

Game

(Continued from Page 10) best friend, Tony, for love advice. Tony is played by the scene-stealing Anthony Anderson, a fat man's fat man, in his most expansive role to date. All of Anderson's lines, though mostly offensive, woman-hating insults, are delivered with such an infectious, gap-toothed grin that even feminists like Gloria Steinem would giggle.

The storyline is set after the smug Shanté' is shocked to Earth when she catches Keith at a nightclub, dancing in the arms of one of his sexy law partners. Rather than simply kick the cheater to the

curb, the cagey Shanté' springs into action. Without confronting Keith directly, the schemer announces to us, at least, her 'Ten Day Plan' to bring him to his knees.

Relying on the relationship rule that, "The first time your man messes up, no matter how minor the infraction, punish him. Punish him hard," she proceeds to implement her debatable philosophy.

Egged-on by her Greek chorus of vindictive-minded girlfriends, Diedre' (Mo'Nique), Karen (Wendy Robinson) and Tracye (Tamala Jones), Shanté' proceeds to extract her pound of

flesh for the apparent indiscretion. Keith, in turn, counters with his own antics on the dubious advice of the troublemaking Tony. As our protagonists play their emotional cat-and-mouse game, coupling and uncoupling more out of spite than affection, we get the message that maybe every player gets played.

Two Can Play That Game, originally entitled How to Make Your Man Behave in 10 Days... or Less, was written and directed by British-born Mark Brown. The anti-romance oriented Brown also wrote How to Be a Player. Another Brown, Bobby

(Real-life hubby of Whitney Houston) is effective, here, in a quickie cameo as an unrecognizable loser until a makeover into an acceptable suitor.

A bouncy score of popular hits keeps you bouncing in your seat between all the insults.

Though some rather nasty barbs fly back and forth between the boys and girls, lotsa laughs lay in store for those able to check any attitudes about the opposite sex at the door.

Very good (3 stars). Rated R for profanity and crude sexual dialogue but no nudity or actual sex.

Jackson

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his upcoming album, "Invincible."

For his old hits, he trotted out familiar dance steps, some of which were over two-decades old, performing songs like "Beat It" and "The Way You Make Me Feel," almost identically to the way he had on video years ago.

At times, it seemed as if even Jackson was tired of them, performing them without the full-effort given in the past. Still, as dated as those moves may have seemed, they were still enough to generate chills of excitement. A special highlight was "Billie Jean" - for which Jackson dusted off his white trademark glove - which showcased Jackson's freestyling, pulsating footwork.

At 43 years of age and with more than three decades in the spotlight, Jackson's act may have gotten a bit familiar, but never stale, with enough dazzle to get the most jaded Jackson critics out of their seats. After Jackson's Friday performance, another comeback doesn't seem out of reach.

Trust

(Continued from Page 13) this one slight of hand by the District will result in an unencumbered windfall of hundreds of millions of dollars to spend without voter approval.

The foregoing multi-millions pale in comparison to the amount of money that will be generated from an increase in the assessed evaluation of property in Clark County.

This increase will produce \$1,163,000,000 for the District to use in any manner of its choosing, again without voter approval. However, it

is a safe bet that it will not be returned to property owners in the form of reduced taxes.

The district is so awash in capital monies that it is replacing short-term depreciable items like furniture in schools where no construction activities are taking place and using long-term debt instruments to cover the cost.

Millions of dollars of capital money have been used to purchase passenger cars for use by persons not remotely associated with capital construction. To demonstrate the sorry state of affairs at the

District, it has placed a former elementary school teacher from North Carolina in charge of this multi-billion dollar effort.

Further, not one senior decision-maker in the department charged with carrying out the construction effort is a licensed professional in architectural or engineering.

Thus, is it any wonder why a number of firms choose not to do business with the District? Unfortunately, this has created the condition where a select few firms are getting all of the business. Four A/E

firms have been awarded all the design work for the nearly 100 new schools to be built with 1998 bond funds. Two are designing all the new elementary schools, one firm is designing all the new middle schools, and the fourth firm is designing all the new high schools that will be built over the next nine years.

Similarly, only a limited number of construction firms are now bidding school work, given its "bad reputation" for inconsistent inspections by poorly trained inspectors, slow payment, and authoriz-

ing verbal changes in scope of work, then refusing to honor its word to agreed to cost increases. This business as unusual reputation has already cost the taxpayers millions of dollars, based on the District having to settle a multi-million lawsuit brought by a former project manager for the District, Parsons, Fleming, Taylor.

Hey, I did my part by filing a complaint, with the state's attorney general office, of malfeasance against five trustees, Shirley Barber and Larry Mason were not

listed in the complaint in that they have on a number of occasions voted not to support wasteful spending. Now, you can do your part by showing up at school board meetings and demanding that the trustees be held accountable for betraying the trust of the public. This certainly should be the case for taxpayers who are going to shoulder an unauthorized additional 1.163 billion dollars in tax debt and/or parents whose children are not receiving an equitable education opportunity as required by state law.



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