



The Outspoken
**CRAIG
WILSON**

From Hollywood

Comic **Flip Wilson** became the Hero of the Week when he stopped his car at the scene of a bloody accident and assisted highway patrolmen with the injured victims. Flip took victims to a local hospital in his auto and no one would have ever known had not an ardent Geraldine fan spotted the comic and spread the word. A tip of the old hat to Flip for a job well done.

LaVar Burton and his manager **Dolores Robinson** have been tight-lipped about that recent paternity suit involving LaVar. An unknown actress, perhaps attempting to gain a name, stated that the actor was the father of her new-born infant. But after costly and extensive medical tests, the courts agreed that Burton was not the father of the child. The judge's decision didn't stop the girl from continuing to pursue LaVar and she even attempted to gain entrance to his million-dollar beach home, forcing him to call the cops.



EDMUND SYLVERS DEA ST. LAMONT FLIP WILSON

Penitentiary, voted by the cornerstanders as the worst black film ever made, is making news again, but this time it is some of the behind the scenes crew members who are protesting loudly that they have not received their salaries from the film. The film has grossed over a million dollars and has taken home the Cannes Film Festival. Now rumor hazit deals are in the works to market it across the world.

Actress **Dea St. Lamont** was offered several film offers while she was vacationing recently in the Carribean. Those stories that the beautiful actress married a Saudi Arabian shiek are untrue, but she did date a long time friend, who just happens to be a No. African shiek.

Celebrity clothing designer **Jerome Lavender** finally made up his mind and left Manhattan for a plush apartment and salon in Hollywood. Jerome, who has designed for most of the top names in show business, including **Sammy and Altovise Davis**, tells me that he is considering an offer to launch a retail line of his custom designs. While chatting in the salon with Jerome we were joined by former **Dawn** member **Joyce Vincent Wilson** who came by to select a few items for her **Radiovision** appearance in Dallas, Texas. Joyce hopes that the musical will be as hot as that **Dawn** recording about yellow ribbons being tied around old oak trees.

The **SOS** band brought their boat ashore and played the showcase **Roxy** on the Sunset Strip to a packed house. The band was informed just before appearing that their first album, **The SOS Band**, had turned gold. The house could have saved energy by turning out all the lights as the bright smiles worn by the **SOS** group was more than enough.

Watch out for handsome **Edmund Sylvers** to become one of the nations new heartthrobs. Have you heard that Edmund has launched his own solo career with **Casablanca Records**? Of course, his first solo album is titled **Have You Heard?**

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Unity Broadcasting Expands

In-depth, incisive coverage of major news stories as they affect the Black community will be provided by the newly formed **American Black Information Network**, a division of **Unity Broadcast Network, Inc.**

The new network, which will become operational in November will have the same administrative staff as the **National Black Network (NBN)**, headed by president **Eugene D. Jackson**. The new network's offices will be at NBN's New York headquarters at 1350 Avenue of the Americas, in New York.

Mr. Jackson stressed that the "One Day At A Time"

Ann's feeling a crimp in her life style when her mother and father move to Indianapolis and her mother gets a job as a receptionist in Ann's office, on "One Day at a Time," to be rebroadcast Sunday, August 17 at 8:30 p.m. on **WBTV, Channel 3.**

Nanette Fabray returns in the role of Ann's mother, **Katherine Romano.**

"The Jeffersons"

George brags he's found the perfect gift for **Jenny and Lionel's** baby shower, but fails to notice that what they really need can't be bought and packaged, on "The Jeffersons," to be rebroadcast Sunday, August 17 at 9 p.m. on **WBTV, Channel 3.**

objective of the new network will be to "go beneath the surface of important news stories. I provide a more substantial analysis of the impact of significant events on black Americans in terms of their economic, social, cultural and educational lives."

He pointed out that NBN currently beams newscasts every hour to its nearly 100 affiliates around the nation, usually covering eight or more different news events in each five-minute broadcast.

This traditional network radio format, however, does not permit a probing look at how the event of the story relates to Black citizens. The new network, however, will place heavy emphasis on research, and will offer better insight, and far more detailed coverage of perhaps one or two stories."

Mr. Jackson said that, like NBN, the new network will broadcast five-minute newscasts every hour from 6 p.m. to midnight. Initially, the **American Black Information Network** hopes to have 50 affiliated stations across the country that will carry these broadcasts.

"In broadcast journalism," Mr. Jackson said, "the limitations of time make it necessary for news broadcasts to cover a story in two or three sentences, rather than in two or three columns of newspaper space."

"Nonetheless, we recognize that it is essential that certain stories with impact on the Black community require more detailed and more thoughtful coverage. The establishment of the **American Black Information Network** represents a response to this pressing need," he said.

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