

## Ebony Etchings by Warner Lanier..Hollywood

**NOTES OF THE WEEK...**  
The upcoming BARRY WHITE Special that'll be airing over DON CORNELIUS's popular "Soul Train TV Viewer" is the results of HOSEA WILSON's ingenuity and expertise in his highly coveted role as consultant to the big guy... B.W. of course. During the airing of the BARRY WHITE "Soul Train Special," Barry will be introducing his newest find, DANNY PEARSON, singing his current hit, "What's Your Sign Girl."

DY STRODE in his film under the theme, "Taking Care of Business", Monday evening, December 4, at the Hollywood Holiday Inn.

Panelist for this, "Taking Care of Business" set will be Attorney Al Schlesinger, Manager JOEL COHEN, Accountant BUD KAHANER, and Agent STAN MILANDER, all specialists in the music biz...so if you want to learn how to take care of business in the music biz, here's your chance.

Records label that's distributed nationally by Columbia Records.

Speaking of HOSEA WILSON, his list of clients as a record company consultant is starting to read like the who's who of the record business with BARRY WHITE's label and Venture Records heading the list...gee, whata' guy.

Another chapter of black history will be unveiled to television audiences all over America December 11th and 12th when NBC TV airs, "A Woman Called Moses," which tells the story of Harriet Ross Tubman and the underground railroad she established to help slaves escape from the south to freedom up north. CECILY TYSON plays the starring role of Harriet Ross Tubman, and MAE MERCER holds down the costarring role, turning in a very dramatic and sensitive portrayal of Aunt Jubba who taught young Harriet Ross Tubman how to escape from slavery and set up the underground railroad, which led to her being listed as one of the great black women in the history of this country. Mae's sensitivity to the role comes from the fact that she experienced "real" plantation life growing up in Rocky Mt., North Carolina, before she sang her way via 'the blues' to Europe.

Then she became the toast of Paris and the European continent as a blues singer which led to her becoming an actress and a living legend playing the types of roles in "The Beguiled," "Dirty Harry," "Cindy," etc., that have garnered her rave notices and accolades galore. Following her role as Aunt Jubba in "A Woman Called Moses", MAE MERCER has been set by producer GEOFFRY HOLDER to costar with WOOD

Just got word from a Beverly Hills business informant, a group of Japanese businessmen are looking for a Film Production Company to purchase.

Moving right along; the closest living reality I know who equals O.J. SIMPSON's mad dashes through crowded airports on the tubes is CRAIG REID, managing editor of "Inside Hollywood Gossip Magazine". Craig works around the clock all week putting the magazine together, and every weekend he's seen dashing to catch a plane, fly to another city, and join newscaster EDDIE ALEXANDER, ROMAN GABRIEL, and BILL WOOD as a member of the sports announcing team handling the Ohio State/Michigan Football Network.

It's gonna be another one like the other one for talented 16-year old MICHELLE WILLIAMS, when her new billboard goes up on Santa Monica Boulevard just outside of Beverly Hills, thanking CASABLANCA/ PARACHUTE RECORDS for doing what they've been doing to make her career and her Parachute record release happen.

Of the groups and organizations doing things around this ole burg, PATRA, People Achieving Truth Through Recognized Arts will be presenting a Spring Benefit to help build their Performing Arts Retirement Resort Complex during the month of April at the Los Angeles Convention Center. The grand prize to be given to a lucky donor at this event will be a \$65,000 Stutz Blackhawk VI automobile, with 24kt gold accessories and \$4,500 worth of stereo equipment.. stay tuned to this column for further information.



**Mae Mercer**  
Co-Star of "A Woman Called Moses"

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