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Broadway Is My Beat

Aretha asks \$800,000 for Windy City home

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Singer **Aretha Franklin's** Bloomfield Hills, Mich., home is on the market for \$800,000, but it may be hard to unload. In that posh Detroit suburb, bars on all the windows are a no-no, don'tcha know? Her wealthy neighbors use nothing that "declassés" — only guard dogs and intricate security systems. Really, Aretha!...

Back on Top — Singer **Tina Turner**, back on the rock 'n' roll charts at age 44 with her hit "What's Love Got To Do With It," says that she's still singing because "I've had my kids and I'm still in great shape." The first three concerts of her North American tour, which began yesterday in Los Angeles, were sold out. The tawny-haired singer divorced her husband and mentor, **Ike**, eight years ago, bringing an end to one of the most electrifying musical acts in show business. In part, she said, the split came because she was unhappy doing "groovy" songs with a rhythm and blues tempo. "Everyone wanted me to do R&B... I can still rock, age has nothing to do with it. Forty-four is just a number... I've had my kids and I'm still in great shape. So why not do what I want to do?" ...

Looks like **Vic Damone** and **Diahann Carroll** are getting serious. A steady item for some time, the pair showed up arm in arm at a party in Frank

Sinatra's Palm Springs hacienda....

Count on **Eartha Kitt** to keep coming back with a surprise. Not only has she just completed her first album in 15 years, but Eartha wowed the crowds in Germany, where she's hailed because of her "earthy" style. The album, "I Love Men," includes her hit single, "Where is my Man," which had earned gold records in Sweden, France and Germany.

Just back from Germany, she'll spend August here before heading back to Deutschland for six weeks of concerts. Who wants to spend time in New York? "I do!" says Eartha, and for good reason. It'll give her a chance to catch up with the career of her daughter, **Kitt McDonald**, who has begun modeling and is studying acting. "No singing, not me. My mom is the singer, but I will try to follow in her footsteps as an actress. I'll be proud to follow in her footsteps anywhere. She is the greatest." Eartha, however, isn't playing stage mother. "She'll have to find her own way, and not just as Eartha Kitt's daughter," says Eartha. "I agree with her a thousand percent," adds Kitt, whose dad, **Bill McDonald**, is in real estate in Los Angeles.

"I'm 22 and I live by myself in Manhattan, but we spend as much time as we can together when possible at mom's home in New Milford, Conn," she says. Please see page B16



Prince

The 25-year old purple fanatic Prince takes center stage in this month's **Ebony**. The cover interview examines who Prince is and includes special interviews with his father John Nelson, his girlfriend Apollonia Koteri, and his "foster mother" Bernadette Anderson. The article also reveals the Prince — who is outrageous on stage — that nobody knows, the one who he describes as "quiet, gentlemanly and very religious."



Broadway comes to Winston

"Ain't Misbehavin," the sassy musical show featuring the music of "Fats" Waller, will be presented by a New York touring company at the Stevens Center on Sunday, Oct. 28 for

two performances at 3 and 7 p.m. Stars of the company, left to right, are Boncella Lewis, Evan Bell, Leslie Barlow, Marion J. Caffey and Annie Joe Edwards. For ticket information call 721-1945.

Ask Yolonda

Wife questions: 'How can I find out if my husband is gay?'

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DEAR YOLONDA: My husband and I have been married for three years and are the parents of two children.

I have a pretty unusual problem — I've been told by two different people that my husband is gay, but I don't know whether to believe them or

not. There's a man that my husband seems to be unusually close to, and it has crossed my mind that perhaps the two of them have something going on. At one time the man used to eat breakfast, lunch and dinner at our house, but I finally put a stop to it.

One of the two people who warned me about my husband said that she was told by a

friend. The second person — a male friend — said that he heard the news from a gay man with whom my husband has had an affair.

How does a woman deal with people telling her that her husband is gay? How can I find out if this is true? Although we have a normal sex life, part of me believes that he is gay, but I don't

Musical Notes

Stevie Wonder's new LP tops charts

Stevie Wonder's latest single, "I Just Called to Say I Love You," from the Motown album and Orion film, "The Woman in Red," has become the number one best selling single in America for pop, rhythm and blues and adult contemporary formats. This outstanding chart activity comes just eight weeks after the single was released and is revealed in the Oct. 13 editions of **Cash Box** and **Billboard** magazines, prestigious music industry trade publications.

In addition to being the number one single in America, "I Just Called to Say I Love You" has been the number one single in Europe for the past five weeks. Concurrently, the record is number one in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Japan, Norway and Sweden.

Aside from being the top pop, R&B and adult-contemporary single, "The Woman in Red" album holds strong chart positions in both publications. The album is number 12 and bulleted for upward movement on **Billboard's Pop Album Charts**, and is number seven on the publications in **R&B Album Charts** headed upward. In **Cash Box**, the album is number 11 and starred for upward movement on the **Pop Album Charts**, and also holds the number seven position for R&B albums.

All music for "The Woman in Red" is written and produced by Wonder. **Dionne Warwick** performs two of the songs with him.

Kool and the Gang not only sing about making this world a better place, they do something about it. The band — known for upbeat hits like



Wonder: At the top again.

"Celebration" and "Joanna" — are sponsors and musical ambassadors of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Organization. To thank Kool and the Gang for their support, the Big Brothers and Sisters Organization of Tucson, Ariz., recently presented Kool and his cohorts with an award.

know if I'm being fair to him. He seems to have a few gay traits, including some of his love-making ways, but otherwise we have a normal married life.

I love my husband, but I can't handle people telling me that I am married to a homosexual.

Tanya

DEAR TANYA: I assume that you've talked with your husband about this. He is the only one who can give you the last word on his sexuality.

Now, how do you deal with friends who want to pass on gossip about your husband?

Well, that's something you must stop. Next time someone comes up to you with revela-

tions of this sort, say: "It hurts me to hear this kind of gossip about my husband. I'm sure you know that. So why would you go out of your way to hurt me?" Let's see what your "friends" say to that one.

Got a problem or a gripe? Ask Yolonda Gayles, P.O. Box 19112, Chicago, IL 60619