New York Scene

by James E. Booker

NEW YORK, NY — Up until 1975 the playoff games of the City University of New York basketball tournament only attracted audiences of 25 and the finals had only about 100 in the stands. Then Con Edison began providing help in audience development and publicity. So this year found more than 28,000 fans attending the playoffs and finals, a record, and Staten Island College, winner of the tournament was invited to particpate in the NCAA's Division III, evidence of the increased stature of the tournament.

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The Fund of the Council of Concerned Black Executives is holding its Monte Carlo-'81 at the New York Statler on May 15 and honoring Irv Cross, the TV football newscaster. Proceeds furnish MBA Scholarships.

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The Family threw a Media Party for Ophelia DeVore at its headquarters in the Black Theatre Alliance 42nd Street Building with cocktails and food and a performance to remind everyone of the Alumni Grand Reunion April 24-26 of former students of the Ophelia DeVore, School of Charm and Grace Del Marco Agency at the Sheraton Centre.

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The Academy Award program had no black nominees this year, but the show made up for it with exciting performances by Dionne Warwick, Irene Cara of "Fame" fame (the song won), and the Nicholas Brothers, who showed that age does not diminish talent and superb timing.

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The Jeffersons continues to remain among the Top 15 TV shows and like Robert Guallaumane went from *Soap* to his own show, *Benson,* Marla Gibbs, the saucy maid, Florence, now has her own show, *Checking In* which bowed on April 9 for a limited run.

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Frank Robinson, manager of the New York Giants, showed he hasn't lost his frankness when interviewed on NBC's *Sports Journal* by Edwin Newman. When asked about so few black managers, Robinson explained, "it's the attitude in our complete society. So why should baseball or sports be different?" But he added that "fans don't come out to the ballpark to see the manager. They don't care what color he is."

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Michael Schultz, Hollywood's most successful black director, has taken over "Family Dream," now called "Bustin' Loose," the film starring Richard Pryor and Cicely Tyson that had to do retakes after Pryor suffered a near fatal accident last year.

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WABC-TV's newscaster John Johnson filed a suit alleging racial discrimination against the station last year and a settlement said the station would feature him in a regular series along with other assignments. Johnson was host of "Air Mail Special" the show suddenly yanked off the air last week because some of the letters it said were from fans actually came from staff. Station said that Johnson was not party to the deception and station's confession that all was not on the up-and-up might stave off an FCC investigation.

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In Washington, WDVM-TV added a twist to the syndicated miniseries *Roots* with an accompanying series of locally produced one-minute profiles of black Americans called "Family Tree," highlighting achievement of 18 prominent blacks in history from Benjamin Banneker who helped to design the city of Washington to Muhammed Ali.

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A forthcoming book, *The Washington Reporters* by Stephen Hess has the following quotes: "In all types of Washington news organizations most reports are male, white, urban and Northeastern. Some organizations, of course, are more urban (network television), some more male (wire services), and some more white (specialized publications)."

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Tony Brown's Journal's next segment centers in on Philadelphia, the once gang-ridden, high-crime arena of the East Coast that Tony says now has as its symbol of unity in the black community, two community groups that have turned gang leaders into useful members of the community and marginal students into scholars. He interviews Sister Falaka Fattah, director of the House Umaja and Lt. Charles Patton who is with the Concerned Black men, Inc., a group of police and firefighters.

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Even before the Academy Awards, the All-American Press, an organization headed by Lee Posner and comprised of 40 foreign and domestic editors, had picked "Ordinary People" as Best Picture, Robert Redford as Best Director and had ties for Best Actor and Best Actres between Robert DeNiro and Donald Sutherland and Mary Tyler Moore and Sissy Spacek.

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You can still catch "Widows" by Mfundi Vundla and directed by Vantile Whitfield at the Henry Street Settlement Louis Abrons Arts for Living Center on Grand Street, April 9-12. It's a drama of the struggle of African women to survive oppressive conditions of life in South Africa and stars Tina Sattin, Victor Howard and Pamela Poitier. It's being presented by Woodie King's New Federal Theatre.

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"Today's Black Women," now hosted by Freda Payne, has added three new stations — Youngstown, Ohio, Macon, Ga., and Jackson, Miss. and is now seen in 54 cities.

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The Harlem Institute of Fashion and the National Association of Milliners, Dressmakers and Tailors holds its dinner awards presentation and exhibition from the Black Fashion Museum on Easter Monday, April 20, at the Harlem State Office Building.

