

Ice Follies To Feature Black Skater

Atoy Wilson is a 22-year-old black skater from Los Angeles who will be a featured performer on Channel Nine's colorcast of "Snoopy Directs the Ice Follies" Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 8 p.m.

Wilson's determination to have a skating career paid off, making him the first black skater to reach stardom.

He was seven years old when he first saw the Ice Follies. His parents later enrolled him in a skating class. He dropped out a couple of years for baseball and basketball but returned to skating, winning the Pacific Coast juvenile title when he was only 12 years old.

In 1964 Atoy Wilson placed in National Championship competition. He won the Pacific Coast title and earned a Gold Medal for passing all U.S. Figure Skating Association tests in 1965, the first black skater ever to do so. Wilson left competitive skating in 1969.

Asked whether he considered skating an art or a sport, Atoy Wilson replied, "I regard it as both. Skating takes a lot of physical stamina, especially when doing 10 shows a week. But it's also an art - the extension of the dance."

Sidney Poitier To Star In WSOC Movie

Academy Award-winner Sidney Poitier stars with Harry Belafonte in "Buck and the Preacher," a western adventure to be colorcast on Channel Nine's "NBC Saturday Night at the Movies" Nov. 10 at 9 p.m.

The story concerns a black scout and wagon train leader who meets and joins up with a roving, whiskey-drinking preacher during the days following the Civil War.

"Buck (Poitier), an ex-sergeant and scout in the Union Army who now uses his knowledge of the West to lead wagon trains of blacks to the new territory, first meets the self-ordained Preacher (Belafonte) at a stream where the Preacher is taking a bath. Buck is fleeing a group of white men who are against the blacks coming into the territory.

Though he later reimburses the Preacher, Buck trades horses with him without an explanation and rides away. The Preacher follows casually behind, intending eventually to catch up and take his horse back. Before he can do so he runs into the men who are chasing Buck. The men offer the Preacher a \$500 bounty to bring back Buck dead or alive.



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Sesame Street Returns Monday, November 19

"Sesame Street" passes a landmark on Monday, November 19, when it enters its fifth broadcast season.

The popular educational television series for preschoolers goes into the season with several new Muppet characters including a group called the Twittle Bug Family and more attention in its curriculum to the teaching of affect behavior, which includes lessons on emotions and feelings.

The experimental series, produced by the Children's Television Workshop, will be broadcast on the more than 230 stations of the Public Broadcasting Service and some 50 commercial stations covering communities not reached by education channels. The show is designed to help three-to-five year-old youngsters prepare for school.

Teaching Emotions
In addition to the basic educational skills such as letters, numbers and forms, Sesame Street this year will present emotions that children can recognize easily including pride, love, fear, anger, surprise, happiness and sadness. These emotions will be taught through the show's human hosts, the Muppets and animated films. Etienne Delessert, the Swiss illustrator who is best known for his work with the famous child psychologist, Jean Piaget, has created ten animated films that teach, among other things, affective skills. The show also hopes to make children sensitive to feelings and emotions in others as well as in themselves.

Other curriculum changes

in the series, which this year won its sixth Emmy Award, include more Spanish sight words and the teaching of more complicated geometric forms including hexagons, octagons and trapezoids.

New Muppets on the show include Biff, a boisterous chap, and his friend Sully, a soft-spoken "nice guy," both construction workers who find simplicity a great help in learning.

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Singer Lola Falana To Appear On Soul Train

Tower of Power and the Pointer Sisters, highlight Soul Train, the nationally popular, Saturday night on Channel 18, teen dance show. Lola Falana will put in a cameo appearance. Don Cornelius is host and executive producer of the television program.

Tower of Power is a strong group of eleven young men from the west coast, who deliver a complete total involvement in the best of a vocal and instrumental performance you've ever seen anywhere. Originating in Oakland, California, the group have released two great albums, East Bay Grease and Bump City, which have made the national best-selling charts. They'll sing their popular hits, "So Very Hard To Go," "This Time It's Real," and "What Is Hip."

Next up are the Pointer Sisters - four fantastic females "scat-singing" in floppy hats, purple gloves, boas and flower print dresses. The sisters bring real nostalgia to Soul Train. Three months ago they were virtually unknown. But, today they are considered the hottest and most sought after singing group in the country. Emphasizing unison singing, the sisters combine old and new jazz and pop singing in the 40's be-bop style. Calling themselves, "a feminine

variety show," the sisters harmonize on, "Yes, I Can Can," and "Cloudburst."

Tavares puts the finishing touches on the guest list for the day. They are six young brothers from New Bedford, Massachusetts, who gained their popularity singing, in and around the clubs of



DON CORNELIUS
Soul Train Host

Boston. Their first release, "Check It Out," which they perform on the show, went on Billboard's soul chart after only three weeks in the market.

Lola Falana, famed dancer and singer, who is also wife of one of the Tavares, will put in a Cameo appearance.

Host Don Cornelius moderates a brief question and answer session with the stars, giving the gang an opportunity to get-acquainted with their favorite performers.

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