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Neil Britton and Larry Womble, above, and Rolanda Watts and Lewis Carter are two of the couples on the Little Theatre production of "California Suite."



California Suite: Hilarious Scenes

By John W. Templeton
Staff Writer

What happens when a wife walks into a strange hotel room to find her husband in bed with a hooker?

One can bet the result will be quite interesting in the Little Theatre's production of Neil Simon's California Suite July 20-22 and July 24-28.

The above-mentioned brouha is one of four separate scenes all set in the same California hotel room. The common theme is the various ways people have of getting on each other's nerves.

"The scenes are just totally ridiculous," said Rolanda Watts, a Spelman college student who's cast in two of the scenes.

She joins Lewis Carter in the next to last scene, "Visitors from Chicago," in which two couples make each other miserable while supposedly sharing the good times of a vacation.

Watts also joins Neil Britton and Larry Womble in the first scene, "Visitors from New York," in which the wife catches her husband going astray.

According to the Womble, who plays the husband caught red-handed and has a number of local theatre credits to his

name, the comedy comes in "how he tries to react to the situation and doesn't get out of it."

The genius of author Simon, says Britton, is the ability to induce comedy, although "These situations are serious situations."

"It's fun," said Carter. "It's different from most of the things I've done."

Joining Tucker and Watts in the Chicago scene are Bob Childers and Katherine Rowe. Marty Tucker and Carol Midura play the scene of a New York couple, a magazine writer and her ex-husband who hash out the issue of where their daughter will spend the next six months.

Rowe and George Lee play the "Visitors from London," a British star on the way to the Academy Awards ceremonies.

Britton, Tucker, Watts and Womble, who sat down for an interview during rehearsals for the comedy, bring a wealth of experience to the play. Britton teaches theatre arts at R.J. Reynolds Senior High School and has studied drama at Wake Forest University, directing several productions there.

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Sounds Joey Daniels

With Frank Donaldson on Drums, Henry Johnson on Guitar and John Marsh on Bass, Ramsey Lewis brought the house down at Hampton Roads Coliseum. Playing the opening act of the last day of Kool's Fifth annual Hampton Jazz Festival, Ramsey put on one of his finest exhibitions.

Although the rather young band he utilized missed a few of his piano cues (which are somewhat like the Count's), they pulled him through and rocked the crowd. Displaying an array of styles and dedicating the tunes to Mr. Ray Charles, the piano genius soaked up every moment the audience showed its appreciation through their screaming, hollaring and clapping.

Doing a quick 16-bar interlude with the band, Lewis then fell solo into the heartshattering ballad and early seventy hit, "Betcha By Golly Wow." From there onto a drum solo into a swift unannounced song and off the state. They were then recalled for an encore and did his first hit (in which Maurice White played drums on the original), "In Crowd." Many of the songs done ended with a piano cadenza where Ramsey would at times stop, look over the piano and sort of say to himself, "Now what do I do next?" He was definitely awesome.

On the Fourth of July at the Carowinds Palladium, the situation was somewhat like that of a nighttime Coliseum affair. The Spinners brought the happy crowd to their feet throughout the afternoon with flashy steps, swift moves, touching harmony and uncanny showmanship individually and collectively.

This rather old group of historical personalities is unquestionably slick with everything from the tricky choreography to the purposeful accent cues from the drummer. Conductor Maurice King a short man but well respected obviously is in command at all times and kept the band under his reign.

The new lead vocalist was featured after the introduction on Billy Joel's, "Just The Way You Are." The splendidly arranged tune only lifted and enlightened the roasting audience (85°) to higher grounds and increased the groups versatility.

One thing they did at the Palladium would not happen at a coliseum concert is join the onlookers during the show for public relations and other personal reasons I'm sure. Chic, who played at the Palladium May 5, also took a brief "crown cruise."

The encore piece was a vamp from "Rubber Band Man," one of their earlier hits. Upon returning to the state after that brief audience visit, the Spinners invited them to the stage to dance. Leaving them on the stage, they left chanting, "one, two...Boogie Woogie A-ve-nue. Home of the Boogie, House of Funk."

Teddy Goes to Jail

Before his stunning show in Greensboro last weekend, Teddy Pendergrass had made history recently when he performed at California State Prison for Women at Chino to what was an exclusive all female audience. Making his "For Women Only" concert concept a reality (other concerts bearing that title could not actually bar men from the shows), the Philadelphia International recording artist performed to 450 of the 1000 inmates.

Clad in white suit and black cowboy hat in Chino's gym which doubled as an auditorium, Pendergrass opened his 90 minute set with "Only you," one of the songs that catapulted his *Life Is A Song Worth Singing* LP to double platinum status last year.

