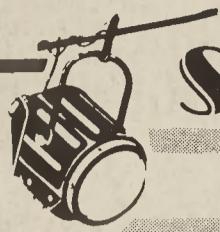


# arts and leisure



## SPOTLIGHT

Syreeta Wright

Born in Pittsburg, Syreeta Wright is the daughter of a career Air Force man. Although she began singing at the age of three, Syreeta's real introduction to performing came at age 13, when she joined the choir of the prestigious Mather Academy in South Carolina, where she was a student. She remained there for four years and then went on to win several talent shows while in college and build a name for herself on the local scene.

An audition with Brian Holland led to her signing with Motown Records. Her first record, "I Can't Give Back The Love," penned by Ashford & Simpson, was released under the name Rita Wright and her performance convinced Motown that it had an extraordinary find.

Though recording kept her busy, Syreeta found time to write her own songs, and like everyone else who met her, Steve Wonder was impressed with Syreeta the singer/songwriter. But he was equally impressed with Syreeta the woman. Steve and Syreeta eventually married and their musical collaborations, "Signed, Sealed, Delivered," "Blame It On The Sun," "It's A Shame" and "If You Really Love Me" earned plaudits from critics and the public alike.

Although the marriage did not last, this did not end their friendship nor their musical union, and their continuing working relationship yielded the highly acclaimed **Stevie Wonder Presents Syreeta** album. Later, when Stevie produced his classic **Secret Life of Plants** LP, Syreeta penned the lyrics to and performed "Come Back As A Flower".

Syreeta's next move resulted in her first number one record as a singer: the poignant ballad, "With You I'm Born Again", which she performed as a duet with Billy Preston. This song thrust Syreeta into the forefront of today's contemporary singers and established her as an international talent.

That Syreeta continues to ask more of herself as a total artist was evident on her last album, **Syreeta**, produced by Richard Perry, Jerry Peters and Hal Davis.

"With that album," she reflects, "I was able to have more input. For the first



time, I felt the true sound of Syreeta was coming through."

The sound comes through even more on her most recent album, **Set My Love In Motion**. Syreeta's chemistry with producer Ollie E. Brown, along with Hal Davis, Angelo Bond and William Weatherspoon, has resulted in what many consider to be her most ambitious project.

Helping Syreeta reach her goals have been her managers Suzanne De Passe and Tony Jones, along with Motown's Berry Gordy, executive producer of **Set My Love In Motion**. "With all their support and involvement in my career, I just feel that I'm on the right road to doing the many things I want to do," she says. "I want to explore different areas of music and get involved in acting. Right now, I have every reason to believe that these things will happen."

## Brent, Jimmy And Phyllis Bring Drama to 'NFL Today'

Show business and professional football are about one-millionth of an inch apart.

"Monday Night Football" which also showhow manages to air on Thursday and Sunday nights, too) might have started it all by stuffing three sportscasters into a booth to cover one game. This might have worked except that one of those men was the purey of polysyllabic jabber Howard Cosell.

Howard likes to steal the show from everybody and everything else, including his co-workers, the commercials, the coaches, the theme music and the football game.

Continuing the show business movement is CBS' popular pre-game show "The NFL Today", which features Phyllis George, who knows little or nothing about football; Irv Cross, who is a competent ex-

player who knows the game well; Jimmy "the Greek"

ling, insightful sports reports on the "Today

Live" has dropped out of sight. While most of original troupe are at least making bad movies, token black member does not seem to be faring well.

Many members of the black community think that's all well and good since Morris degraded himself and black people many of his roles.

### Montalban and the De

"Fantasy Island" gets more ludicrous with each episode. The show has promoted Ricardo Montalban from selling cars to playing some type of god in a whole three-piece suit. In a recent show, Montalban fought the devil.

We expect him and Ta too to sprout wings and halos any day now.

### Television by Allen Johnson

Snyder, who has trouble talking in coherent sentences; and Brent Musburger, whom Jimmy punched out in a bar.

The plot thickens. Phyllis and Jimmy don't like each other either although Brent and Jimmy have made up. So Jimmy's portion of the show is taped in advance so he and Phyllis don't have to cross paths.

Meanwhile, on NBC\* which has most thorough, sensible coverage of the NFL, Bryant Gumbel is doing an excellent job of anchoring the network's pre-game show, NFL '81."

Gumbel also does interest-

Ironically, not many people are watching Gumbel on "NFL '81". "NFL Today" held a whopping 39 percent viewership lead last season.

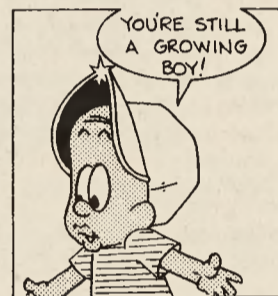
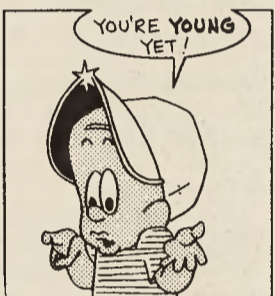
Just goes to show you that qualify does not always sell.

