



Jr. Walker and All-Stars are Guests on Soul Train

The Isley Brothers, Betty Wright, and Jr. Walker & The All Stars, will guest star on Soul Train, the hour-long, nationally televised, teen dance show, this coming weekend. Don Cornelius is host and executive producer of the popular show.

The Isley Brothers, three super bad singers, who have recently been joined by their brothers, to form a great family group, will entertain the Soul Train Gang with their latest hits, "Listen to the Music," "Who's That Lady," and "I Don't Want to be Lonely."

Attractive and talented Betty Wright, also adds to the guest list. Miss Wright sings, "Give Me Back My Man," and "Let Me be Your Love Maker."

The very popular, Jr. Walker & The All Stars completes the

talent roundup for the show. The versatile group play and sing their top hit, "It's All Right Do What You Gotta Do."

The fun continues with the Soul Train Gang in the Create-A-Dance Award Contest. The winners all receive fine prizes. Next is a conversation with the stars, moderated by host and executive producer Don Cornelius.

Soul Train is presented by Johnson Products Company of Chicago, the largest Black manufacturer of hair care products. They market Ultra Sheen and Afro Sheen hair care products, and Ultra Sheen Facial Fashions cosmetics. Johnson Products is the first Black advertiser to be involved with continuous year-round, televised entertainment.



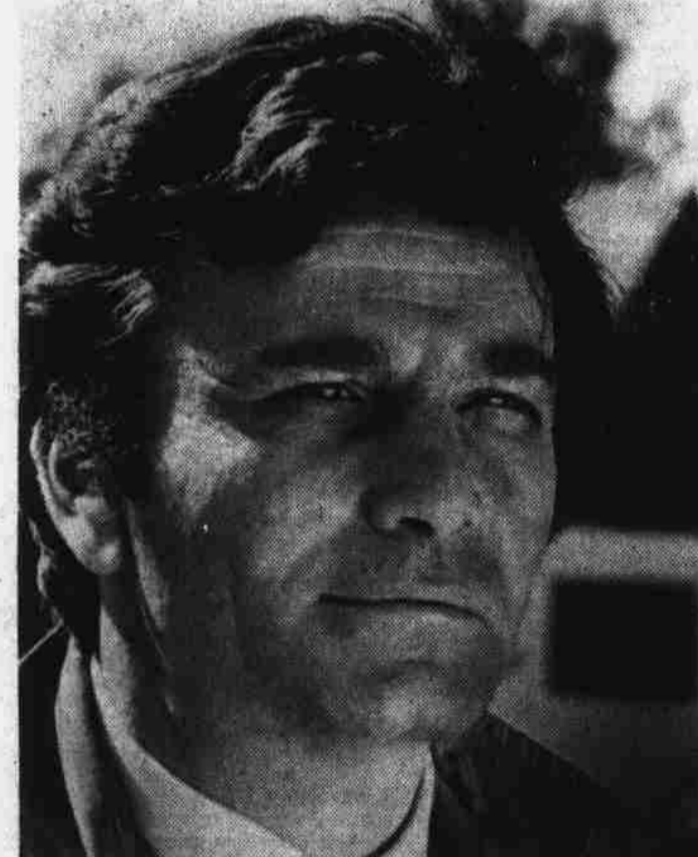
Actor Dies

Actor Mantan Moreland, one of the pioneers of black comedy in the movies, died Friday in Los Angeles from complications following a cerebral hemorrhage. Moreland played more than 300 roles and was most remembered for his part as the chauffeur in the old Charlie Chan films.

Duke's Sacred Concert

Once again the Duke Ellington Sacred Concerts will be presented on Monday, October 1, 8 p.m. The first of Ellington's Sacred Concerts was presented in Grace Cathedral, San Francisco in 1965, as part of a year long series of events celebrating the completion and consecration of the great Cathedral atop Nob Hill.

A kind of miracle happened in the Cathedral that night, when Ellington's orchestra, brilliant vocal soloists and two choirs scored an electrifying success. The concert and its theme, "In The Beginning God," made news from coast to coast, and right across the world. Within the next two years, it was performed in over 50 churches, cathedrals, and temples in the United States and Europe.



PETER FALK, Emmy award-winning star of television's "Columbo" series, has been named 1974 National Easter Seal Chairman. He will head the annual appeal of the Easter Seal Society, March 1-April 14. Funds contributed during the campaign support Easter Seal services for some 300,000 handicapped persons throughout the year.

Movie Actor Peter Falk Named National Easter Seal Chairman

Emmy-award winning actor Peter Falk, star of television's "Columbo" series, will head the Easter Seal Society's 1974 campaign as national chairman.

Falk's association with Easter Seals began last year when he agreed to make a brief appearance on the New York segment of the National Easter Seal telethon. He was so moved by the courage and spirit of the handicapped children helped by Easter Seal services that he stayed for the entire 16-hour program. This past spring the return to New York, to serve as celebrity host of the telethon.

As National Easter Seal Chairman, Falk will lead thousands of volunteers nationwide in soliciting funds to support some 2,000 Easter Seal facilities and programs. The campaign will run from March 1 to April 14, Easter Sunday.

Falk will be featured in a series of television and radio messages supporting the campaign, and plans to make personal appearances whenever possible to promote the Easter Seal fund drive.

