

The Outspoken CRAIG WILSON From Hollywood

Natalie Cole gave the homefolks one hell of a show at the Greek Theater. Natalie moved through a variety of tunes along with changing costumes on and off stage with lots of style and grace. Toward the end of the evening one fan became so enamored with the singer that he attempted to make his way to the stage, but was stopped before he could reach the top step by security personnel. Immediately following this incident we noticed lovely Donna Summer quietly leave the outdoor theater and head for her waiting limousine.

Our spies report that Martha Reeves was truly upset with the sound system at that happy and gay benefit and handed the mike to a background singer, and walked off stage. The crowd became very unruly and ugly. Before the evening was over mirrors were smashed in the hall and tires slashed in the parking lot.

That top flight singing lady should best stay at home and not make it to one of Tinseltown's infamous after hours bars when she is totally loaded. We hear that the singer was forced to use the walls to keep her balance, but continued to use her large white hankie. Rumor has it that it wasn't the handkerchief but what was in it that gave her the feeling that she could walk.



MARTHA REEVES NATALIE COLE DEE DEE BRIDGEWATER

Peaches of Peaches and Herb rubbed several media folks the wrong way during her brief Tinseltown stay. We didn't see it, but heard that the lady left an after concert affair and wasn't too cool with her action.

Beautiful Dee Dee Bridgewater is settled into her New York apartment and rehearsing for her role in the Broadway show 1940s Radio Hour, set to open in October. Dee Dee and singer Bruni Pagan have become close friends during her New York stay. Bruni has been doing it on the disco circuit and we hear that the lady turned them out at the Paradise Garage.

Peter Tosh, the reggae singer who has been tagged the Bush Doctor, cured the ills of lots of concert goers in Canada with his last tour. Peter is being heralded in Canada as a leading pop act which sells out any concert hall. You may recall we reported several months ago that Tosh was unhappy with his U.S. play and our Canadian spies report Tosh still wants to see a lot more Black faces in his American audiences. Peter should take it up with his U.S. promoters and insist that they advertise in the Black press so more Blacks would be aware of his dynamite appearances.

Speaking of Canada, the rock group, Prism, landed in Calgary, but the plane didn't stop. It rolled right off the runway, but fortunately no one was injured.

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Youth Hold First Cultural Night

The Youth Awareness division of the Winston-Salem Improvement Association attracted an audience of 50 to its first "Youth Awareness Night" program at La-Terre XXI Monday night.

The event featured an original skit, poetry, singing and modern dance performed by local youth along with speeches by four adult members of the association.

Participating in the skit "A Test of Values" were: Albert, Cora and Johnny Davis, Sylvia Hughes, Dulce Gwyn and Angela Ingram.

Solo performances were by: Sherry Hughes (singing), Beverly Sunkins (modern dance) and Curtis Chisolm (poetry).

Four members of Urban Arts' Dance Plus ensemble completed the night's activities. Featured were: Robin Dixon, Phyllis Tabron, Frank Joyner and Gordy Owens.

Addressing the group were: Charles Thoratton, chairman of the association's education task force; Spurgeon Griggs

Jr., association chairman; Johnny X. Williamson, president of the Business Action League and Ahmad Kariuki, chairman of the justice task force of the improvement association.



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Hailed Vocalist To Give Recital

International concert, oratorio and opera soloist Betty Allen, mezzo-soprano, will be featured Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 8:15 p.m. with pianist Eric Larsen in the first of a series of special events to be presented at the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA) by faculty artists of the North Carolina School of the Arts (NCSA). Called NCSA at SECCA, the series is now in its second year.

The recital will be in the living room at SECCA, 750 Marguerite Drive. Tickets are available from the Arts Council Box Office, or at the door on the evening of the performance.

Miss Allen, who has been described as "one of the most powerful voices of the century," was appointed this year by Dorothy Maynor to be her successor as director of the Harlem School of the Arts, of which Miss Maynor is founder and director.

As a teenager on a scholarship to Tanglewood, Miss Allen was discovered by Leonard



Betty Allen

Bernstein, who chose her to sing his "Jeremiah" Symphony, and continued to feature as a soloist with the New York Philharmonic during his 10 years as music director. Virgil Thomson chose her for the role of St. Teresa II in his and Gertrude Stein's "Four Saints in Three Acts," both in New York and in Paris, and later composed his celebrated "Praises and Prayers" for her.

In addition to her concert engagements and part-time teaching at the Manhattan School of Music, since 1978 she has been a faculty member of the Voice department at the NCSA School of Music.

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RATING KEY

Great Good Fair

Boring Poor (Walked out)

Cinema Guide

THE FRISCO KID

Gene Wilder plays a befuddled Polish rabbi who sets off across the United States on horseback in 1850 to head a congregation in San Francisco. Wilder occasionally fares well with this overdrawn ethnic joke. But the story is jagged, predict-

able and fizzles just when we expect the gags to really sizzle. Part of the problem seems to be director Robert Aldrich who is home on the range with action Westerns but not with this sort of comedy. (PG)

COMING ATTRACTION

"Altered States" - starring William Hurt and Blair Brown - has been adapted for the screen by Paddy Chayefsky from his own novel. The motion picture is about a dedicated scientist who enters an incredible world when he experiments with mind altering drugs.

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