### Short takes...

#### Where's Garrett?

Garrett Morris, who sold his soul for a laugh on the original "Saturday Night

### LUTHER



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### Sheinwold on Backgammon

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You, White, roll 4-3 in the diagrammed position. How do you play it? (Don't overlook the man on the bar.)

You may be tempted to hit the blot on Black's bar point, but you should resist the temptation. Black is a 2 to 1 favorite to hit you right back as he comes in from the bar; and even if he misses, you are still not out of the woods. You are therefore unlikely to gain a permanent advantage from hitting the blot.

You do gain a permanent advantage if you come in on Black's 4-point and move over from his 1-point to make the 4-point. Few early moves are better than making your opponent's 5-point or 4-point. From such an advanced point you are in posi-

tion to get out and race for home if the need arises, so that you are very seldom gammoned; you cannot be shut out of the opponent's board when you have made a point in his board; and you are in position to hit any blot that Black may leave in his outer board as he tries to enter his home board.

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## STARSCOPE

Clare Aswell

### WEEK OF: NOVEMBER 12, 1981

#### AQUARIUS - January 21-February 19

New job procedures require adjustment on your part, but patience and diligence pay off grandly. Explore brand new outlet for creative expression. Spend time updating wardrobe.

#### PISCES - February 20-March 20

Recent news bulletins are further updated, with perhaps some unexpected changes involved. Increased prestige comes after an extended wait. Romance is delightfully upbeat now.

#### ARIES - March 21-April 20

Your surprise gifts to family/friends make you a favorite person. Social gatherings are more offbeat than expected. In communications, it's easy to omit the essential facts.

#### TAURUS - April 21-May 22

A career goal appears on the horizon, thanks to the maneuvers of an anonymous backer. Check times and dress requirements before attending social events on the weekend.

#### GEMINI - May 23-June 21

Rigid requirements are relaxed and there's a fine opportunity for enrolling in a professional or academic course. Favorite friend is charmingly unpredictable through week.

#### CANCER - June 22-July 22

Sporty pursuits can help lead you out of a mental rut. Loved one is surprisingly intellectual, but don't feel that you have to compete. Financial breakthrough favored by Wednesday.

#### LEO - July 23-August 22

Local travel provides the week's highlights and includes the chance to meet interesting people and useful contacts. Showdowns can be fiery; wherever possible, opt for diplomacy.

#### VIRGO - August 23-September 22

Natural charm sparkles and social life is active. Little tiffs can turn to full-scale crises. Loved one may surprise you with his/her new tactics and old idiosyncrasies.

#### LIBRA - September 23-October 22

Libra is surprisingly competitive now, but it's your best approach if you want to have a chance at a major career prize. Relative may delight you with newfound independence.

#### SCORPIO - October 23-November 21

Casual visits may become special events. You're vulnerable in area of finance; don't make a move without speaking to your wisest counselor. Partner can be mysterious.

#### SAGITTARIUS - November 22-December 22

Major intellectual achievement is a strong possibility this week, but on the homefront you're surprisingly impractical. Friends return favors -- then beg for new ones.

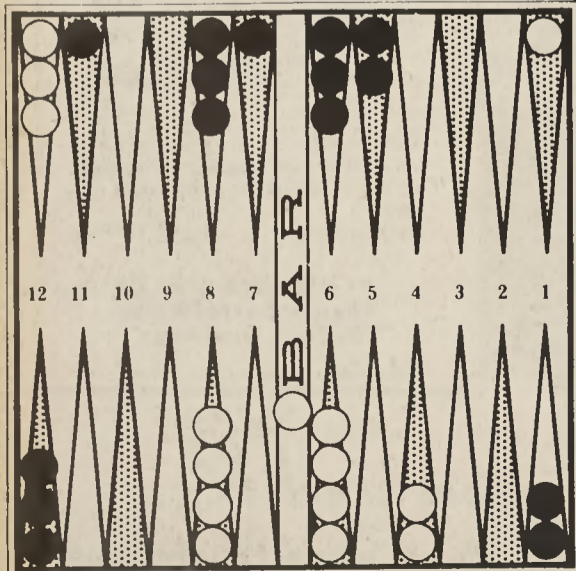
#### CAPRICORN - December 23-January 20

A noisy week, and if you want to be alone, you may have to find an impenetrable hideaway. News from faraway friend or relative can influence upcoming travel plans.

#### BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

You're a person of extremes: determined, persistent and, always, outspoken. No one ignores you. An important career goal can be achieved by late 1982 -- but only if you learn the true meaning of selectivity.

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- Winn-Dixie (Patterson Ave., Ext.)
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- Brown's Beauty (Patterson Ave.)
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- Hawkins House of Beauty (NW Blvd.)
- Motel 6 (Patterson Ave.)
- Merita Breadbox (Polo Rd.)
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- Best Book Store (Reynolda Manor)
- Dixon's Cash Store (NW Blvd.)
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- Gordon Manor Pharmacy (Country Club Rd.)
- Magic Mart (Broad St.)
- Kay's Cleaners (Patterson Ave.)

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- Post Office
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- Bus Stop
- Sanitary Barber Shop
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