Although best known for his down-to-earth characterization as the sleepy-eyed, self-affacing Lt. Columbo in the NBC Mystery Movie series, Falk has been around playing his "lovable tough guy" in films and plays for about 14 years. More recently he starred on

Broadway in Neil Simon's hit, "The Prisoner of Second Avenue" and won applause from the critics.

Prior to commencing work on Elaine May's new film, "Mike and Nicky," in which he co-stars with John Cassavetes, Falk finished a movie directed by Cassavetes, "A Woman Under the Influence," in which he co-stars with Cassavetes' wife, Gena Rowlands.

Born in New York City, Falk spent his youth in Osnating, New York. Surgeons removed his right eye, along with a malignant tumor, when he was three years old. He was, he recalls, "self-conscious" about his glass eye until he "started playing ball and going to the gym and then it became a joke."

As a high school student he won letters in track, baseball and basketball, and was also a straight "A" student.

The tough-talking actor holds a masters' degree in public administration from Syracuse University and was an efficiency expert with the Connecticut State Budget Bureau in Hartford before turning to acting full time.

ANOTHER FIRST
Dr. Clarence G. Robinson, last week appointed Chief Surgeon of the NYC Police Department becomes the first Black to hold the post.



TO RECEIVE LARGEST AMOUNT EVER PAID — Nat Archibald of the Kansas City Kings answers questions at a press conference where it was announced that he signed a 7-year contract for what was said to be the largest amount ever paid to a professional athlete. Kings' representatives nor Archibald would say what that amount is. Archibald who will be starting his fourth season with the Kings averaged 34 points a game last year, led the NBA in scoring, and broke a record with 910 assists.

THEATRE WORLD

NEW YORK — Contrary to what some critics of black-oriented movies say about them all being made for the sole profit of white producers, there is a growing number of black producers appearing on the scene. Currently we have "The Spook Who Sat By The Door", produced by Ivan Dixon and Sam Greenlee. And Dixon also directed. Then there's "Five on the Black Hand Side", produced by Brock Peters. "Save the Children", was an all-black production. And going into production on Oct. 18, will be "Uptown Saturday Night," which has Sidney Poitier as executive producer and will star Pottier, Bill Cosby and Harry Belafonte.

According to Theatre Party Associates, the Broadway stage show most in demand for benefits so far this season is "Raisin", the musical version of Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun" which opens Oct. 18. It collected raves last season at the Arena Stage in Washington.

The death of Diana Sands was not unexpected, but still saddened her many fans and friends who so admired this talented award-winning actress. She was voted best actress in her 1952 graduating class from New York's selective High School for the Performing Arts.

Harlem's Apollo Theatre bested both downtown theatres on opening day with Paramount Pictures' "Save the Children", with a \$4200 tops as against \$3195 at the Criterion and \$644 at the Beekman.

Paramount Pictures has released a list of "Black Films" distributed by the company. They include "Uptight", "Lady Sings the Blues", "Soul of Nigger Charley", "Legend of Nigger Charley", "Charley One-Eye", "Superfly TNT", "The Man", "Hit" and "Save the Children".

"Cleopatra Jones" finally departed from the DeMille Theatre to make room for "The Spook Who Sat by The Door", but "Cleo" simply moves to Blue Ribbon Theatres throughout the metropolitan area, beginning September 26.

Ron O'Neal, who once eked out a living in Cleveland, Ohio as a house painter is now relaxing between stage and screen chores by doing what comes naturally—painting his apartment.

In "Mean Streets", a new Warner Bros. release, some of the better sounds of the 50's and early 60's are heard including "Please Mr. Postman" by the Marvalettes, "Be My Baby" by The Ronettes and Bo Diddley's "Hey, Bo Diddley".

"The Education of Sonny Carson" begins shooting on location in Brooklyn, NY, on October 1, and three of the major characters are leaders of real life gangs in the area. Oldtime Memorial Day Parade of the area will be recreated for the film on Oct. 8, Columbus Day.

Singer Beulah Bryant, who says she and pianist Larry "88" Keys "had a ball" while on USO tour of the Far East, off again September 27 for 21 days in Europe.

Nat Davis Quartette now playing weekends at Harlem's "revived" Baby Grand. Group includes Skinny Burgur on bass, Sonny Brown, drums; Mike Ridley, trumpet; Gerald Hayes, sax; Nat Davis, piano and Leona Watkins, vocals.

The most talked-about new club in Philly is Masco Young's Celebrity Wine Cellar. Club has no jukebox, avoids most "Top 40" rock, and features wall-to-wall stereo LP's for the best jazz, blues and pop from the 40's through the 70's.



EARTH, WIND, & FIRE EXPLODE ON NATIONAL TELEVISION — Following a series of sold-out appearances, Columbia recording artists Earth, Wind & Fire have taken to the television airwaves with appearances scheduled on three musical variety shows.

The group kicked things off when they were featured on ABC's "In Concert". On September 29 the group appeared on the syndicated "Don Kirshner's Rock Concert," appearing with The Rolling Stones. Coming October 5, the group will perform on the "Midnight Special."

Earth, Wind & Fire are currently on the national charts with their album "Head to the Sky," and single entitled "Evil."



To Be On TV
Nat Purefoy, a former Durham photographer who is now a professional entertainer, is scheduled to appear on the Flip Wilson television show next Thursday. Purefoy, the nephew of Mrs. Eula McNeill of 1140-C Merrick St., performs with a trained show horse and does tricks with a lariat.

Wives earned more than their husbands in 3.2 million families — 7.4 percent of all American families — in 1970.

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