

# Entertainment

## *Ebony Etchings, etc.*

### "TOP OF THE ETCHING..."

The near sweep of "Grammy Awards" to Natalie Cole and all the folks involved in producing and creating the award winning "Unforgettable" album, was another milestone in her career. Congratulations are certainly in order.

However, with all the acclaim and awards associated with this album being presented to just about everybody associated with the project, something is definitely missing. Somewhere along the way, also over and above Natalie acknowledging her father in accepting the numerous awards. How come none of the musical award shows haven't had the presence of mind

to present an award to the late great Nat King Cole posthumously for his musical talents surviving all these years to play a key role in making this Unforgettable musical masterpiece one of the biggest winners in the history of music awards today.

Speaking of balladeers with smooth vocal stylings, lots of good things have been happening for vocalist Verbon Kelly and his independent Custom K Record label, since we had the pleasure of introducing him to readers of our weekly syndicated column just before '92 rolled around.

Through the promotional efforts of independent promotion specialist Ms. Paulette DeSuzia,

Verbon's debut album "Two Arms Around You," has started to show up on a number of station play lists around the country, and it is also starting to generate noticeable sales, especially in the Los Angeles area.

Some of the radio stations around the nation who have reported Verbon's collection of 'easy over' ballads on their play list are the following: WASC in Spartanburg, South Carolina, KALU in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, KEZY in Tyler, Texas, KXZZ in Lake Charles, Louisiana, WJAB in Huntsville, Alabama, KLUM in Jefferson City, Missouri, Stations WOWI and WBSK in Norfolk, Virginia, WIBB and WFXM in Macon, Georgia, WKXX in Ft. Valley, Georgia, plus a growing list of others.

Now behind the growing popularity of his debut album, plus a demand for public appearances, Verbon Kelley who's fast becoming the newest vocal stylist serving ballads 'over easy,' has been booked into Tinseltown's Jazz Etc. nitory for two special engagements.

His two appearances at Jazz Etc., will be on March 5th, and March 12th; For these two special appearance Verbon Kelley has assembled a fabulous shoe and revue that highlights comedienne Irene Carter plus his back up band that fea-

tures Hank James on Keyboards, Rodney Wallace on bass, Bruce Benton guitarist, Rogers Jackson on trombone, Harold Mason on drums and Larry Cooper on keyboards  
**"HOLLYWOOD HOTLINE, IT'S ALL ABOUT THE JACKSON'S..."**

Throughout the music industry they're still talking about Michael Jackson's camp calling the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences (NARAS), eight hours before the Grammy Awards went on the air trying to get a spot on the show. Of course the answer was "no!" "Five years ago", according to a statement from Pierre Cossett, the show's producer, "Prince was also red hot, and we needed him. So we made room for him. Now we're too big! Even for Michael Jackson.

There's also a lotta' Tinseltown talk going on about Michael Jackson's brother Marion losing his \$2.5-million dollar Encino home recently, and how Tinseltown television stations played it up like it was the hottest news item since the recent floods.

And while on the subject of Jackson's, there's the statement issued by Democratic Presidential hopeful Jerry Brown, who will bring Jesse Jackson onboard as his Vice President candidate if he's nominated.

Then there's the news about Millie Jackson, who just might

## SENTINEL-VOICE TOP 10 SINGLES

- 1.) REMEMBER THE TIME - Michael Jackson
- 2.) THE RUSH - Luther Vandross
- 3.) DIAMONDS & PEARLS - Prince
- 4.) CAN'T LET GO - Mariah Carey
- 5.) DO UNTO ME - Karyn White
- 6.) AIN'T TOO PROUD TO BEG - T.L.C.
- 7.) PEACEFUL JOURNEY - Heavy D.
- 8.) HELLUVA - Brotherhood Creed
- 9.) SOMEBODY LOVES YOU - Patti LaBelle
- 10.) TESTIFY - Sounds Of Blackness

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THREE WEEKS @ #1 SONG - Remember The Time

PICK HIT OF THE WEEK - Testify

6th ANNUAL SOUL TRAIN MUSIC AWARDS - "R&B Soul LP's Of The Year" (Female) - Emotions Mariah Carey, Unforgettable Natalie Cole, So Intense Lisa Fischer, Im Your Baby Tonight Whitney Houston; (Male) - A Dream Fulfilled Will Downing, Tony Terry Tony Terry, Power Of Love Luther Vandross, Make Time For Love Keith Washington; (Group, Band or Duo) - The Future Guy, Forever My Lady Jodeci, Diamonds and Pearls Prince and the N.P.G., Different Lifestyles BeBe & CeCe Winans; (Rap) - We Can't Be Stopped The Geto Boys, Peaceful Journey Heavy D., Naughty By Nature Naughty By Nature, Apocalypse '91...The Enemy Strikes Black Public Enemy!

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March 9 - SHE'S GOT TO HAVE IT, a Spike Lee film

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be shopping for a new label home instead of renewing her contract

with Jive Records after six years. Meanwhile songwriter and record producer Chuck Jackson who co-wrote and produced all the early Natalie Cole hits, and wrote Whitney Houston's "Where Do Broken Hearts Go," is just about to close a production deal with two west coast based record labels.

There's also the feeling associated with the two projects that the finished results could easily put the multi-talented Chuck Jackson back into Grammy contention next year. Early honors will be bestowed on Chuck and his beautiful wife Cheryl, Monday evening March 9th, when Reve Gipson salutes them at the Jazz Etc., as two of the communities outstanding business people behind the success of their Crumm's Home Style Cooking Restaurant, that's fast becoming the in-place eatery for popular celebrities and NBA Basketball players from the Lakers, the Clippers and other NBA teams...and that's Hollywood this time!

Until the next time, Lanier

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