

# EBONY ETCHINGS

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**Johnnie Taylor**, the former gospel quartet singer scored big as a Stax artist with "Who's making love," "Testify," "Jody's Got Your Girl and Gone," "Cheaper To Keep Her" and his classic "Disco Lady" release on Columbia Records.

**Doris Troy**, who broke into the business as a session singer is best remembered for "Just One Look," which was followed by "Whatcha' Gonna' Do About It." She lived in England for a number of years, returned to the states, scripted and starred in the "hit" play "Momma I Want To Sing" which toured for several years.

**Johnnie 'Guitar' Watson**, one of the music industries greatest R&B guitarist, song writer/producer and performer. His outstanding and treasured hits include "Bandit of Love," "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy,"

"Superman Lover" and "A Real Mother For Ya." Collectors treasure his "Johnny 'Guitar' Watson plays Fats Waller" album produced by the late legendary Larry Williams for his Angeltown Sound label for Epic Records.

**Bobby Womack**, the left handed guitar player/recording artist who started his musical career as a member of his families gospel singing group before becoming a backup musician for the late Sam Cooke. His "hit" recording includes "Fly Me To The Moon," "Lookin' For A Love," "More Than I Can Stand" and "That's The Way I Feel About Cha'." Womack has also been closely associated with Mick Jagger and The Rolling Stones.

**The Cadillacs**, the group had their biggest hits with "Speedo," "Peek-a-Boo," "Charlie Brown," "Love Potion Ninety-Nine" and "What You Bet." Their choreography was a forerunner

to that of the Temptations.

**The Chantels**, this fabulous female group gave the world a number of chartbusters during their reign. Among the many hits the group recorded, "Maybe," "Every Night (I Pray)," "I Love You So," "Look Into My Eyes," "Well I Told You" and "Summer's Love" are the ones best remembered.

**The Flamingos**, their musical signature song "I Only Have Eyes For You" still remains a classic. The group also recorded several other chart riding releases including, "I'll Be Home" and "Lover Never Say Good-bye."

**Isley Brothers**, another group that started as a family group singing gospel before they recorded "Twist And Shout" to launch the groups musical career. Their legion of hits includes "Love The One You're With," "It's Your Thang," "Fight

The Power," "Between The Sheets" and dozens of others.

**Dave Bartholomew**, the trumpeter-bandleader-songwriter-producer-arranger and A&R man, is one of the primary architects of the New Orleans R&B sound, having produced and oftentimes co-written Fats Domino's 58 hit singles.

**Jay McShann**, another historic Kansas City pianist-vocalist-bandleader from the '60s and early '70s. His hits of "The Jumpin' Blues," "Hootie Blues" and "Confessin' The Blues" contributed to his successful musical career.

**Bo Diddley**, the guitar making spectacle wearing musician-songwriter-bandleader-recording artist is the recipient of the 1996 Lifetime

## MATH

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Achievement Award. His legendary musical career has survived the highs and lows of an ever changing industry. He is just as popular today as he was close to four decades ago when he first came on the musical scene touring the country in a special built' hearse. His legion of hits includes, "I'm A Man," "Say Man," "Who Do You Love," and "Diddley Daddy."

The events committee for this year's event is comprised of Ray Benson, Ed Bradley, Jerry Butler, Suzan Jenkins, Frances Preston, Bonnie Raitt, Ernie Singleton and July Tint. Sponsors are Almo-Irving-Rounder Records, Atlantic Records, Warner Music Group,

Sony Music Entertainment, BMI, EMI, USAir, Tommy Boy Records, Universal City Hilton and Towers.

A Private VIP Reception gets the evening underway at 5:30 pm, and the Awards Ceremony at the Hollywood Palladium is scheduled for an 8:00 pm start time. Following the awards presentation there will be a musical celebration featuring the legendary Pioneer Award honorees, special guest stars and an all-star band led by Narada Michael Walden with Steve Cropper, Maceo Parker, Fred Wesley, James Gadson and Ry Cooder... and that's Hollywood this time! Until next time, Lanier.

## HEART ASSOCIATION

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donation for the American Heart Association to support local public and professional education programs, medical research and community service programs.

"The money raised in our community will, among other things, fund research that may lead to medical discoveries that will allow millions of Americans to live longer, more productive lives without the threat of heart disease and stroke — this country's leading cause of death," said Joseph A. Kaufman, MD, President of the AHA, Nevada affiliate.

"To date, the AHA, nationwide, has contributed more than 1.3 billion dollars to the funding of research projects. Here in Nevada, we are very proud to have contributed more than \$190,820 to research," said Dr. Kaufman.

The AHA is the nation's largest voluntary health organization, with more than 3.7 million volunteers joining the fight against cardiovascular disease and stroke.

# SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS DECISION TO CUT NUMBER OF BLACK DISTRICTS

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court has allowed an appeals court decision to stand a new redistricting map which slashes the number of predominantly-black congressional districts in Georgia to one from three.

For the last three years, Georgia officials have grappled with how to re-draw the legislative districts in the state, which boasts a 27 percent black population, amid intense scrutiny by the U.S. Justice Department. The American Civil Liberties Union has filed an appeal on behalf of black and white voters in the district who supported the map with three black districts, but it is not clear whether the high court will hear it.

Should they decide not to hear the appeal, "it

would take us back to the days before the Voting Rights Act of 1965, when legislative bodies were composed of whites and blacks were second class voters if that," said Laughlin McDonald, the lawyer who filed the appeal. Since the Voting Rights Act, the Justice Department has approved every new election law in the United States. Justice Department officials had sent two Georgia 1992 proposals back to the legislature saying that the state needed at least three predominantly black congressional districts.

Last year, the Supreme Court ruled that race cannot be the predominant factor in the determination of districts in a landmark case, which struck down the 11th Congressional District.

# Fraternity Hosts Evening with a Tuskegee Airman

By Nichole Davis  
Sentinel-Voice

In honor of Black History Month, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will host "An Evening With a Tuskegee Airman" Sunday, Feb. 18 at Cimmaron-Memorial High School. The 3.p.m. event will be held in the auditorium.

Tuskegee Airman Richard Macon will be the keynote speaker of the event. Codame, an African dance ensemble, and singer Mary House are also scheduled to perform. Trinity Black Art Gallery will host an art show prior to the event. Doors open at 2:30.

Macon, 74, graduated from Miles College in Birmingham, Ala. with a Bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1942. He joined the Army Air Corps where he graduated a second lieutenant from the flying school in Tuskegee, Ala.

He served as a replacement pilot for the legendary 99th Fighter Squadron in Italy. During a mission in the south of France,

he was shot down and held captive by the Germans for nine months.

During his speech, Macon is expected to describe his experiences before, during and after his military career, said organizer Michael Banks, a local dentist and fraternity member.

"He's going back from day one. He's going back to his trials and tribulations before he became a Tuskegee Airman, what it took to become a Tuskegee Airman, and Jim Crow in Uncle Sam's Army," Banks said.

Macon will also address segregation issues, treatment of blacks at military bases, how the level of respect for the airmen changed after the first kills, his experiences in POW camps and what happened upon his return to America, he said.

Organizers hope that audience will walk away with an new appreciation of history after this event.

There aren't that many of

them left, said Banks. "In a few years, this chapter of history will be closed."

Tickets cost \$6 in advance and are \$8 at the door. They can be purchased from any member of the group. Hair Unlimited, 1000 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., and The Furnace Beauty Salon, 5030 Spring Mountain Rd, will also sell tickets.

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