



ENTERTAINMENT



Michele Bee (center), this year's UCLA Extension Lionel Richie Songwriting Scholarship winner, is congratulated by Marla Winston (left), Richie's Director of Communications, and Dan Kirkpatrick, Managing Director, National Academy of Songwriters (NAS). The scholarship covers tuition for all courses in UCLA Extension's 24-unit Certificate Program in Songwriting, presented in association with the NAS. They are standing before a life-size poster of Lionel Richie in concert.

BEHIND- THE-SCENES

by Lisa Collins

Actor Hal Williams launches campaign to keep "227" on the air: In the wake of a recent move by NBC executives to place "227" on hiatus, Hal Williams has requested the aid of community organizations as well as the viewing audience, in keeping "227" on the air. The show was replaced by "Alf" in the Saturday night lineup. Official word from the network is that this is a temporary move to try out some new programming. However, Williams is appealing to viewers that they contact NBC entertainment president, Brandon Tartikoff (c/o NBC-TV Programming, 3000 West Alameda Avenue, Burbank, CA 91523), and insist that "227" be kept on the air. According to Williams, unless viewers act quickly, the show could be "another victim, like 'Frank's Place.'" Meanwhile, cast members and other Hollywood notables were recently on hand for the Sixth Annual Choice Awards Banquet. Choice was founded by actress Marla Gibbs, for the purpose of assisting organizations dedicated to bettering the plight of inner city blacks via community programs. The afternoon, which was billed as a tribute to Josephine Baker, featured a celebrity fashion show. Among those who graced the runway were "227" castmates Paul Winfield, Toukie Smith and Helen Martin; Marilyn McCoo & Billy Davis, Thelma Hopkins, Lynn Whitfield, Berlinda Tolbert and Sheila Frazier. Newlyweds Alaina Reed and Kevin Peter Hall delighted the audience with a duet... Speaking of Josephine Baker, actress-singer Irene Cara may have had the inside track on the lead role in HBO's upcoming biopic, but it was Lynn Whitfield who got the part. And what a risqué role for Whitfield (most recently cast as a female detective for "Matlock," as an HBO spokesman has said that they will recreate the nudity in Baker's stage act.

Leon--This Generation's Black Film Idol? "People in the industry and people on the street have become alot more aware of Leon and they're pleased with what I'm doing," said 6'3" Leon, whose string of acting credits as well as successes, including "Brewster's Place," a controversial appearance as the priest in Madonna's "Like A Prayer" video and an upcoming TV movie titled "Flying Blind," are causing many to take a second look. Most recently, he's started work in Robert Townsend's latest movie, "The Five Heartbeats" (which will also feature Diahann Carroll and hooper Harold Nicolas). Said Leon, "I'm lucky because I think I'm getting a chance to use the full range of my abilities and people are beginning to recognize and enjoy my work." The film, based on the ups-and-downs of a singing group very much like the Temptations, will showcase yet another talent--his singing. "I don't know how much singing I'll do in the movie, but in preparation for the movie, we hold talent shows every week. It's fun. I see women in there screaming and it's great." In fact, what excites Leon most is that with this role he gets to play "a real lady killer."

On The Home Front: Actress Holly Robinson and fiance Brian Robbins, who co-stars on "Head Of The Class" apparently can't wait to play house, as they just began moving furniture into a new Hollywood Hills house. The couple, slated to wed this June, recently purchased the home for \$1.2 million... Bill Cosby and Phyllicia Rashad (also known as "TV's Huxtables") recently took their show on the road to Vegas. It was the debut of 41-year old Rashad's song and dance act, while Vegas veteran Bill Cosby remains a top draw on the casino circuit, earning more than \$300,000 per week.



In Memory Of . . . Rosalind Johnson

Long time songstress and popular entertainer Rosalind Johnson tragically passed away Saturday, March 17, at age 31.

Well known in local night spots around town she had been singing for 18 years. She had worked with a number of groups in that time, most recently 'Cliche' as featured vocalists.

In memoriam to Rosalind, Niecey's Restaurant & Lounge has sponsored a fundraising series of jam sessions. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Organized by M.C. Hank the Man and Randy Starr, the proceeds of \$366.00 were applied toward a funeral wreath and tombstone.

Sunday, March 25, another fundraiser will be held in an effort to establish a trust fund for her 140-year old son, Dale Ray.

After a private ceremony, interment of her body was at Rose City Cemetery. She will be sadly missed!

The 'Forgotten Women', in Over Twenty Cities, Now Arrives in Portland to Allow Larger Sized Women the Fashion They Deserve

The Forgotten Women is a specialty store that has been champion of fashion for large women since 1977 with the first store opening in New York. Subsequently, Nancye Radmin, founder and President, has opened more than twenty stores across the United States.

No person has made a greater difference in adding "style to size" than Nancye. Her loyal customers are all ages and income levels having ample proportions and a fabulous sense of finesse and fashion. Nancye knows that fashion is not a dimension; it's a sense of flair with a personal approach to style. She has been the forerunner in teaching the fashion industry that the myths of ample ladies (ie: they do not buy clothes; they are poor; they have no taste, but in their mouths;) were perceptions purely because they have been forced into wearing mediocre clothes in view of what was available.

In addition to creating a market for larger sizes Nancye has also created a pleasant atmosphere for selecting your wardrobe. All of the stores are as inviting as your own living room. Traditional large size departments have been in the least desirable part of the store. Nancye recalls one time shopping at Galleries Lafayette in Paris, "My French was not good enough to explain that I wanted to see larger sizes. So, in desperation, I asked for the "toilette" and sure enough, the larger sizes were right



includes the accessories, and purchase the total look. "If a customer comes in and wants a black skirt as an example, we do not expect her to spend all afternoon looking through our selection of 22 different black skirts. We'll show her the best skirt and then she can wear a black and checked jacket with it, a red and blue shirt. We explain how she can make the most out of one skirt. Once a customer has been to the store, we remember what she likes and dislikes. To us, every customer is important and they are no longer the forgotten women." The Forgotten Women's signatures are extraordinary personal service and designer fashions that can be found nowhere else, at prices ranging from under \$100 to \$5,000+.

The Forgotten Women plans major growth in the '90s, as the high fashion market for sizes 14-24 is still underserved. In March 1990, a four-year expansion program began which will quadruple the unique high-fashion stores causing an increase from 20 to about 80. Appropriately housed in the new Saks Fifth Avenue Mall, Portland is fortunate to be one of the first in this expansion, with the opening March 29, 1990.

Nancye Radmin, who called herself "the forgotten woman," after she first tried to buy size sixteen designer fashions nearly 14 years ago, has become the unforgettable Forgotten Woman to the millions of women she has helped have the style and image she deserve to have... in any size.

there!" Her interiors are Nancye's favorite and almost universally flattering peach. Comfortable seating with tea or coffee and cookies at the Sugar Daddy Bar makes every customer a friend.

The Forgotten Women's sales associates give competent, courteous personal service with ease in shopping in an intimate layout, amid the ever-changing selection. The clothes are displayed so that one can walk in, see a complete outfit on a hanger

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