



TABASCO ***

When I went to Acapulco and Mexico City three years ago, I was most impressed with their natural beauty, the very dark complexion of the native citizens for the most part and the versatility of the entertainers I saw. I found that most singers could play one or more instruments during their performances.

The same holds true for a group called "Tabasco" which is currently setting the stage on fire at the Ramada Inn, in downtown Portland - for one week only. The seven member group are all related and from Mexico City, with the exception of one of the female vocalists who is just like one of the family but from Los Angeles. Three of the four men are brothers. The other one is a first cousin, and two of the three vocalists are sisters.

Their first set was lively and very creative for the most part. However, "People", "Ebastu" (It Is You) were two ballads that were done tastefully along with: "Shame On You", "I Do So", "Gee Gelee", with a strong breezy Brazilian flavor that was definitely a crowd pleaser. Keep in mind that this is no ordinary group. As they are singing, they are also playing from eight to ten instruments besides the normal piano, drums and guitars. One of the instruments that the audience, along with myself, enjoyed most was the "Real Bow" which, as they pointed out during their performance, was originally an African instrument.

The "Real Bow" is made similar to a bow, with one end of the piano wire unattached, and with a hollow bowl attached to the lower end. It doesn't really sound like a bass, but that's the only association I can give. They did an African selection using the "Real Bow" called "The Promise of the Fisherman."

Although "Tabasco" has been together only one year, their credits include New York's Playboy Club, Reno, Disneyland and Disney World. Tabasco sauce is used to spice food. The singing group "Tabasco" will spice your soul!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ENTERTAINMENT

February 9-14: The Ramada Inn presents "Tabasco". Three shows nightly.
February 13: The Paramount Cabaret presents Frank Gorshin with special guest Brook Benton.
February 15: KQIV-FM 107 presents War with special guest Pleasure.
February 20: Paramount presents Janis Ian.
February 29: Paramount presents Grover Washington, Jr.
March 26: Paramount presents Eddie Harris.

War meets Pleasure

"Why can't we be friends?" asks War. You'll have that opportunity when War appears at the Paramount on Sunday, February 15th at 8:00 p.m. War, a seven-man soul band deluxe, along with Portland's very own Pleasure, are presented by KQIV and Double Tee Productions, with tickets priced at \$6 advance, \$7 day of the show.

War, has been topping the charts consistently since 1971, had a humble beginning in a garage in San Pedro, California, in 1959. Drummer, Harold Brown, originally a violinist, decided to get a group together. Along with present members Howard Scott and Charles Miller, they played clubs through the Los Angeles area, soon to become one of the hottest bands around.

In 1969, through manager Jerry Goldstein, they met up with the recently soloed Eric Burdon and the music clicked. Two albums and Burdon resulted, along with their first hit, "Spill The Wine." After two tours with Burdon in America and Europe, where they were called "the best live band we've ever seen," by Melody Maker, War released their first solo album, called "War," and things haven't been the same since. "Slippin' Into Darkness," from "All Day Music," broke big and established them as a top soul-pop band. War followed this up with "The World is a Ghetto," containing that amazing song, "The Cisco Kid." "Deliver the Word" and "War Live," their next two albums, shipped gold and quickly went platinum.

"Why Can't We Be Friends," their seventh and latest album, is also their biggest with the title cut riding at Number One for many weeks. And their current single, "Low Rider," is following in it's footsteps. War's members include Lee Oskar, harmonica; Lonnie Jordan, keyboards; Charles Miller, horns; B.B. Dickerson, bass; Papa Dee Allen, congas and bongos; Howard Scott, guitar; Harold Brown, drums; and everyone doing vocals and percussion.

Pleasure, Portland's premier funk band, will also be appearing with War. Discovered by Wayne Henderson of the Crusaders, Pleasure has recorded an album for Fantasy Records, "Dust Yourself Off." They have backed such bands, as Earth, Wind and Fire, Kool and The Gang, and Roberta Flack, and will be hotter than ever on Sunday night.

Tickets are available at the Paramount Box Office, Meier and Frank (Statewide), Stevens and Son, Longhair Music, Everybody's Records, For What It's Worth Records, America in Vancouver.



Dr. Thomas Tipton, President of the National Association of Market Developers (NAMD).

Tipton speaks

On February 26th, 1976 local Black business men and women will host Dr. Thomas Tipton, President of the National Association of Market Developers (NAMD). The dinner meeting will be held at the Portland Hilton Hotel at 6:30 p.m. The focus of the dinner meeting will be to develop a Portland Chapter of the 23 year old national organization.

The local attempt is being co-sponsored by Weldon West LTD. A Portland advertising and public relations agency. The minority owned agency is headed by R. Weldon Woodruff. Mr. Woodruff a two and one half year resident of the Northwest comments, "Many Black men and women that I have met and worked with since coming to Portland, have indicated their feeling of being isolated from one another." Traditional organizations such as the NAACP, Urban League, and others do well in the struggle for social equality and Civil Rights, but cannot by their nature address fully the problems of the young professional in today's market place.

Many national and local corporations here in Portland have Black men and women in key organization roles. Their growing influence is very much a part of the future of our community. We need to know who we are, where we are, and how we can be of service to each other. This important dinner meeting is a must for all of Portland's Black business and professional men and women.

Dr. Thomas Tipton is also the President of Vanguard Advertising Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Los Angeles, California. Tickets for the dinner meeting are available upon request only from Weldon West LTD at \$10 per person. For more information please contact R. Weldon Woodruff, Weldon West Ltd. at 288-8367.

United Way committees study funding needs

Armed with umbrellas, note pads and questions, 96 men and women began touring United Way agencies last week in anticipation of recommending how United Way contributions should be spent.

Volunteers divided among eight budget panels will each see approximately six agencies.

The visits give panel members a look at what agencies are doing with their United Way allocations. The visits also help each panel member understand agency functions, programs, and problems.

After the tours, panels meet in March and April to determine recommended funding levels for each agency. Results help form the 1976 Campaign goal.

Each panel usually visits two agencies a day, spread out over the first few months of the year. All visits will end the last part of February.

Citizen participation helps keep United Way's overhead at a low 7.8 percent.



Alfred Henderson, United Way budget panel member and Editor/Publisher of the Portland Observer, gets the first look at daily activities at St. John's Day Care Center. The United Way agency was visited recently by the volunteer panel to help determine the agency's United Way funding.

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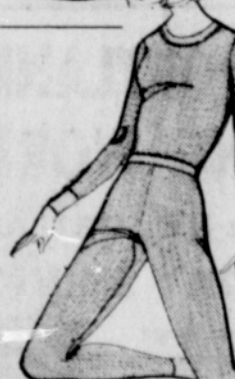
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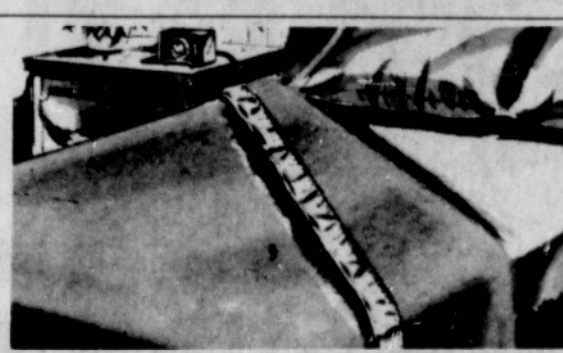
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