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GENTERTAINMENT

fter 7 are brothers Kevin and Melvin Edmonds, along with Keith Mitchell who have became best known for their com-

bination of elegant vocal styling with a 90's high tech edge. On stage their moves remind audiences of the male vocal groups of the 60s, but their music sets the stage and creates a contemporary presence that gives the best of both worlds.

Their self titled platinum plus Virgin Records album debuted the summer of 1989 and generated four top ten singles that led to a host of awards and major tours. "Ready Or Not" - (Gold),"Can't Stop" (Gold), "In The Heat Of The Moment", "Nights Like This" (from the soundtrack of the movie "The Five Heartbeats").

After three years, After 7 is back with their second release "Takin'My Time." This melodic theme creates a transitional platform the full spectrum of up tempo grooves young and old." to melodic ballads, illustrating After 7's ability to soothe and relax the soul.

"Kickin' It", written and co-pro- Antonio Reid duced by Dallas Austin and Randy

Ran appeal with a street-wise vibe ... a sum- Mitchell mer feel good song.

lease is a welcome surprise for After 7 Edmonds and Bo Watson



for an assortment of music that runs will "touch the hearts of lovers, both nio Reid.

people would expect from us...It's an

Known for their ballads, this re- by Dallas Austin and Randy Ran

"Can He Love U Like This", is Shalamar.

A tune that Kevin Edmonds feels written by Darryl Simmons & Anto-

"A 90's version of a real R&B "G.S.T.", written by Toby Rivers, song, like an Al Green or Bobby Darryl Simmons, Kevin Roberson, and Womack kinda thing. As the lead singer on the tune, I'd say it's a 'New "A little closer to the edge than Jack' love song," Melvin Edmonds.

How They Met: Indianapolis -This first single combines youth elegant way of being naughty." - Keith Both Kevin and Keith attended Indiana University (their majors were 'Takin' My Time", was written business, not music) and were members of the Indiana University Soul "For those fans who love the slow Review. Melvin joined the group affans. Selected Cuts: "Truly Something tunes ... and know how to make them ter touring with The Deele, and en-Special, " written by Kenneth work for them," sats Melvin Edmonds. joying studio work with the group

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Love On Trial In The Black Community





With It ": The True Life **Story Of Tina Turner**



Angela Bassett stars as legendary rock 'n' roll singer Tina Turner a powerful singer with an equally powerful drive to fulfill her dreams and dispite extraordinary hurdles, and the collision course that her life was on in a new drama with music. "What's Love Got To Do With It."

young women, Tina Turner falls Loder.

When Tina Turner first took for the charms of musician Ike the microphone at a small nightclub Turner. As Ike & Tina's professional in St. Louis, it was the beginning careers soar, their personal troubles of one of rock music's greatest careers threaten to destroy all that they super stardom, in Touchtone pictures To Do With It", is based on ALLY GOING TO MISS ME. drama with music, "What's Love screen play by Kate Lanier based upon Got To Do With It." An impressional "I Tina" by Tina Turner and Kurt OREGON FIELD GUIDE was also a

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OPB Wins Regional **Emmy Award**

Oregon Public Broadcasting won its first Northwest Regional Emmy award on Friday, June 4. The Emmy was awarded for OPB's local television documentary I'M REALLY GOING TO MISS ME. Veteran OPB producer Judy Peek received the award at the Friday ceremony in Seattle.

One in OPB's series of local documentaries, I'M REALLY GOING TO MISS ME tells the story of four Oregonians facing terminal illness. Told through interviews with these patients and their families, the program portrays the range of emotional and physical challenges they confront.

The program was first broadcast on OPB TV last season and has been rerun several times since then.

OPB, Oregon's statewide public broadcast network, has received a grant from the Million Dollar Roundtable to make MISS ME available nationwide for training people in the helping professions in the sensitive area of treating the terminally ill.

"The Emmy acknowledges not only the excellence of Judy's work, but the exceptional quality of the entire OPB production team," said Maynard Orme, OPB President and CEO.

"MISS ME is the type of journalism OPB excels at. We can't afford to produce daily television news, but we can offer viewers the kind of thoughtful exploration of issues and ideas they care about and can't find elsewhere."

Orme noted that the production is part of OPB's strategic goal to make its television production units selfsupporting. "We will succeed if the quality of our productions and the relevance of our subjects continue in and propelled the young singer to had worked for. "What's Love-Got the tradition established by I'M RE-

> OPB's weekly outdoor program, nominee for the Seattle awards.

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