

By Jim Berry



The Staple Singers are featured on the soundtrack of the new movie "A Piece of the Action" starring Sidney Poitier, Bill Cosby, and James Earl Jones.

The soundtrack flows very nicely with the movie. It should sell well...especially if this Poitier-Cosby movie becomes as popular as the previous two.

Mike Theodore...a seasoned arranger-producer who worked with Rare Earth for some time...has just released his first album featuring himself as an artist.

It's called COSMIC WIND on Westbound Records. The music is straight disco...The title cut, "Belly Boogie," and "Moon Trek" are all sounds that should be heard at the discos soon.

Theodore put together an orchestra of 40 musicians to perform with him on the album.

Jermaine Jackson has found the going rough since he left his famous family to go out on his own.

Jermaine doesn't have the charisma or the voice of younger brother Michael...and he's tried to hide that behind a crowd of background singers on his latest song, "Come and Get It," on Motown Records.

A new album is soon to follow the 45.

Meanwhile, the rest of the Jacksons are back with their new GOING PLACES album.

It's not bad...but it isn't up to par with most of their recordings on Motown. One very noticeable thing is the change in lead singer Michael's voice.

Former Tower of Power lead singer Lenny Williams has delivered a very fine solo LP. Lenny really rocks on "Choosing You," the title cut and one of several songs on the album that he wrote.

The album should be available in record stores soon.

Jazz Pick of the Week...Noel Pointer's PHANTAZIA on Blue Note Records. A very diverse album most jazz collectors will enjoy.

Highlights include the title tune and Pointer's version of "Living For The City."

RCA Records has released several new 12-inch discos...among them "Keep It Up," by Nightfall. It's the disco version of a song originally done in reggae.

New on Salsoul Records is KING OF CLUBS...an LP by Chocolate. You'll need to rest after dancing to his cut...it's 15 minutes long.

The Commodores "Brick House" is also available now on a discodisc, and deejays around town are finding it to be a crowd favorite. Another is Meco's "Star Wars and other Galactic Funk," an album which could be the wave of the future for disco music.

Both of these can be found at



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Disco Sound...a store with a very fine collection of 12-inch disco records.

The new Earth, Wind and Fire album on Columbia Records has officially been released...look for it soon here in Charlotte.

It's just as good as all the others. WGIV has been playing "Serpentine Fire" the group's new 45 from the album.

Rose Royce is proving their initial success with CAR WASH was no fluke. Their latest DO YOUR DANCE album is now the most popular soul album in Charlotte according to lists from several record stores.

BABY IT'S ME...That's the name of Diana Ross' latest offering on Motown Records.

This album has been in the making for some time...but it was well worth the wait.

Diana can't sing as high as Minnie Riperton or as loud as Aretha Franklin, but her soft, controlled style is what sets her apart from others, and makes her pleasant to listen to.

The New Birth is a group that seems to have a new sound with almost every album. Now, they're turning disco like every one else in their latest LP on Warner Brothers.

It features a very nice cut you may soon hear in town called "Deeper."

More next week on new albums by former Funkadelic member Eddie Hazel...and Doctor Buzzard's Original Savannah Band.

This Week's TELEVISION HIGHLIGHTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

5:30 p.m...Channel 3...After meeting Jackie's well-muscled ex-boyfriend, Lenny yearns to impress her somehow, so he agrees to let Raymond set up a phony fight that Lenny can win, but then a surprise contender gets into the fray, on "Busting Loose."

9:00 p.m...Channel 3...An introduction to a friend puts Helen's and Louise's friendship on the line - and George couldn't be happier - in "The Jeffersons."

9:30 p.m...Channel 3...Jack's marital separation leaves him so disheartened, even Judge Franklin sinks into a deep state of depression over the crisis, on "The Tony Randall Show."

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

7-8:30 p.m...Channel 9...WALT DISNEY: "The Incredible Journey." A trio of house pets - an English bulldog, a golden retriever and a Siamese cat - that were temporarily left in the care of a friend of their master, decide to return home and make the 250-mile trip on their own. John Drainie and Emile Genest are featured.

7:30 p.m...Channel 58...PARENT EFFECTIVENESS: "We can Work It Out:" Parents learn three approaches to take when their children are causing them a problem.

8:30 - 11 p.m...Channel 9...THE BIG EVENT: "NBC: The First Fifty Years - A Closer Look." Orson Welles is the narrator and George Burns, Burt Reynolds, Don Rickles, Dan Haggerty and Chevy Chase are among those who will host segments of this nostalgia-filled sequel to last season's acclaimed NBC anniversary celebration. Highlights of the

"I Don't Want To Get Married" Is NBC Movie

Herschell Bernardi, Shirley Jones, Nanette Fabray and June Lockhart star in Channel Nine's "The Thursday Night Movie" feature, "But I Don't Want To Get Married," October 27 at 8:30 p.m.

Walter Benjamin (Bernardi), a recent widower with two growing sons, is prepared to raise his family on his own since he does not consider himself a romantic catch. To his surprise, however, Walter

suddenly finds himself pursued by offers of marriage. Among those finding him attractive are a lovely divorcee, Evelyn (Jones), a young secretary, Laura (Sue Lyons), a wealthy society matron, Mrs. Vale (Fabray) and one of his

son's teachers, Miss Spencer (Tina Louise).

Despite constant urging from his sister-in-law, Walter is reluctant to marry any of them. However, he realizes that he will never get any rest if he doesn't.

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