



Shawn "Puffy" Combs, Steve Harvey and Snoop Doggy Dogg

## Rappers make peace on TV

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In a declaration of peace, two of the biggest names in rap, West Coast rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg and East Coast rap producer Sean "Puffy" Combs will unite to dispel the long-running rumors of a violent rivalry between the East and West Coast factions of rap music. The two rap artists will be appearing together publicly for the first time, in an episode of The WB's "The Steve Harvey Show." The episode is scheduled to air Sunday, February 23 (8:30-9:00 p.m. ET) on The WB.

The move was brought about largely through the efforts of Steve Harvey after he approached Snoop Doggy Dogg and Sean "Puffy" Combs separately on the set of "Showtime at the Apollo," a variety show also hosted by Harvey. Harvey implored

the rap artists to appear together to shatter the rumors of an east-west rivalry, speculated to have resulted in incidents of violence. Although Spike Lee and others have attempted to bring the rap artists together, they have chosen the television comedy arena of "The Steve Harvey Show," set in an inner city high school, as the forum to make their statement.

In the episode, entitled "I Do, I Don't," Snoop Doggy Dogg and Sean "Puffy" Combs each approach Steve Hightower (Steve Harvey) for permission to sample music from the Hi-Tops, Steve's former group, in their latest raps. When Steve refuses to give either of them permission as long as there remains bad blood between them, they inform him and his class that the rumors of an east-west rivalry were completely unfounded all along.

## Ebony Etchings

### "TOP OF THE ETCHINGS"

Roger E. Mosley has joined the growing list of popular actors, actresses and entertainers doing their 'acting thing' in stage productions of choice for local or regional performances and/or national tours. He recently signed on with Creative Source Productions and is currently in rehearsals in Detroit to play a starring role in their upcoming stage play "Family Love." The production that also features Vanessa Bell Calloway plus others will open at Detroit's Music Hall for a two week run, beginning February 25th.

Samuel L. Jackson who was just awarded an NAACP Image Award for his dynamic role in "A Time To Kill" has been tapped to play the role of a brilliant mathematician in Barry Levinson's epic science-fiction adventure film "Sphere." Production is scheduled to start filming in Northern California in March and Jackson will be teamed with Dustin Hoffman, Sharon Stone and Adrea Braugher. The movie is a film adaptation from Michael Crichton's 1987 novel.

Bethel Smith's Women At Work group has selected William Allen Young co-star of the television show "Moesha" as their 'Man of the Year' honoree. He'll be saluted at the groups Annual Luncheon taking place at the Century Plaza Hotel on Sunday, April 27th.

In the event you didn't already know, the Women At Work group has been selecting and awarding outstanding men and women from professional fields, motion pictures, television and sports for over 25-years. Past honorees receiving the prestigious award have been Sammy Davis, Jr., Ella Fitzgerald, Marla Gibbs, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, Cybil Brand, Debbie Allen, JoMarie Payton-Noble, Florence Griffith Joyner, Attorney Carl Douglas and a host of others.

Proceeds from this annual event benefit Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas. Additional information can be obtained by calling Mrs. Bethel Smith at (213) 566-7602.

### "PRODUCTION NOTICES FROM THE MAILBAG"

The first notice from our mailbag was the news that A Shoestring Productions in association with the Raven Playhouse and The Celtic Arts Center would be presenting "Freedom Passages, A Tribute To Black History Month," is currently running Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through March 2nd, at the Raven Playhouse, located at 5233 Lankershim Boulevard in North Hollywood.

In this production Barbara Mealy and friends including Masequa Myers will present passages by Sojourner Truth, Phillip H. Dean, Micki Grant, Sandra Sharp, Barbara Fisher, Nikki Giovanni, Toni Morrison, Maya Angelou, Lucille Clifton, Billy Graham, Langston Hughes, Martin Luther King, Jr. and James Weldon Johnson. Music accompaniment is by Gerald Lynn Thompson and long time Nu Yawk gal pal Peri Cousins-Harper directing.

Our second mailbag notice informed us that the Lehman Engel Musical Theater Workshop where John Sparks serves as Executive Director will be presenting the first public presentation of a new musical "Freedom Rider" in three performances at the American Center for Music Theater, 6425 Hollywood Boulevard, 3rd Floor.

The staged readings from the book by Hugh Gross will take place on Thursday, February 20th, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, February 22nd, at 2:00 p.m., and Sunday, February, 23rd, at 2:00

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