

# Ebony Etchings

Warren Lanier From Hollywood

**NOTES OF THE WEEK..**  
 In a move that came as quite a surprise to the rank and file of the record industry (especially with his impressive track record) LARKIN ARNOLD departed from his post as Vice President and General Manager of the Soul and Jazz Division at Capitol Records to become Senior Vice President of Arista Records.  
 The announcement of LARKIN ARNOLD'S appointment as Senior Vice President of Arista Records was made by CLIVE DAVIS, President of the label. In making the announcement of Larkin's appointment, Davis stated, "LARKIN ARNOLD is a gem of an executive. He has a long record of dynamic and forward-looking leadership. His discoveries have gone on to become some of the top artists in the industry. He combines keen creativity with business acumen and statesmanlike vision. We're extremely proud that

Larkin will be associated with Arista."  
 This statement by CLIVE DAVIS, the President of Arista Records, and a legend in his own time in the record industry is quite a tribute to Larkin's business acumen and artist creativity, especially when one can relate to Larkin bringing to Capitol Records TA VERES\* NATALIE COLE\* TASTE OF HONEY\* THE SYLVERS\* PEABO BRYSON, and MAZE. Additionally, it says a lot for CLIVE DAVIS, who in my opinion is one of the fairest executives in the record business, with a history of never drawing the color line when it came to appointing an executive of color to aid the development, growth, and success of any company that he's headed up or held an executive position.  
**MAKE MINE MUSIC...**  
 The value of rare gems,

and stones steadily rises on the world trade markets, and likewise, in the world of contemporary pop and R&B musics, the family singing group, "The Sylvers", have been steadfastly increasing their value on music marketplaces to become a mainstay of good sound, as they've quietly appreciated and become of age.  
 Now on roster for the progressive Casablanca Records & Filmworks record label, by the time the group had signed with the company in '78, the six member family group was already considered one of the better singing groups around. A position in the industry which took the L.A. based family approximately seven years to achieve since their first national hits of "Fools Paradise", and "Misdemeanor" back in '71.  
 In '75, after almost a two year silence from the group, due to numerous

contractual difficulties with their erstwhile management and recording label; the group resurged stronger than ever, with across the board smashes as "Boogie Fever", "Hot Line", "Anyway You Want Me", and several others. Though several personnel changes have occurred within the group over the years, they are still comprised of family members only, whose regenerative pro-

wess maintains their level of musical excellence throughout each generation. Currently they consist of James (23), Edmund (21), Ricky (19), Angie (18), Pat (17), and of course Foster (16); a culmination of family cadence which has one to believe that they just may go on singing forever...which by the name of their new album, "FOR EVER YOURS", might not be too far from the truth.

**HOLLYWOOD HOTLINE**

Don't laugh, but if the movie industry should ever go completely sour for FRED WILLIAMSON, he wouldn't have a problem making the professional golf tour. The man shoots par rounds, and before he got started in the movie industry he had a number of offers to be sponsored as a professional golfer.

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