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She wants to go to Africa and I would send her there."

"In 2017, I'd like something big. I wouldn't even be able put my hand on it, it would be so big. It would be something that would just dramatically change my life for the better. Something happens every year that surprises me—something really huge happens. On a personal note, it would be really cool to have more discipline. After discipline comes, everything else that you want comes after that."

"I'm wild but it is all planned—every dance move, the hair styles, the clothes. So there is definitely some discipline there. I'd like more discipline in my personal life meaning my eating habits, making sure that I write every day and vocally and physically exercising every day. It is things like that prepare your mind for what's to come for you if you want it."



**James Andrews** (Trumpeter, vocalist, bandleader):

"I want all my friends and family to enjoy themselves and have a good time," says Andrews very sincerely. His outlook for 2017 is similar: "Mostly, I just want to thank God for another year and my friends and family."

**Daria Dzurik** (Leader of Daria & the Hip Drops, steel pan player, vocalist, composer):

"I have a couple of things, not all of them are totally realistic," offers the lively Dzurik. "I always need new steel drum mallets so that's on my list. An affordable housing market would be good, or a house, either one. I really like



Gogo [Borgerding], a local jewelry designer, and I would like a Gogo cuff—a wrist cuff. I would also like another trip to Trinidad for Carnival and to be there for the whole Carnival season this year."

"For 2017, I would like to release new music and videos online. I've never done a West Coast tour so it's on my list for next year and I would also like to play in Nashville. This is a little bit of a higher goal, but I would really love to be on the Jimmy Fallon late-night show."

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Johnson (Vocalist, composer, pianist):

"I would like everybody to be happy and joyful at Christmas," says Johnson, who is himself a happy and joyful man. "I'm hoping everybody enjoys 'Don't Go, Santa!' [his single with vocalist Margie Perez] and I hope that it becomes a holiday classic this



season and every season just like 'Carnival Time' during Mardi Gras." "In 2017, I'm looking forward to doing another cruise. It's going out of New Orleans and I'm working it with Vince Vance."

**Glenn Hall III** (Trumpeter with Lil' Glenn & Backatown and the Rebirth Brass Band):



"So what does little Glenn want for Christmas?" Hall asks with a laugh. "To be honest, I would actually love to see all the young musicians in the city do a big project or small projects together. That's my biggest wish for Christmas that every young artist is able to pull something off or at least meet each other and work on some stuff. I think one important thing about that is that sometimes there is so much stuff happening in the city, I don't think everyone exactly knows who's who and who's doing what."

"Personally, within the past couple of months, I've been working really hard on my original material so in 2017, I'm definitely looking forward to finishing my first album."

"Also in the year 2017, I wish for positive vibes within the people around the world, the city and country."



**Phil Frazier** (Tuba player and coleader of the Rebirth Brass Band):

"I want everybody to be musically happy," says Frazier of his holiday wish. "There are all kinds of music—just follow your heart. That will make you happy."

For his goals for 2017, he at first states the obvious, as he laughingly says, "Well, I'd like to try to get a lot of money. Everybody wants money. In 2017, I'm also running for Governor of Zulu [Social Aid and Pleasure Club]," says Frazier, who hopes to win the election and hold the position for the 2018 Carnival season. "So I start [campaigning] in 2017 and the elections are in May 2017. I've been a member of Zulu for three years."

**Eric Benny Bloom** (Trumpeter and leader of Sonic Bloom):

"For Christmas all I want is a new, top-of-the line turntable. I just got [trumpeter] Wallace Davenport and his gospel singers' record featuring George French from like 1984 and