## **Ruffin, Kendricks- Back Together Again**

Over the radio airwaves, came familiar sounds. And what I heard was pure "music to my ears". Somehow, David Ruffin and Eddie Kendricks, the backbone of the original Temptation sound had joined forces on a new single, "I Couldn't Believe".

Hopefully, this is a union whose ties will become permanent. Neither had been able to make a success as a solo performer. But together, it'll work.

On "I Couldn't Believe" Ruffin's tenor strains dominate the foreground, while Kendrick's sweet falsetto fills the background.

First, Earth, Wind & Fire reunites, now this! Who would believe that Christmas would come a whole month earlier!

### A VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS

Speaking of Christmas, A&M has released "A Very Special Christmas (The Special Olympics Christmas Album), a compilation of 15 holiday songs recorded by some of the top names in contemporary pop music, to benefit the Special Olympics.

Proceeds from this all-star package will go to the Special Olympics, the worldwide organization whose mission it is to pro-

vide year-round sports training



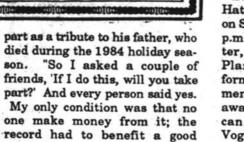
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and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type events for mentally retarded children and adults.

Artists contributing to "A Very Special Christmas" include Bryan Adams, Bon Jovi, Eurythmics, Whitney Houston, Madonna, John Mellencamp, Alison Moyet, Stevie Nicks, The Pointer Sisters, The Pretenders, Run-D.M.C., Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band, Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, Sting and U2.

From conception through execution, "A Very Special Christmas" has been some two and a half years in the making. Album executive producer Jimmy Ioving and his wife, Vicki, a lawyer,

television and radio personality and Special Olympics volunteer, began the project in early. 1985. He decide to make the album in



cause." OLYMPIC PLAYERS The Olympic Players will be

presenting two plays, "Double Bill" on Thursday and Friday, November 12-13 and "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" on Friday and Saturday, December 4 -5. The curtain rises at 7:30. Tickets are \$2.50. For more information call Randy Moss, 588-0254.

**FASHION SHOW** Lucille Vogue and Cindy C's Hats will present a fashion show on Saturday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Charlotte Athletic Center, 2 NCNB Plaza (Radisson Plaza). The attire is semiformal. There will be refreshments and door prizes will be awarded. Tickets are \$7.50 and can be purchased at Lucille Vogue, Classy Hair Care Products or at the door. All proceeds will benefit Little Rock AME Zion Church.



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# **NAACP Announces**

### **Image Nominations**

LOS ANGELES (AP) \_ The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has announced nominations for its 20th annual Image Awards, which honor movie, television : and musical performers and productions that present blacks in a positive way. The association made no nominations Thursday in the leading actress category this year because officials said they found no movie that cast a black actress in a positive star-

ring role. "It is certainly a disheartening and tragic situation," said Willis Edwards, president of the NAACP Beverly Hills-Hollywood branch, which presents the awards. There are more than 1,600 black female members of the Screen Actors Guild alone, he said.

It is the third time since the Image Awards were first presented that the category, won by actress Whoopi Goldberg last year for her portrayal of Celie in "The Color Purple," was canceled.

The Image Awards will be presented Dec. 13 at the Wiltern-Theater in a ceremony to be televised Jan. 9 by NBC.

Stephanie Mills, "If I Were Your Woman": Natalie Cole, "Everlasting."

Vocal group: Atlantic Starr, "All in the Name of Love"; Cameo, "Word Up"; Loose Ends, "Zagora"; Levert, "The Big Throwdown"; The Whispers, "It Gets Better with Time."

Jazz artist: Miles Davis, "Tu Tu"; Dexter Gordon, "The Other-Side of Round Midnight"; George Howard, "A Nice Place to Be"; Al Jarreau, "L Is for Lover"; Najee, "Najee's Theme."

Blues artist: Bobby Bland, "After All"; Robert Cray, "Strong Persuader"; Denice La-Salle, "It's Lying Time Again"; Little Milton, "Annie Mae's Cafe"; Johnny Taylor, "Lover Boy.

