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# Briefs

**Helen Reddy and B.B. King** will make appearances on the first program of the new prime time adult health series, "Feeling Good", which will debut November 20 on public television stations all over the country. The show will take a very different approach to such health topics as mental health, prenatal care and nutrition.

"Freebie and the Bean", the



AL GREEN  
..Recuperating

## Al Green To Return To Work Shortly

Singer Al Green, who suffered second degree burns three weeks ago when a 29-year-old despondent girlfriend dumped a pot of scalding grits on him while he was climbing out of the bathtub, was discharged from the Memphis Baptist Hospital last Wednesday and is expected to resume his normal work schedule shortly.

According to a spokesman for the Memphis hospital, Green was discharged last week and returned two days later for a checkup which showed that "he is doing fine." A week earlier, Green had undergone successful skin graft surgery for the burns which his doctors said would take anywhere from six to 10 months before the color of his skin fully returns.

Meanwhile, the Memphis police, who noted that they were continuing their investigation into the suicide death of Mrs. Mary Woodson, said the Madison, N.J. mother of three pre-school age children had strong "suicidal tendencies."

Detective Lt. T.L. Lomax of the Shelby County Sheriff's Department said the woman's husband, Raymond Woodson, also told them that on two previous occasions his wife had tried to take her life.

Lt. Lomax said according to Raymond Woodson, his wife frequently threatened to commit suicide, and on two prior occasions actually attempted to kill herself by taking a handful of pills and cutting her throat with a blade. Woodson, Lt. Lomax said, sought psychiatric treatment for his wife who was ordered under strict supervision.

The Shelby County Lieutenant said although they have been working on the assumption that Mrs. Woodson's death was suicide ever since the County Coroner report was released, his precautionary measure in checking every little detail.

Warner Bros. comedy starring Alan Arkin and James Caan as an odd couple of San Francisco police detectives, will be a Christmas attraction in New York, opening on December 25 at three theatres.

Jerry Greene, a long-time New Orleans jazz figure, has been cast as Joanne Woodward's butler in "The Drowning Pool", the First Artists Presentation for Warner Bros. now being filmed in Lafayette, La.

Geraldine Fitzgerald, Grady Tate, David Downing, Yusef Inman, Hank Ross, Nick LaTour, Dianne McIntyre, Carol Harris, Mary Cross and Prema Devi are among the many stars who will appear at the 2nd Annual AUDELCO Black Theatre Awards on November 18, sponsored by the Audience Development Committee (AUDELCO) and to be held in NYC at Vincent's Place.

TV ratings show "Sanford & Son" (No. 2) and "Good Times" (No. 10) are top shows in national ranking, according to recent figures. "All in the Family" heads list. "That's My Mama", is tied in 28 with "Emergency" and "Saturday Night Movie". "Get Christie Love", is No. 47. But a recent report by Nielsen Station Index, a first on Black American Households, revealed that "programs featuring Blacks appeal to Black Households". Top shows, in order, in Washington, D.C. and Detroit were "Sanford and Son" and "Soul Train."

"The Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee Story Hour" is the title of a unique series airing weekly beginning Sunday, Nov. 17 on the National Black Network. Special guest artists will join the famous husband and wife team each week to read their favorite selections from Black world literature. Ruby and Ossie will be parted Nov. 13 in Chicago at the Hyatt Regency to kick off the new NBN show.

Ed Castleberry hosts a "Mutual Soul of Entertainment" broadcast daily over Mutual Black Network. Broadcast from his Washington, D.C. base, it hits 31 stations coast to coast with movie clips, interviews and the like. It's a 5-minute segment.

The recent Flip Wilson TV special has been attacked by the Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention as depicting the black preacher as a "sort of ecclesiastical Stepin Fetchit and the black church as a spiritual rock and roll center". Flip, meanwhile, is being mentioned to play the role of Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong in a film of the music man's life story which Paramount is planning.

