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JACKSON STREET & ME...

By Rudi Jackson



Dateline ... December 31, 1983. This newsman had hung up ME paper and typewriter for 1983 until ME got word of a wedding taking place and the word was out for ME to make like SHAFT and get on the case and let you know what went down on the last day of 1983 by a certain couple and their host of family and friends (many out-of-towners).

Never-The-No-A-Mind-ME got dressed in ME dark blue suit and started but to catch up with the wedding at The Club Rouge (that is where ME wuz told the Reception wuz to be held).

ME have so many folks here in T.W.S.O.T. (the-

west-side-of-town) who want ME to get in on some good news every now and a then, as has the case been during many weeks of 1983.

Wedding Bells rang for Pinkey Wilson and Ivan Sherman.

Before they arrived to The Club Rouge ME had the joy of viewing the lovely cake of 3 tiers, white icing, with many red roses and green petals; 4 red bells and tiny white roses sat on the top of the cake within the gathered red netting ... it was beautiful! White napkins with printed male and female youths holding hands and walking thru a meadow with keepsake words of: This Day I Will Marry My Friend ...

The bubbling fountain flowed with sparkling wine, for a feast had been spread for the guests soon to arrive from the talented minds and hands of: CHEZ POLLEE CATERING SERVICE. Spicy Wingettes, Mini-Meatballs, Potato Salad, Green Pea Salad, Cold-Cut Plates, Deviled Eggs, Fresh Vegetable trays, Fresh Fruits and Cheese trays, Bread Sticks, Assorted Breads and Crackers, Candies and Nuts, plus a Cocktail Fruit Punch which all proved to be a soul's delight for the family, friends, and other guests who did arrive to enjoy the royal and regal dress of the Bride and her lovely Bridesmaids.

The dress of both females and males was White/w/Red. So striking for the yule-tide season.

As the Bride and Groom entered the lovely

ballroom of The Club Rouge the day turned into night and the glow of love filled the misty air of winter and joy was seen dancing and whirling there on the dance floor as soft and dreamy song filled the air amidst the flashing of cameras and words praising the Gods of Love for such a happy binding in love of this young couple. As Ivan and Pinkey danced to the sung words: "This is my first love, my real love. So glad I met you, honey ..." and things like that just seem to bring them closer and closer as they danced and pranced for all to view. Into each others life/as man and wife: Mr. and Mrs. Ivan/Pinkey Sherman ...

The Bride's bouquet was tossed and gathered into the hands and arms of cute little Makkiba Wilson who is nine years of age ... She said she didn't know when she will be wed, but she was happy for having caught the lovely bouquet. Mandy of her friends will be watching her as the days roll by and soon she will be saying "I Do"!

The Groom, Ivan, a resident from Plant City, Florida, stated to ME that he was happy to find such a lovely lady as Pinkey so far from home and they will be living here in Las Vegas for a while; then it will be off to see the world and what it has to offer Ivan and Pinkey Sherman. Family and guests were from Florida, Washington, D.C., Virginia, and California for the wedding vows of these young people at the close of 1983 and the entering of 1984.

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CORETTA SCOTT KING (center) and son, Martin Luther King, III (left) discuss "Celebration of Life: A Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr." with Barbara Wilson, Cindy Walker and John

Bellamy, principals of the black-owned Televancers, Incorporated, which is spearheading production of the King tribute and television special.

Coretta Scott King was the featured speaker at a Dec. 8, Washington, D.C. press conference hosted by Televancers Incorporated. Televancers is a Chicago-based, black-owned supplier of television programming. The firm is creating a major "Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr." which will be taped at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington and aired throughout the nation to

commemorate Dr. King's birthdate.

According to Mrs. King, "I am gratified that Televancers has created 'Celebration of Life.' This program promises to be both wonderfully entertaining and particularly meaningful for everyone who shares my husband's dream." She added, "It's so important that we make Martin's birthday more than just another day of rest. We must make it a day of doing, a day of reflection and education in Martin's philosophy and strategy of non-violence."

The television tribute is scheduled to air nationally on Jan. 14 and 15, 1984. Consult your local TV guide for time and channel.



EXOTIC FLIGHT — Stephanie Dabney in her title role from "Stravinsky's Firebird by Dance Theatre of Harlem." On January 2, Dabney adorned "Firebird," Avon's 1984 Tour-nament of Roses float in her performance attire and also danced a portion of the ballet in a pre-parade performance on the grounds of the Simon Museum.



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