

## ACCENTS

**Living Room Wrestling:** Blightobody, shown at right, will bring Living Room Wrestling to open its show at 10 p.m. Saturday at Rockafellas'. Living Room Wrestling is a unique wrestling alliance based in Florence. "It might be said that it is like professional wrestling, but real," a member of Blightobody said. "It resembles pro wrestling, but yet it is one more mirror removed from reality." When Hank "The Tank" Buchanan takes the stage amid couches, chairs, lamps and a coffee table to grapple violently with The Trump Towers, things acquire an almost dream-like quality. Blightobody will also debut its new video, "The Dry Fix."



**American Music Awards Means Hammertime:** The 19th annual "Annual Music Awards" special will be telecast live from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. Rap star M.C. Hammer will be host of the show. Thirty awards will be presented in the following seven categories: pop/rock, country, soul/rhythm & blues, rap, heavy metal/hard rock, adult contemporary and dance music. A special award of merit will be presented to the "Godfather of Soul," James Brown, for his outstanding contributions over a long period of time. Among those scheduled to appear on the telecast are Paula Abdul, Clint Black, Garth Brooks, Natalie Cole, Color Me Badd, D.J. Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince, Lita Ford, Whitney Houston, James Ingram, Wynonna Judd, Chaka Khan, LL Cool J, Reba McEntire, Naughty By Nature, Michael W. Smith, Spinal Tap, Travis Tritt, Crystal Waters and Dwight Yoakam.

**Van Halen In Concert:** Van Halen concert tickets are scheduled to go on sale this morning at the Carolina Coliseum box office and all SCAT outlets. Van Halen is scheduled to appear on Feb. 29 at the coliseum. Michael Bolton tickets are still on sale at the coliseum for his Jan. 29 appearance. Call 777-SCAT to charge either concert by phone.



**Freedom March and Rally:** The Committee to Honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is coordinating a regional King Freedom March and Rally at 2:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19 at the State House. Organizations interested in endorsing or participating in the event, please call 254-9398.

**Michael Jackson Video Premiere:** Michael Jackson released Tuesday his second single from his *Dangerous* album. The video for "Remember the Time" will premiere at 8:25 p.m. Feb. 2 on MTV, Fox and BET. The video is directed by John Singleton, an actor from "Boys 'N the Hood."



Carolina for K.I.D.'s volunteer Christina Charette helps take care of a small child recently. The group is accepting new members for the upcoming semester.

## CAROLINA FOR KID'S

A new group at USC is helping to give abused and neglected children the opportunity for a normal life

By LEE CLONTZ  
Assistant Carolina Editor

Since its inception in Spring 1991, Carolina for K.I.D.'s has been helping underprivileged children in the Columbia community.

The group, started by chemistry sophomore Leslie Howard, tries to get volunteers to help disadvantaged children. K.I.D. stand for "Kids In Danger," which are the ones Howard hopes to help.

"Kids who have been abused really remember positive influences, because all they have given to them in the past is negativity, people hitting them," Howard said.

The group has about 80 members who, in their free time, go to institutions around the city and play with children.

"It seems like such a simple thing, just to play with them, but these kids aren't used to that, and it means a lot to them," she said.

Students can contribute as much time as they like, she added.

"People think that it's really time-consuming, but we try to be really flexible so that almost any-

body can help," she said. "Even those who can't volunteer on a regular basis can help with the group projects."

Circumstances that can place a child in danger range from abuse to neglect to homelessness.

"Many of the kids I work with are homeless," economics junior Jen Hager said. Hager has been with the program since it began.

"I do it because I like children," Hager said. "The best thing is that it gets people involved in the community. Anyone who likes helping children should do it, even if they can only offer thirty minutes a week."

The children range from preschoolers to preteens and teenagers. Howard encourages volunteers to visit children of all ages to understand their different needs.

Carolina for K.I.D.'s works with the Nurturing Center, the Boys and Girls clubs, the Children's Garden and Epworth.

"Carolina for K.I.D.'s offers a significant opportunity for USC volunteers. Their involvement with children at the Nurturing Center provides child victims of abuse

and neglect the opportunity for growth," said Joan Fail, development coordinator for the Nurturing Center.

Howard said volunteers don't have to worry about transportation because several of the institutions are within walking distance of campus.

The group meets on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Russell House, Room 304.

Howard stressed that the group needs more males.