Gospel artist: Shirley Caesar, "Shirley Caesar Her Very Best"; Al Green, "Soul Survivor"; Tramaine Hawkins, "Freedom": Jackson Southernaires, "Hear Our Prayers O Lord"; BeBe & CeCe Wynans, "BeBe & CeCe Wynans."

Actor in a dramatic television series, miniseries or movie: Avery Brooks, "Uncle Tom's Cab-in"; Denzel Washington, "St. Elsewhere: You Bet Your Life"; Danny Glover, "John Henry"; Lou Gossett, "A Gathering of Old Men"; Dorian Harewood, Guilty of Innocence: The Lenell Geter Story." Actor in television comedy series or special: Sherman Hemsley, "Amen: The Deacon Delivers"; Clifton Davis, "Amen: Sermon from a Cell"; Hal Wil-liams, "227: A Matter of Choice"; Ernest Thomas, "What's Hap-pening Now: I'll be Homeless for Christmas"; Charles Robinson, "Night Court: Baby Talk." Actress in a dramatic television series, miniseries or movie: Alfre Woodard, "Unnatural Causes"; Debbie Allen, "Fame: Baby Remember My Name"; Debbi Morgan, "Guilty of Inno-cence: The Lenell Geter Story"; Paula Kelly, "Uncle Tom's Cab-in"; Beah Richards, "Hunter: Not Just Another John Doe." Actress in a television comedy series or special: Phylicia Rash-ad, "The Cosby Show: The March"; Marla Gibbs, "227: Mary Nightingale"; Jackee, "227: The Great Manhunt"; Rob-in Givens, "Head of the Class: The Way We Weren't"; Marsha Warfield, "Night Court: Baby Talk."

When women respond to his act by calling his name or screaming when he makes a certain sexual,

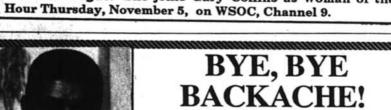
bodily gesture, "Dark-N-Lovely"informed that those are the kinds of things that makes him dance better. To me exotic dancing

is just a form of entertainment.

But it is that form at which

"Dark-N-Lovely" excels. In a re-cent Southeastern regional compe-tition among male strippers, "Dark-N-Lovely" placed first. The group, The Dream Team also

placed first.



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Here are the major nominations:

Motion picture: "Beverly Hills Cop II," "Hollywood Shuffle," "Lethal Weapon," "Round Midnight."

Actor in a motion picture: Rob-ert Guillaume, "Wanted Dead or Alive"; Danny Glover, "Lethal Weapon"; Eddie Murphy, "Beverly Hills Cop II"; Dexter Gordon, "Round Midnight"; Robert Townsend, "Hollywood Shuffle."

Supporting actor in a motion picture: William Allen Young,

"Wisdom"; Mario Van Peebles, "Heartbreak Ridge"; Michael Winslow, "Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol"; Bill Duke, "Predator"; Alex English, "Amazing Grace & Chuck."

Supporting actress in a motion picture: Helen Martin,

"Hollywood Shuffle"; Traci Wolfe, "Lethal Weapon"; Ni-chelle Nichols, "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home"; Kelly Minter, "Summer School"; Sandra Reaves-Phillips, "Round Midnight."

Female recording artist: Aretha Franklin, "Aretha"; Whit-ney Houston, "Whitney"; Phyl-lis Hyman, "Living All Alone";

**Male Dancers Excite** 

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ow he wants the conversation to develop. "Contrary to what a lot of

people think, I'm not just a sex ob-ect, after I dance, I'm Michael." Perhaps what excites so many women who catch "Dark -N -Lovely" act is the sensuality factor he injects in each performance. "I'm more of a sensuous type per-

son, When I perform I do the most I can, without becoming vul-

Gar. I try to give a person an idea of what I'm like, but I always leave room for the imagination."