Monday-Friday Daytime

April 13-17, 1981

	WFMY CH. 2 Cable 2	WPTF CH. 28 Cable 3	WTVD CH. 11 Cable 6	WUNC CH. 4 Cable 9	WTTG CH. 5 Cable 10	WRAL CH. 5 Cable 12	WTBS CH. 17 Cable 13	WGHP CH. 8
7 00	Good Morning	Today	Morning		New Zoo Review	Good Morning America	Fun Time	Good Morning America
15	"	"	"		Great Space Coaster	"	"	"
30	"	"	"	AM Weather			"	
45								
8 00	Captain Kangaroo	"	Captain Kangaroo	Varied Programs	Porky Pig	"	I Love Lucy	"
15	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
30	"	"	"	Readalong	Bugs & Popeye	"	I Dream Of Jeannie	"
45								
9 00	One Day At A Time	Another World	Donahue	Sesame Street	I Love Lucy	Hour Magazine	Hazel	John Davidson
15	Jeffersons	"	"	"	"	"	Green Acres	"
30	"	"	"	"	Make Room For Daddy	"	"	"
45								
10 00	Andy Griffith	Las Vegas Gambit	Jeffersons	Varied Programs	Leave It To Beaver	Uncle Paul	Movie:	"
15	"	Blockbusters	"	"	"	"	"	"
30	Alice	"	Alice	"	My Three Sons	Edge of Night	"	I Dream Of Jeannie
45	"		"					
11 00	Price Is Right	Wheel Of Fortune	Price Is Right	"	Medical Center	Love Boat	"	Love Boat
15	"	Password Plus	"	"	"	"	"	"
30	"		"	"	"	"	"	"
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12 00	Odd Couple	Cardsharks	News	"	Panorama	News	Freeman Reports	Family Feud
15	"	"	"	"	"	"		"
30	Search For Tomorrow	The Doctors	Search For Tomorrow	Electric Company	"	Ryan's Hope	"	Ryan's Hope
45		"				"	"	"
1 00	Young & The Restless	Days of Our Lives	Young & The Restless	Readalong II Varied Programs	Mike Douglas	All My Children	Movie:	All My Children
15	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
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2 00	As The World Turns	New Zoo Revue Underdog	As The World Turns	"	Chico & The Man	One Life To Live	"	One Life To Live
15	"	"	"	"	Love, Am. Style	"	"	"
30	"		"	"		"	"	"
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3 00	Guiding Light	Rocky & Friends	Guiding Light	Sesame Street	F. Flintstone	General Hospital	Fun Time	General Hospital
15	"	Superad-venture	"	"	"	"	"	"
30	"		"	"	Tom & Jerry	"	Space Giants	"
45					"		"	
4 00	Flintstones	Wonder Woman	Real Life Stories	Sesame Street	"	Batman	Flintstones	Bugs Bunny
15	"	"	John Davidson	"	"	"	"	"
30	Addams Family	"		"	Flintstones	Happy Days Again	Gilligan's	Good Times
45					"		"	"
5 00	Wonder Woman	Star Trek	"	Mister Rogers' Electric Company	Brady Bunch	Good Times	I Love Lucy	Sanford & Son
15	"	"	"		"	"	"	M.A.S.H.
30	"	"	"		I Love Lucy	Andy Griffith	Beverly Hillbillies	"
45					"	"		
6 00	News	News	News	Dick Cavett	Andy Griffith	News	Carol Burnett	News
15	"	"	"	"	"	"		"
30	CBS News	NBC News	CBS News	Varied Programs	Happy Days Again	ABC News	Bob Newhart	ABC News
45	"	"	"			"		"

Monday Evening

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	WFMY CH. 2 Cable 2	WPTF CH. 28 Cable 3	WTVD CH. 11 Cable 6	WUNC CH. 4 Cable 9	WTTG CH. 5 Cable 10	WRAL CH. 5 Cable 12	WTBS CH. 17 Cable 13	WGHP CH. 8
7 00	Face The Music	Carol Burnett	Cap. Cities	MacNeil/ Lehrer	Welcomeback Kotter	Sanford & Son	All In The Family	Joker's Wild
15	P. M. Magazine	What's Happening	"	N.C. People	M.A.S.H.	P. M. Magazine	Sanford & Son	Tic Tac Dough
30			M.A.S.H.	"	"			
45			"					
8 00	Private Benjamin	Little House	Private Benjamin	Great Perfor-mances	Starsky & Hutch	That's Incredible	Night Gallery	That's Incredible
15	The Two Of Us	"	The Two Of Us	"	"	"	Atlanta Braves	"
30		"				"		"
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9 00	M.A.S.H.	Bob Hope Special	M.A.S.H.	"	Merv Griffin	Dynasty	vs. Houston	Dynasty
15	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
30	House Calls	"	House Calls	"	"	"	"	"
45	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
10 00	Lou Grant	George Burns In Nashville	Lou Grant	Song By Song	News	Soap	"	Soap
15	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
45	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
11 00	News 2	News	News		M.A.S.H.	News	TBS News	News
15	"	"	"		"	"	"	"
30	Quincy/ Harry O	Tonight	Mary Tyler Moore		Odd Couple	Nightline	"	Nightline
45		"			"	"	"	"
12 00	"	"	Rockford Files		Perry Mason	Fantasy	Movie 17 "In This House Of Brede"	Fantasy
15	"	"	"		"	"		"
30	"	Tomorrow	"		"	"		"
45	"	"	"		"	"		"