

Suzanne Vikstrom's Hollywood Tidbits



Dionne Warwick

The plush Hollywood premiere performance of **Lena Horne: The Lady and Her Music** was strictly high society. There were the usual klieg lights, blocks of limos bumper to bumper and the red carpet was out as the tuxedos and designer gowns swept elegantly into the theatre ever, ever so slowly as photographers and fans flashed away.

As always, the professional premiere workers were out. You see, these functions are perfect for making new contacts and renewing old ones, but mostly to be seen. It is truly beautiful to watch, when you're observing and not participating.

The after party at **Jimmy's in Beverly Hills** was a repeat of the theatre scenario for those who were on the guest list. Of course those who anted up \$175 per for the show, after parter tickets included. Over 700 "pretty people" filed into the huge tent pitched in the parking lot.

Some of those we spotted behind champagne glasses were: **Billie Dee**

Williams, Ron "The New Odd Couple" **Glass, Cicely Tyson** and hubby **Miles Davis**, "Love Boat's" **Ted Lange**, dancer **Paula Kelly**, Mayor **Tom Bradley**, **Barry and Glodean White**, **Yvonne Fair Strain**, **Leslie Uggams** co-host of NBC's "Fantasy", and **Sugar Ray Leonard**. The premiere was hosted by **Dionne Warwick** and the ladies of **BRAVO**, a chapter of The City of Hope. AND, Miss Horne's two-hour performance was as we expected, sensational.

Darnell Williams aka **Jesse Hubbard** of "All My Children" called to tell me he will soon be in your local record shop--on record that is--crooning pretty melodies for all of many "AMC" fans.

We are happy to report that **Don Cornelius**, producer and host of "Soul Train" is recuperating nicely at home after undergoing over 20 hours of brain surgery.

The much talked about romance between **Rick**

James and "The Exorcist" star **Linda Blair** seems to have fizzled as quickly as it began. Those in the know, claim they were surprised it lasted as long as it did, considering the odd couple's life styles.

Sexy Fred Williamson's latest flick "One Down and Two To Go" starring **Fred, Jim Brown, Richard Roundtree** and **Jim Kelly** was screened recently and from the audience's comments and reactions, the scenes that made it to the screen should have been left on the cutting room floor also. Oh, it will make big bucks simply because of the list of characters. We hear **Fred** filmed this classic in ten days, and I for one believe it.

The **Beverly Theatre**, in Beverly Hills has quickly become the place to enjoy your favorite recording stars in concert. The theatre booked its first concert last summer and became an instant success. **B.B. King** kicked off '83 with a sold out performance, with the outrageous **Millie Jackson** and **The Manhattan's** set for January 28; **Dionne Warwick** (February 3-6); and **Peabo Bryson** (February 18 and 19).

With jobs for Blacks in show biz at a virtual standstill, many actors packed their bags and headed for higher grounds. **John Amos** of "Good Times" and "Roots" headed east, **Anazette Chase** to London, and beautiful actress **Azizi Johari** to Seattle.

Anazette was imported to co-star with **Richard Pryor** in "The Toy," and **John** is back working on a possible new series. We hear there have been several offers (two that we know of) for **Azizi** to return to Tinseltown for co-starring roles. Ms. Z. I hear there are a couple of Hollywood heavies anxious to hear from you. Hope we hear from you soon.

If you're wondering what happened to **The Two Tons O' Fun**, they're still around, only now they call themselves **The Weather Girls**. "It's Raining Men" is the current hit for the heavyweight ladies.

Ebony Drive At First AME



Pictured above are **Elnora Black**, Troubleshooter; **Gloria Thompson**, Chair; and **Mae Scott**, Co-Chair.

First A.M.E. Church is in the midst of its Annual **Ebony** Subscription drive. Subscriptions are sold to **Ebony**, **Ebony Jr**, and **Jet Magazine**. Proceeds support Black institutions, developed through the AME system.

Chairwoman **Gloria Thompson** commented, "The proceeds will aide our scholarship funds to send Black children to our colleges, they support our Senior Citizen's Centers, of which we have several in the Seattle area, and the funds also support our Nursing Care Centers."

"With all the problems funding necessary institutions, and cutbacks in enrollment of Black college students, all of us have to do a little bit more to make sure these important institutions survive," **Thompson** continued.

The cost of the subscriptions range from \$8 a year for **Ebony Jr**, for the

children, \$12 a year for **Ebony** and \$28 a year for the weekly publication of **Jet**.

Call the church office at

324-3664 or 324-3665 for **Barbara Mitchell** or **Eloise McCoy**, during the week from 9:30-3 pm, or come down and take out your

subscription in person after any 8 am or 10:45 am service on Sunday. This is your opportunity to support Black Institutions.

