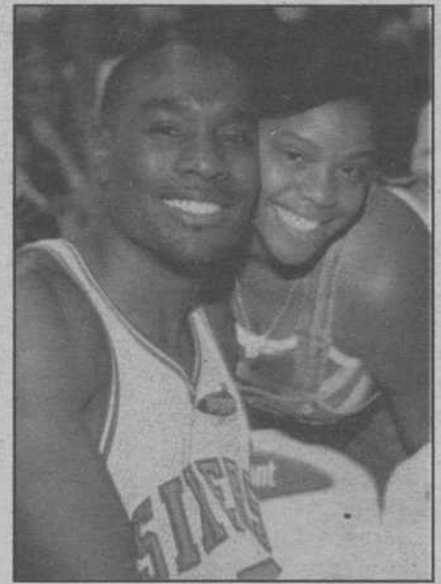


MAGIC: THE GATHERING

The biannual Men's Apparel Guild in California, also known as the MAGIC show, always draws a cavalcade of celebrities for several days of fall fashion debuts, parties and celebrity events.

Attendants at this year's MAGIC, which began Monday and ends today, included actress Rosie Perez and clothing designer Karl Kani (left).

Also partaking were actress Pamela Jai Parker (below), actor Morris Chestnut (right), who participated in a celebrity basketball game and boxer Laila Ali, daughter of former heavyweight champ Muhammad Ali.



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Symbols of longevity, the O'Jays can still croon lyrical treats. In its 40 years in show business, the group has recorded 28 albums and scored countless hits.

After decades of performing, O'Jays still musically sharp

By Nyla Pickett
Sentinel-Voice

You would think that after 40 years and 28 albums, several of which have gone gold and been surpassed by the next, which, of course, went on to attain platinum status

...after the birth of new groups, and the death of an old member

...throughout the artistically turbulent 70s, which drained the life out of many an R&B band and turned them into simple disco icons

...through bad reviews and doubtful fans

...amidst rumors of breakup and considerations of retirement

...hanging on to a styling and showmanship all their own, even when assimilation and pop culture saw Rhythm & Blues become watered-down background music

...you would think that a brother might need a rest!

Lo and behold

...THE O'JAYS EMERGE TRIUMPHANT!

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