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So sad to start the New Year with the passing of a legendary musical great. **Leroy "Sugarfoot" Bonner**, frontman for the **Ohio Players**, passed away Saturday January 26 in his home of Trotwood, Ohio. Reports say he had been suffering from cancer. *Sugarfoot*, or *Foot*, or *Sugar*, was the founding and cornerstone artistic talent of Ohio Players and the face and sound of the Ohio Players brand, which he knit together and launched in 1964 with former members of The Ohio Untouchables. With a career spanning 56 years, he passed barely short of his 70th birthday. Jam in Paradise, legend...and thank you for the music and memories.

Speaking of legends, the legendary **Diana Ross** was caught not having a good day dining out. The **Supremes'** singer went into full diva mode and threw a fit recently at a posh restaurant in Beverly Hills. According to sources, the boss Ms. Ross arrived ahead of her daughter at the Italian eatery *La Scala* and was told that since she didn't have a reservation, she would not be seated until her party was complete. The diva threw a fit and sat herself in a booth anyway. Management came to her table and informed the singer that if she cut the line for a table she would not be served. The star refused to move. Once her daughter arrived, a scene erupted ending in both women leaving the restaurant in a huff. According to *La Scala* owner Gigi Leon, "We treat everyone the same whether you're famous or not. We love having her as a customer. We'd be happy to have her back." WELL!! Don't know whether to applaud Gigi for being fair or appalled at the audacity to tell the Boss she had to wait!

Once again, Facebook is used to air dirty laundry in a bad breakup. In a Facebook message posted on January 20, gospel singer **Deitrick Haddon** told fellow gospel singer **Isaac Carree** to "man up" over an alleged affair he had with **Damita Haddon**, Deitrick's now ex-wife. The couple had quietly divorced after 15 years of marriage over a year ago...and though the gospel singer said he and Damita both were fine and had moved on, that is apparently not the case. Perhaps it was due to the fact of Deitrick posting pictures of his new daughter and her 24-year-old mother on Instagram, which led some to conclude he'd had an extra-marital affair that ended the marriage...when the fact was it was allegedly the other way around. On January 20, Deitrick returned to social media to divulge more specifics about why he and Damita split in response to fan backlash about his divorce, alleging his ex had an affair with



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fellow gospel singer Isaac Carree...who is married! Issac is denying the affair and saying Deitrick is just trying to take the heat off the fact he fathered a child out of wedlock. And Deitrick is saying if Issac is going to "Clean This House" (Issac's new song), he should start with his own. Ouch!! In any event, it seems that Deitrick and Issac are taking a few "public" shots at each other while Damita is remaining noticeably quiet. (Cue "The Young and The Restless" music and fade to black...)

We seem not to be able to have a Starbuzzin' column without our monthly **Katt Williams** report. Oy Vey!!! At least this time the comedian actually catches a break. After his latest incident, the comedian will not face criminal child endangerment charges, even though a marijuana stash and guns were present in the home while his kids were living there. The Los Angeles District Attorney decided that the case against the funnyman wasn't winnable for a few reasons: "First, Katt insists his kids couldn't get at the guns because they were locked up. On top of that, there were so many people living in the house there was no way of tying Katt to the marijuana — and reasonable assumptions don't count." Oooooookay. Reportedly, Katt will soon be appearing in court to receive an informal warning and get some counseling. (You THINK?!) And just to catch you up in case you're late on the "Katt-capades:" At the start of the month, a video of Katt slapping a Target employee before escaping on an electric cart went viral, and the troubled comedian said that the incident occurred because the clerk used a racial epithet to refer to him. In late November, the comic was also involved in a police chase. Before the child endangerment arrest, Katt was also implicated in a bar brawl, kicked out of a hotel, detained by police at a Subway restaurant, and it was revealed the stand-up also was hit with a \$4 million tax lien. Oh yeah...did I mention he allegedly pulled a gun on comedian **Faizon Love** back in October and in December he struck a man in the audience who was filming him at one of his shows?! Let's pray Katt gets it together...because the funny man is not so funny these days. COM'ON MAN!!!

Last but not least, your favorite poetic broadcasting "attitude child," celebrates her birthday at the end of February (and yes, I'm accepting gifts NOW). I'll be celebrating with a brand new stage play. Well, actually, the stage performance will take place in March. But you'll be the first to hear about it soon. In between time, I'd like to introduce you to my new group by the name of **PFLOW**, featuring myself and keyboardist **Marcellus McDonald**. We're jazzy, neo-soul, contemporary R&B and rock with a dose of poetry and hip hop...and we add our own Piscean flair to it. (Yep...we're BOTH Pisces. And you know what happens when you put Pisces together. Just ask your friendly newspaper editor.) PFLOW debuted recently at the Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner to rave reviews...and we're available for bookings now. Holla at a Queen and come feel OUR "pflow" (with a silent P...just like Django and the silent D. Did I mention how much I loooooove that movie?! But I digress to progress...)



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