Redd Foxx and his estranged wife, Betty Jean, are due back in Las Vegas Court Nov. 18 and the judge has ordered them to cooperate as they prepare for their divorce trial. Redd says Betty Jean had kept the family's books. Her lawyers say she doesn't know where they are.

That \$20,000 sable Diana Ross shrugs herself into these nights shows distinctly that the lady doesn't have to sing the blues anymore. She was in New York recently to pick up a 12-fur wardrobe at Maximilian's for her new film, "Mahogany" which will shoot on location in Rome and Chicago.



MARLON BRANDO  
..Stars In NBC Movie

## WSOC-TV To Present "The Godfather" Saturday Night at 9

"The Godfather," all-time box office hit and winner of three Academy Awards, will be colorcast in two parts on Channel Nine beginning Saturday, Nov. 16, at 9 pm. Part Two will be televised Monday, Nov. 18 at 9 pm. Marlon Brando stars in the title role.

The drama is based on Mario Puzo's best-selling novel about the powerful and violent Corleone family, organized crime chieftains in America during the 1940's.

Filmed on location in New York, Las Vegas, Hollywood and Sicily, the story follows the development of the Corleone empire from gambling operations and prostitution to night club holdings, rigged horse races and narcotics.

The film gives an inside look at the Mafia's split personality. On one hand these people

are legitimate businessmen, devoted family men and up-standing members of their community. But the other side of the coin reveals a tightly-knit organization of cold-blooded professionals, power-

ful enough to pull political strings to suit their own purposes and able to infiltrate industry on a world-wide scale. Frightening in its implications, "The Godfather" paints a shocking picture of this country's "second government."

The decision to split "The Godfather" into two segments was made in order to prevent having to edit scenes from the picture to fit a one-evening time period. According to NBC officials, less than one minute has been trimmed from the original film.

## "Americans All" To Feature Charley Pride

A profile of Charley Pride - his music and the story of his rise from a farm boy in Mississippi to country music's first black superstar - will be presented on the ABC News series, "Americans All," SUNDAY on the ABC Television Network.

The program will be broadcast immediately after "The ABC Sunday Night Movie" for that date, "High Plains Drifter." The "Americans All" documentary series highlights the contributions of ethnic minorities to American society.

ABC News cameras focus on an appearance of Charley Pride in Louisville, Ky., covering his arrival by private Jet with an entourage of 20, including his band, singers and technicians, and his concert at the Louisville Convention Center. Among the hit songs he performs are: "Let Me Live," "Is Anybody Goin' to San Antonio?" and "Cotton Fields."

In a conversation backstage, Pride reflects on his life.



CHARLEY PRIDE

Pride grew up listening to the stars of Nashville's Grand Ole Opry on the radio and bought his first guitar at the age of 14 with money earned from picking cotton on his family's farm in Sledge, Miss. He recalls: "Where I lived there wasn't anybody to show me how to tune a guitar, so I picked enough cotton to make enough money to order me a Sears Roebuck Silvertone guitar."

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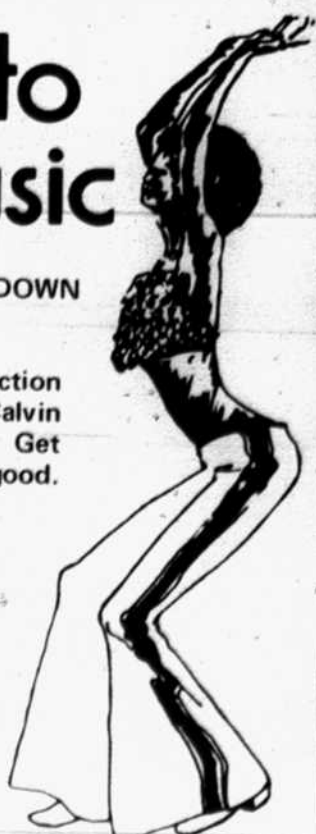
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