elvis Presley being honored with his likeness being placed on a 29-cent stamp, legendary recording artists Dinah Washington and Otis Redding will be the next newest faces adoming the late pop music legends series of stamps issued by the post office.

Their stamps will go on sale nationally at all post offices June 16th. This series will also include Bill Haley, Richie Valens and Buddy Holly; and here in Tinseltown a ceremony celebrating the new 29-cent stamp series featuring late pop music legends will be hosted by Dick Clark and co-sponsored by the National Music Foundation and the U.S. Postal Service.

The Conference of Black Mayors that was founded 19years ago as the Conference of Southern Black mayors, and now numbers 341 members in 35 states around the nation, posthumously honored tennis star and humanitarian Arthur Ashe at their recent 19th Annual Convention that took place at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers in New York. The theme of their annual confabs dinner was. "Tribute To A Black American," and Ashe's widow, Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe accepted

the award for her husband, who had been invited to receive it before his passing on February 6th, 1993.

There will be 13 music events and 16 film and video events featured during this summer's Los Angeles Festival, August 20th through October 3rd, at various locales around Tinseltown.

This exciting city-wide event will focus on African-American and Middle Eastern cultures. It will also include more than 40 events involving choreographers, dancers, composers, musicians, film-makers and authors from all over the world.

Some of the highlight features of the festival will be readings by poet-dramatist Ntozake Shange and Los Angeles poet Wanda Coleman and performances by blues singer Linda Hopkins plus female acappella group, Sweet Honey in the Rock.

Two electrifying performances of "Jezebel," an original gospel opera, by the L.A. African-American Church Coalition have been slated to kick off festival fund raisers. The two performances will take place at L.A.'s Scottish Rite Auditorium June 19th and 20th. There's also a "Gospel Legends" concert

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DAWN LEWIS

featuring performances by Ola Jean Andrews and the Andrew Sisters, the Paramount Singers and a specially assembled Los Angeles Choir that's slated for August 20th, sponsored by AT&T. This event will take place in the Liemert Park neighborhood of Southwest Central Los Angeles.

#### TINSELTOWN TOPICS..."

Actress Dawn Lewis has opted to exit her co-starring role opposite Mark Curry on the 'hit' ABC-TV sitcom "Hangin' with Mr. Cooper." Reason being offered, to pursue her singing and songwriting career. Although her character will not be replaced on the show, the word is-Raven Symone from the "Cosby Show" will be the new addition to the cast for the new season. Now insiders around Tinseltwon are wondering if her announced option to exit the show was really about pursuing her musical



**DAMON WAYANS** 

career??

Damon Wayans could be described as Hollywood's hottest African-American male property as a result of the battle developing between Columbia and Disney for his services. Columbia has him lined up to start shooting this summer on their big-screen superhero spoof "Blankman," while trying to sign him to star in their "Girls Club" comedy film, a production about a black and white cop team that goes undercover as women. before he goes before the cameras for Disney to star in their feature film production of "Good News, Bad News.

Westernminded Tinseltowners will get a chance to do it up right on the 19th of June, when Denny Pickens brings his Frontier 101 Open Rodeo to town. The 'ride em, rope 'em event will take place at Cal State Dominguez College and will feature

riders of all colors in competition for the cash prizes offered.

The possibility of the California Afro-American Museum having to close their doors June 30th, if the California Legislature approves a \$6.5-million cut has brothers n' sisters around Tinseltown up in arms and demonstrating!!

Fox Television Network will be pairing two comedies of 'color' together for Sunday night airings for their new season line up. The already successful comedy show "Martin" will be paired with the new Fox comedy "My Girls." The new comedy show stars Kim Fields, Kim Coles (formerly of "Living Color"), Erika Alexander and 'rap' artist Queen Latifah as four black women in search of love and life in hustlin' bustlin' Nu Yawk....and that's Hollywood this time.

Until the next time, Lanier.

## SENTINEL-VOICE TOP 10 SINGLES

- 1.) THAT'S THE WAY LOVE GOES - Janet Jackson
- 2.) WEAK SWV
- 3.) KNOCKIN' DA BOOTS -H-Town
- 4.) KISS OF LIFE Sade
- 5.) ARE YOU READY
- Here and Now
- 6.) DOWN WITH THE KINGRun D.M.C.
- 7.) IT WAS A GOOD DAY
  - Ice Cube
- 8.) GIRL I'VE BEEN HURT Snow
  9.) I HAVE NOTHING Whitney Houston
- 10.) LOVE NO LIMIT Mary J. Blige

4th WEEK #1 SONG: That's The Way Love Goes

PICK HIT OF THE WEEK: Love No Limit

FURTHERMORE: Janet reigns supreme in her fourth week as the #1 song; SWV and H-Town should make a strong run for the top in the next two weeks; Sade slips into fourth and could be on the way out. Any song she releases next, will most likely be seen in the T'10, since her CD is too sweet; Mary J. makes an entrance into the T'10 and might see some Top 5 action, depending on how well Ms. Jackson makes out.

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