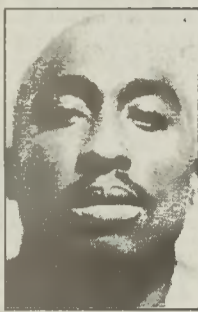


LISA COLLINS
*Behind
The
Scenes*



Like Mother, Like Son: No one understands the troubles of controversial rapper Tupac Shakur like his mom, whose had nearly as many run-ins with the law as he has. In fact there are those who would contend that the story of her life would make a great script. Actress Jasmine Guy is one of them. So much so that she's optioned the story of Afeni Shakur in the hopes of producing it for the silver screen. As one of the founding members of the Black Panther Party, Shakur was jailed as a political prisoner (for conspiracy) in the 60s. Serving in her own defense at a subsequent trial, she was able to win her freedom. Of course, the film will also key in on her trials and tribulations as the mother of one of the nation's most colorful rappers - from his much publicized legal battles to his near fatal shooting. Guy has reportedly approached Angela Bassett about taking the lead. No word yet on whether or not Bassett will oblige. Tupac Shakur will compose the music for the film...In other film news, Universal Pictures paid a hefty sum for rights to a comedy dubbed "There Goes The Hood," about a "white-trash" guy and his family who move into an upper-class black neighborhood.



SHAKUR

Singing the Blues: The legendary B.B. King has made a name off the blues. Now recent court battles have him battling those using his name in a lawsuit brought by King's lawyers against operators of B.B. King's Blues Club. The suit - filed in Memphis last month - charges the Beale Street Blues Co. with failure to meet their obligation in paying King \$110,000 in each of the five years since 1991 for using his name in a Memphis club and an additional \$105,000 per year since 1994 for the facility at Universal Studio's City Walk in Los Angeles. Meanwhile, Beale Street maintains (in New York) that King has not lived up to his side of the deal, which included making no less than four appearances a year at each club. It further alleges that King violated a clause in their agreement when he signed on to act as spokesman for a casino 25 miles from Memphis. The clause restricted him from any public associations with similar venues within a 120-mile radius. If worse comes to worse, King's name could be permanently removed from the marquee.



WILLIAMS

Ladies Night: Pop singer/actress Vanessa Williams will be honored with the Lena Horne Award for outstanding career achievement at Don Cornelius' Second Annual Soul Train Lady of Soul Awards which is being held on Sept. 9 at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. R&B teen sensation Brandy has been named to receive the Aretha Franklin Entertainer of the Year Award. Meanwhile, heading up the list of those racking up nominations was Faith Evans, who scored four nominations. TLC, Monica and the duo Groove Theory trailed closely with three each. Supermodel Veronica Webb,

Grant, a new hospital surgical resident...Dennis Rodman makes a guest appearance as an alien on the season opener of "3rd Rock From the Sun," September 22...And Whitney Houston receives the High Hopes Award from the Children's Diabetes Foundation at forthcoming star-studded Carousel of Hope Ball on Oct. 25 in Beverly Hills. Rod Stewart headlines the event, but Houston will also perform.

Queen Latifah, and Peabo Bryson are set to host the show which will be aired in syndication.

Switching Gears: Looks like Ice-T's preoccupation with acting has taken a toll on his record sales. His newest CD, "Return of the Real," has sold just 52,000 copies since it's release six weeks ago, and so he is now touring to promote the record. But the truth be told, he's most excited about the TV series he has in development called "Players," about former criminals turned crime fighters. (It's the "it takes a thief to catch a thief" premise.) Naturally, he would star in the drama he hopes to get on NBC's fall '97 slate...

By the Way: Picket Fences' co-star Don-Cheadle is doing double-duty these days on the film scene with prime roles in New Line's "Boogie Nights" and Fox's "Volcano," starring Tommie Lee Jones ... "Higher Learning" co-star Omar Epps has landed a 12-episode guest stint on "ER" as Dr. Dennis



HOUSTON

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Education has always been at the forefront of McLinnahan's mind.. She has not only dedicated herself to the educational advancement of children, but to the preparation of instructors as well.

McLinnahan has constantly prepared herself to assist others by receiving her B.S. in Elementary Education from Fayetteville State University in 1956, a Ph. D in Education from Walden University, Minneapolis, MN in 1995, a Master's in Education in 1984 from Appalachian State University in Boone, NC, and Certification in Public School Administration, from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, also in 1984.

Since 1988 she has been with Livingstone College in Salisbury, NC. Her responsibilities include; Department Chair/Assistant Professor; Coordinator of National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education/ State Department of Public Instruction; SDPI Licensure Officer, and advising.

From 1963 to 1988 Maxine was employed by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools as an Elementary School Assistant Principal for Instruction, Observer and Evaluator for Provisional and Career Teachers; Reading Specialist; Chapter One School Site Coordinator, Sixth Grade Teacher and Teacher Recruiter. She was a Summer School Site Principal for CMS from 1987 to 1991. She was also responsible for coordinating curriculum and instruction, interviewing teachers for teaching sites, coordinating bus routes, evaluating personnel and working with parents of site children.

Maxine's teaching career includes assignments at Highland Junior/Senior High School in Gastonia, The State Department - School of Correction, Roberson County Schools, Central Piedmont Community College, Rowan/Cabarrus Community College and Johnson C. Smith University. All of the aforementioned, proves Maxine's total dedication to education.

For a well rounded life, McLinnahan is very involved in her church, Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist, is a devout Delta- Charlotte Alumni Chapter, and is president of CHUMS. She is married to Glenn, Sr., they have one adult son, Glenn, Jr. and a grand-daughter.

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