"The younger boys could really use more positive role models. All that many of them have are their fathers who may have abused them," she said.

Howard said she sets aside two hours a week in her tight schedule to volunteering because it's a labor of love for her. "I always volunteered in high school, and I wanted there to be a place that people could go to help kids. People need to be educated about these things."

"Everyday, a Carolina for K.I.D.'s volunteer's efforts bring a ray of hope for an otherwise desolate family," Fail said.

## Hip Hop Nation



By Todd Scholl

## Ice Cube's new album lyrically powerful and strong

Since the release of his second full-length album, *Death Certificate*, Ice Cube has been in the media spotlight with some critics calling him a racist and others praising him.

In approaching this review, I am struggling with mixed feelings over the album. There is no doubt that the beats are slamming and that Ice Cube can rap with the best of them. The controversy comes with the lyrical content.

There always seems to be a controversy over every hardcore rap album that is released. Controversy is something that Ice Cube is certainly familiar with by now. His days with N.W.A. (*Niggas With Attitudes*) have seasoned him, and he is now causing controversy on the solo tip.

Some critics attack Ice Cube over songs like "Horny Lil' Devil" and "Black Korea." "Horny Lil' Devil" is an attack on white men who exploit and harass black women. In the song he calls for the castration of such men. He also claims that white women have "no butt and no chest." I assume he is not familiar with Cindy Crawford. In "Black Korea" he uses terms like "your chop-suey ass" to describe Koreans.

I don't think that one can really listen to these two songs and say that there are no racial slurs or at least stereotypes. The problem with all of these criticisms is that while they are real, they overshadow the important messages that lie within the album.

Instead of focusing on the positive aspects of the album, critics have only concerned themselves with what affects them. They have ignored telling you that the album contains stories that, like it or not, truly reflect things that go on in the black community. I realize that Ice Cube does not speak for every young black person in America, but he does represent the feelings of many angered and frustrated African-Americans.

*Death Certificate* contains hardcore public service announcements, such as "Look Who's Buried," that advises the use of condoms to prevent the spread of the HIV virus and other venereal diseases. "Alive On Arrival" is a chilling tale of a young black male who was shot by gang-bangers. He is taken to an overcrowded hospital where he dies because the hospital cares more about whether he has insurance than whether he will live.

"Color Blind" is a song that attacks fratricide and gang violence. "Us" is Ice Cube's analysis

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## Members of USC Baha'i Club to travel to Atlanta for King Day celebrations

from staff reports

Members of the Baha'i Club are traveling to Atlanta this weekend to participate in activities connected with the 7th annual holiday celebrating the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Members from across the country will be involved in the parade Saturday and the March of Celebration on Monday. The Baha'is will be co-chairs of the event and are helping organize and sponsor other activities surrounding King Week. They will be the first group to follow the VIPs and Civil Rights groups in March.

Kurt Henne, vice president of USC's Baha'i Club, said Baha'is have a deep interest in these activities because members view racial prejudice as one of the major barriers to peace and progress. This is



reflected in the central principle of the Baha'i Faith, which is the oneness of mankind.

Dr. David Sheridan, one of several USC faculty members, has participated in MLK National Holiday events in recent years. Sheridan said his interest stems from the Baha'is belief that all humanity was created by the same God, and we are all brothers. He explained that the Baha'i concept of unity is based on unity through diversity, not implying sameness, but that people should appreciate differences and beauty.

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Campus Coalition for Literacy  
Literacy Awareness Week 1992  
January 20-24, 1992

Office of Community Service Programs  
Department of Student Life  
Division of Student Affairs  
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### Schedule of Events

- Mon. Jan 20 Story Time Reading  
Russell House 2nd level lobby  
11-1p.m.
- Tues. Jan 21 Read-A-Thon  
Russell House 2nd level lobby  
11-1p.m.
- Wed. Jan 22 Literacy Forum  
Russell House Room 327  
8p.m.
- Thurs. Jan 23 Sharing Time with Seniors  
Display table on Green Street
- Fri. Jan 24 Reading Partners for  
Visually Impaired  
Information table on Green Street
- Sat. Jan 25 Adult Literacy Training begins  
(Sign up by January 22 in the Campus  
Activities Center)

### ALL WEEK

BOOK DRIVE- collecting old books for  
CCL to read to children and Seniors Citizens  
Information Table about CCL on Green Street  
10a.m. to 3p.m.

If you have any questions, please call 777-5780.