His closing number was preluded by an excerpt from the late black writer James Weldon Johnson's interpretation of Genesis, appropriate for his final song, "Somebody Told Me To Deliver This Message."

WTOB Joins CBS

WTOB-AM has become an affiliate of the CBS Radio Network, station president John Woods has announced.

Woods said of a telegram received from the network, "This is a telegram of considerable significance to Winston-Salem because now the cities will have 24-hour access to the World-

wide news gathering facilities and commentary of the most respected news authority - CBS."

In addition to news and sports programming from the network, Woods said, "Radio drama will return to Winston-Salem nightly with the advent of CBS Mystery Theatre at 10:15 p.m. immediately after CBS News."

STARSCOPE

by Clare Answell

WEEK BEGINNING JULY 19, 1979

AQUARIUS - January 21 - February 19
Conflict with someone who's a lot like you can make for a difficult weekend. Romantic uncertainties vanish - you get longed-for proof of affection. Sports are favored after week-end.

PISCES - February 20 - March 20
Mingling with a new group of people can make for a stimulating week. Financial strain on weekend - perhaps an unexpected repair bill - can lead to a major monetary decision.

ARIES - March 21 - April 20
There's a fine opportunity for alert Aries to make career advancement. Confide more in relatives - your oldest and wisest ones. Sense of humor can be too subtle for loved ones.

TAURUS - April 21 - May 22
It's easy to forget names and dates now, but on the other hand you're remembering some events and people from the very distant past. And one of these people can suddenly step into the present.

GEMINI - May 23 - June 21
You could find yourself doing a lot of explaining; it seems that everyone wants to know the whys and wherefores of your actions. Pets are in the picture - perhaps you'll be puppy-sitting.

CANCER - June 22 - July 22
New money-making opportunities open-up, and it's possible that you can take on a sideline of sorts. For singles, a marvelous time for meeting serious prospects.

LEO - July 23 - August 22
A lovely week for proceeding with creative enterprises - but professional tasks require a much more serious - and more positive - approach. Be sure that you allocate jobs to the right people.

VIRGO - August 23 - September 22
Friendship is theme of this upbeat week. Someone from the past could turn up in town; you know that he/she has changed - but aren't sure if it's for the better.

LIBRA - September 23 - October 22
Accept very little at face value. A casual remark may have a hidden meaning; a bargain too-good-to-be-true is just that. Work progresses now that moody people have cheered up.

SCORPIO - October 23 - November 21
Friends and family may seem a little possessive, and social plans may need rearrangement. Exercise is important. If a friend asks you to consider a new sport, look at the advantages.

SAGITTARIUS - November 22 - December 22
Your current role is that of confidante, but it seems you're hearing different sides from different people. It's in friends' interest for you to be a good listener - only.

CAPRICORN - December 23 - January 20
A rapid-fire week, as you move from project to project with speed - and success. Goals seem within easy reach... at last. Financial details demand the most careful attention.

BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK
You have great love for children, home-life, humanity; and sometimes you are too sensitive, and too worried about security. Year ahead is outstanding for entering into new - completely new - ventures. Obligations can restrict social life during fall; travel favored in winter.

BORN THIS WEEK
July 19th, tennis pro Ilie Nastase; 20th, actress Natalie Wood; 21st, author Ernest Hemingway; 22nd, sculptor Alexander Calder; 23rd, author Don Salvador de Madariaga; 24th, politician/feminist Bella Abzug; 25th, actor Walter Brennan.

LUTHER By Brumsic Brandon, Jr.

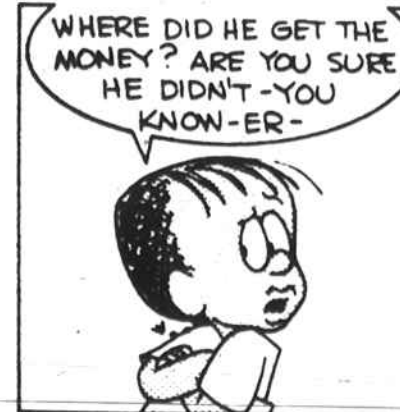
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WORDS & MEANINGS

By Dorothy Josephine Costes
Unmix the letters in the boxes to form a word. Then circle A, B or C for the correct meaning (or definition).
Score yourself as follows:
4 Correct-Excellent 2 Correct-Fair
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- RAM
A. SCAR B. PLANET C. HIT
- TOVE
A. END B. CUT C. FORBID
- ROLA
A. ROUGH B. SPOKEN C. RUT
- WERTIH
A. DRY B. FLOWER C. WHERE

Answers: 1. PAR-A 2. VETO-C 3. ORAL-B 4. WITH-A
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