



HOT!HOT!HOT! Yes, that is the **WORD**, here in the entertainment capitol of Las Vegas Nevada. You know it is not **ENTERTAINING** when your air conditioner does not work. I know you have the faith, and hopefully a **GOOD** mechanic. **"INA WORD OR TWO, I LOVE YOU!** Yes, my readers, I truly appreciate your support and following, and everything lately has been coming up **ROSES!!** Someone, who's **UP** became a **DOWN**, is our **PURPLE BADNESS, PRINCE**. Well, you know he changed his name that has no pronunciation. It is just a sign symbolizing the male and the female. Don't ask me; I have no idea **WHY PRINCE** decided to change his name to this symbol. Nevertheless, I can tell you the recent scoop on **WHY** it is rumored that he was denied a star on the **HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME**. The scoop is that the **HOLLYWOOD ORGANIZATION** stated that they denied the **PRINCE NAME**, or should I say symbol, because they're a "Conservative Organization!" **PLEASE!** They better

feel privileged that **PRINCE** will allow them to place his name on one of their **LA-LA STARS!** **ANYHOWS,** the **WORD** that is circulating the entertainment industry is that this **LA-LA HOLLYWOOD ORGANIZATION** decided against **PRINCE'S STAR** because of his recent name change. **UP-SIDE-DOWN BOY YOU TAKE ME!** Also, on that same **UP & DOWN TIP** one of my fellow gossip columnist is reported as facing a law suite because she reported that **WHITNEY HOUSTON** all most over-dosed on diet pills. **SAY WHAT!** I didn't say **ANYTHING!** You can blame it on **FLO,** for not knowing **WHATZZ-UP!**

Speaking of **WHATZZ-UP,** will somebody please tell me **WHATZZ-UP** with our West Las Vegas Computer Center located in the Nucleus Plaza. The school is servicing our residents with computer skills, typing, and life skills. I heard that the school's funds are dwindling, so "who you gonna **CALL?**" We cannot let this school go under and be absent from our community.



OPRAH WINFREY

WHATEVER IT IS! WHATEVER IT TAKES! WE MUST KEEP THE EDUCATIONAL NETWORK OPERATING IN OUR COMMUNITY! Someone else who is **CALLING IT** like it is, is that **HEFTY TALK SHOW DIVA'S MOTHER.** Yes, **OPRAH'S** mother is claiming the **OPRAH** is trying to keep her out of her wedding plans. It is said that **OPRAH** has hard feelings against her mother for abandoning her as a child. It is also **WORD UP** that when **OPRAH'S** mother recently got sick and went to the hospital, **OPRAH** didn't even bother paying her a visit. One thing **OPRAH** is **PAYING** is a weekly allowance of \$10,000 and a new condo for her mother. If I was **OPRAH'S** mother I would kiss **OPRAH** and say, "**YOU KNOW MAMA LOVES YOU! YOU HAVE A GOOD WEDDING AND CALL ME WHEN IT'S OVER!**" It's about that time to give you my final line, **UNTIL WE GET BACK IN THE BLACK, REMEMBER TO LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU!!**

BRENDA RUSSELL

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full reign. "Writing love songs seems to be my strong point and, yes, the songs on **SOUL TALKIN'** are personal," Brenda smiles. "They're all reflections of experiences I've had or want to have. I make no apologies for being an incurable romantic...and since I happen to believe that in the 90's romance is dying, I have to keep writing songs about love as my way of keeping romance alive!"

For those in love or those who still yearn for the experience, **BRENDA RUSSELL** offers a whole range of satisfying music, from the perkiness of tunes like "Got To Love" and the title track, to memorable songs like "Matters Of The Heart" and the poignant, poetic "Who Are You" (penned by Bill Cantos), the only non-original Russell composition on the album.

"My approach to making those records was to pick the best songs, whether they were old or new," she says. "I wrote "No Time For Time" about ten years ago and Herb Albert recorded it for one of his albums in 1986. "In Over My Heart" was finished last year. "Soul Talkin'" was recorded by Chaka Khan a few years ago, while "The Universe Is Calling" (written with Brazilian music star Ivan Lins) is new. I feel that if a song works, it doesn't matter if you wrote it yesterday or five years ago."

Her hands-on work **SOUL TALKIN'** comes as a natural progression for **BRENDA RUSSELL,** whose early exposure to music came via her father, a professional singer and drummer, and her mother, a singer-songwriter in her own right. After her family moved to Canada when she



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was in her early teens, Brenda began honing her own musical skills, singing with local groups and joining the cast of the musical, Hair. It was during this time that she met and eventually married Brian Russell. The duo moved to Los Angeles in the mid-70's, and Brenda began doing session work with the likes of Barbara Streisand, Bette Midler, Cher, and Elton John.

After the split personally and professionally, (See Brenda Russell, Page 14)

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