

Black Movies, TV News Briefs

Motown's Readying New Film For Diana Ross

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Melba Moore visited the children's ward of the NYU Medical Center and showed an episode of the new fall series of ITT's "Big Blue Marble", the award-winning children's TV series for which she remains spokesperson.



Melba Moore
... "B.B.M." spokesperson.

FCC Commissioner Tyrone Brown will address the Black Citizens for Fair Media at a meeting on Friday, Oct. 20 at the Harlem State Office Building. Brown, who replaced Benjamin Hooks on the FCC will talk about the Van Derlin-Fray bill, commonly known as the rewrite of the 1934 Communications Act. Last week, Brown in an unusually harsh speech before the Federal Communications Bar Association, charged that the FCC has "abdicated" its responsibilities, resulting in "a virtual break down in national communications policy."

Joan Armatrading, a St. Kitts-born, England-based singer, composed and sings the title song of "The Wild Geese", the worldwide smash film Allied Artists is opening in the U.S. on Nov. 10. The Richard Burton-Roger Moore-Richard Harris film is about a mixed group of mercenary soldiers who attempt to rescue the imprisoned leader of an emerging Central African nat-

events into the neighborhood theatres. Another show will be "Pippin." Shows will be seen in 500 theatres across America.

The National Black Theatre opens its new season on Nov. 17 with "Softly Comes A Whirlwind," a musical experience conceived and directed by NBT's producer, Barbara Ann Teer. The theatre is located at 9 East 125th Street.

The Amas Repertory Theatre has announced its 9th season opening of musical showcase productions under the artistic directorship of Rosetta LeNoire with "Sparrow in Flight", written by Charles Fuller, author of the play "The Brownsville Raid", and based on a concept by Ms. LeNoire. It's a musical biography of Ethel Waters and opens Nov. 2 and closes Nov. 19. Theatre is at 1 East 104th Street.

Woodie King, Jr.'s New Federal Theatre presents "Hot Dishes!", a musical fable about gossip, with book, music and lyrics by Maurice Peterson and starring Ernestine

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Motown is reading a new film for its superstar, Diana Ross. It's "Tough Customers," a 1920 scenario about a black woman running a numbers racket in Harlem and her involvement with the ganster Dutch Schultz. For the uninformed, this is a true story. The woman's name was Madame St. Clair—and she introduced the numbers to Harlem.

If you missed catching Sammy Davis, Jr. in person in "Stop the World I Want To Get Off", you might be lucky enough to see the show at your local theatre since SEE Theatre Network is bringing superstar extraordinary

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