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Tennis Court Lights Off For Winter

Floodlights at 75 outdoor tennis courts at 23 locations have been turned off for the winter, according to the Parks Department. Tennis court lighting systems will be turned on again on April 1.

Funding for wintertime lighting at tennis courts was deleted from the 1983 City of Seattle budget as part of a

\$460,000 reduction in the overall Parks Department budget proposal.

Seattle's tennis lights operate on push buttons controlled by astronomical timers that automatically adjust for longer or shorter periods of daylight. Normally, the timers are set to provide electricity only between dusk and approximately 11 p.m.

The Seattle Tennis Center, a Parks Department-owned facility at 2000 Empire Way S., has 10 indoor courts available by reservation. Advance reservations may be made either in person or by use of a telephone reservation card available from the Tennis Center.

Call **Lou Anne Kirby**, community relations coordinator, at 625-2683.

College Reps To Answer Student Questions

Admissions representatives from 17 four-year colleges and universities in Washington state will be on the North Seattle Community College campus, Tuesday, Jan. 25, to answer questions from students and Seattle area residents about transferring to their respective schools.

The reps will be in the Student Lounge from 8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., to explain admissions and transfer procedures and course equivalency policies.

Representatives from the following institutions will participate: **Central Washington University**, **City University**, **Cogswell College North**, **Cornish Institute of Allied Arts**, **Eastern Washington University**, **Gonzaga**

University, and **Pacific Lutheran University**.

Others are: **R.O.T.C.**, **St. Martin's College**, **Seattle Pacific University**, **Seattle University**, **The Evergreen State College**,

University of Puget Sound, **University of Washington**, **Walla Walla College**, **Washington State University**, and **Western Washington University**.

Selective Service Registration For Men In Washington State

The 7,500 Washington State men who have not registered for the draft will receive Selective Service letters, mailed by the Internal Revenue Service, reminding them to register. The maximum penalty for failing to do so is \$10,000 fine and/or five years in jail.

Selective Service is able to identify these men by

cross-referencing their computer files with those of the Social Security Administration and the Internal Revenue Service. Washington State Driver's License Lists are also being used to locate non-registrants.

To register, complete a card form at any Post Office within 30 days of your 18th birthday.

ASK WENDY

What are my credit responsibilities as a divorced woman? People keep trying to collect payment from me for my ex-husband's bills. (T.H., White Center)

Your bank probably has up-to-date information on credit rights. Feel free to consult banker for advice. Be sure that any credit cards held jointly when you were married are now cancelled or changed to your name only. You need to explicitly let your creditors know that you are responsible for your own debts.

The Washington State Human Rights Commission has published a booklet entitled, **Women and Credit**. Your local library may have a copy, or you can get one by mailing 25¢ and a self-addressed envelope to the Commission requesting a copy.

If interested in legal information about your credit rights, you might want to call the Northwest Women's Law Center, 632-8468.

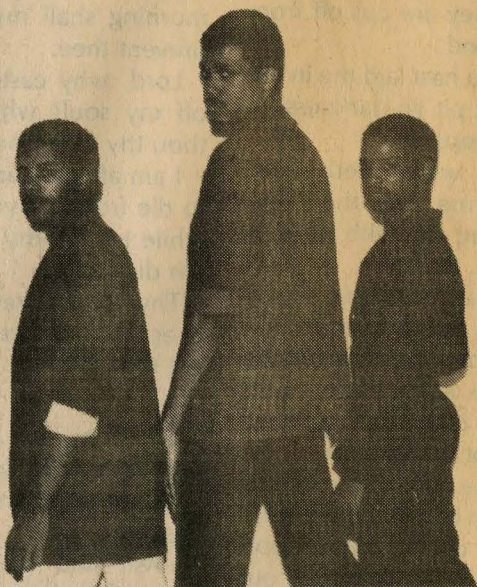


Josephine Baker, the famous singer, was known for walking her pet leopards down the Champs Elysees in Paris.

'Live From My Living Room'

Kabby Mitchell, III will be presenting a concert of his newest choreography on Jan. 21, 22 and 23. Mitchell recently performed as a soloist dancer with Pacific Northwest Ballet and is presently performing as a featured dancer at Jack McGovern's Music Hall.

After the resounding success of "Urban Renewal," Mitchell will present his original concert entitled "Live From My Living Room." It will be in two segments: "Caught In A Time Warp" and "Nocturnal Moods" with new works by Mitchell and New York choreographer, **Velia Renee**, who is also appearing at Jack McGovern's Music Hall. **Velia Renee** will be introducing her new vi-



Pictured are several of the cast members of "Live From My Living Room."

sions, "Sugar Frosted Prince" and "Criss-Cross and Human Da - Men - Nos."

Showtime is at 8 pm, at

Langston Hughes Cultural Arts Center, 17th and Yesler Way. For ticket information and reservations call 322-6401.

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