



"RING! RING! HELLO. YES, DID THEY GET AT YOU YESTERDAY? WHAT! DID THEY GET AT YOU YESTERDAY? DID WHO GET AT ME YESTERDAY? THESE LIPS!!"

Yes, it (GOSSIP) starts at the LIPS, and enters the mind and makes you want to spank my BEHIND! Oh no! NOT NOW, MAYBE LATER... MRS. BOSS, DIANA ROSS, seems to also be late, with a STOLEN MOMENT that has DAUGHTER MONOLISA, NATALIE COLE, smiling all the way to the BANK.

"A.B.C. IT'S EASY AS 1,2,3!" I don't THINK SO because number 1 singing brother, MICHAEL JACKSON, is said to have no real knowledge of this A.B.C.' RETURN. It must be an A.B. CONVERSATION because brother number 1 is c-ing his way OUT!! UP AND DOWN AND AROUND AND AROUND ON THAT FERRIS-WHEEL.

I WAS BORN TO BREATHE!

**'93 ESSENCE AWARDS HONORS EIGHT OUTSTANDING AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN ACHIEVERS**



**LENA HORNE**

New York, N.Y.— On Friday evening, April 30, 1993 Essence Awards will pay tribute to eight outstanding African American women for their accomplishments in their respective fields and for their significant contributions to their communities the country and the world. The event will be held at the Paramount Theater in New York City.

This year's Award recipients are Carol Moseley-Braun, first African-American woman elected to the U.S. Senate; Gail Devers, U.S. Olympic Gold Medalist; Aretha Franklin, Queen of Soul and multiple Grammy

NOT!! MR. PURPLE EATER, PRINCE, recently had to cancel his LA-LA concert performance because of reported respiratory problems. I KNOW I'M OUT-OF-LINE, BUT WHO SAID MY LINE WAS STRAIGHT.

It was recently HOT in the HEAT OF THE NIGHT! MR. BLUE BADGES were rumored as being on the SCREEN SCENE waiting for that HOLIDAY, HOWARD ROLLINS, to arrive so that they could give him his unwanted present. Waiting in the wings was the good WEATHER (CARL WEATHERS) to take over like ROVER!

MR. TOOL MASTER, HAMMER, was seen in a discount furniture store in hopes of buying more for LESS! MO MONEY HANDS have plans to TAKE BACK THEIR STUFF if their fertilizer doesn't turn to green (MO MONEY)!

Also, some of that BUST-IT CREW (HAMMER'S RECORD



**ARETHA FRANKLIN**



**TINA TURNER**

Award-winning singer and songwriter; "Sweet Alice" Harris, community activist and founder of (See Essence Awards, Pg 25)

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COMPANY) might be doing the TIME FOR A RUMORED CRIME. It is word that eleven CREW MEMBERS peeled the wrapping off of ONE use-to-be BUSTED IT EMPLOYEE! One FOXY network seems to be still HIGH in the CITY about MR. KNOCK, KNOCK, THEM OUT!

One of the members from that STRIKE A POSE DIVA SINGING GROUP (ENVOGUE) is screaming, in a settle way, "LETS PLAY BALL!" Diamonds are said to be SEN-DY (CINDY) their way on FUNKY DIVA MEMBER'S HAND by a baseball MAN in JAPAN!

That PHAT fashion diva man, (RUSSEL SIMMONS), that also makes us laugh, is off on a wrong fashion track. While having that GRAND OPENING celebrating his PHAT FASHIONS, that PHAT TRUCK seemed to talk, "I'VE BEEN ROBBED, AND THE PHAT HAS BEEN TAKEN!! Also, a V.I.P. party was OFF, OFF, AWAY, when SUPPER CLUB management didn't KNOW-FO-SHO, and sent everyone HOME!

"AIN'T NOTHING BUT A \*J\* THANG BABY! HOUSE ARREST CAN DRIVE YOU CRAZY!!" Yes, MR. G. THANG,

(DR. DRE) has been reported as not being able to join that NAUGHTY CONCERT CREW because he is doing that TIME FOR AN OUT CRIME. Never fear, according to MR THANG it's better than the BAR SWANG! Well, next time HOPEFULLY you will be at the RIGHT FAMILY AFFAIR PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME!! It is word that this DOCTOR body-slammed seven BLUE BADGES while in that Creole CITY, which he states is ALL THE WAY WACKED, but you can RING HIS BELL because he can't walk 100 feet away from his phone.

WELL, HOW DO YOU FEEL? I FEEL GOOD! I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE ALL TO ATTEND OUR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY BOARD'S "BIG BUSINESS FOR SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOP Saturday, April 24, 1993 at Mable Hoggard Elementary School from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS THIS IS THE WORKSHOP FOR YOU!!! CALL ME AT 647-7735 to RSVP your attendance for this FREE WORKSHOP. REMEMBER, LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU!!!

# HOW TO APPLY FOR A SMALL BUSINESS LOAN AND ACTUALLY GET ONE.

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*One key: provide a thorough description of your business, including your customers, your competition, and the background of all the principals in the company. The more successful experience you can show in your industry, the better.*

*Develop a business plan for the next two to*

*three years, with an estimate of your company's income, expenses and profit levels. The object, of course, is to prove your ability to repay the loan. To make your case stronger, work out a repayment schedule. It may not be accepted as is, but it shows you've thought the whole process through.*

*There's more, of course, but we'll be happy to provide guidance. In fact, we're very interested in making loans to smaller companies. So come talk to us, even before you start doing your homework.*

We're all in this together.

