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mal announcement is made of the deal, but ABC has reportedly given a green light to production of the six first segments....

Harold Melvin of the Blue Notes has pleaded guilty in Mays Landing, N.J., to a charge of possessing cocaine. The singer, members of his band and several others were arrested in a raid Aug. 7 at Caesars Hotel Casino in Atlantic City and charged with possessing cocaine, methamphetamine and a pistol. Atlantic County Assistant prosecutor Marc Friedman said, that if the court accepts the guilty plea, the other charges would be dropped and Melvin would be fined and placed on probation....

Singer Ella Fitzgerald, became the first woman to get the Los Angeles Urban League's Whitney A. Young Jr. Award. She was honored "for her outstanding contributions toward the improvement of racial equality." Said the jazz great:

"Getting awards from my peers inspires me, makes me work harder. If I can make someone happy, I'll just keep on singing."....

Mr. T has been named Theologian of the Year by a Christian humor magazine. The *Wittenburg Door* said it selected Mr. T, 31, because of the "profound" theological insights he gave in a recent interview on the Christian TV talk show, "The 700 Club."

The bimonthly journal said his selection was cinched when he explained the spiritual significance of his gold jewelry.

Said Mr T: "I wear jewelry for two reasons. One, I can afford it. Two, because when my ancestors were brought over here from Africa, they were shackled in chains. But I've changed those shackles into gold, which symbolizes the fact that Mr. T is still a slave, only my price tag is higher. Also, I wear a lot of gold because I serve a rich God."....

Musical Notes From Page B8

performing five songs, four from his last album on CBS Records, including the 1983 Grammy-winning hit, "Sexual Healing."

The Gaye tribute will air May 5 in Winston-Salem on WJTM-TV, Channel 45, and also features a poignant interview segment during which Gaye responds to questions from the "Soul Train" dancers.

All of the dance music in the program is provided by Gaye's previous hits as a Motown artist as well as other selections from the CBS album. According to Cornelius, no additional sponsors or rate increases will be solicited by his company for the special broadcast.

"We are further offering our stations an additional prime-time run at no cost and without pre-sold commercials, which allows stations to sell positions normally

owned by the production company," Cornelius says.

"Our compensation lies in the potential for the maximum number of Americans to see Marvin Gaye at his best and at the peak of his career."

Voice Of Doom

Who is the Darth Vader-like voice threatening doom on the song, "Escape From The Planet of the Ant Men," from Jermaine Jackson's upcoming Arista solo LP?

It's none other than brother Tito Jackson. Says Jermaine: "Tito coaches Little League teams, loves animals and gives to charities."

"This is about the only way you'll ever catch him doing anything evil."

Ask Yolonda From Page B8

Dear Mr. Jackson: The teachers students remember most are the ones doing exactly what you suggest. Their time is spent not just on teaching, but teaching students the need to learn. Thanks for

your inside advice.

Got a problem or a gripe? Ask Yolonda Gayles, P.O. Box 19112, Chicago, Ill., 60619.

Alzheimer's Disease affects elderly

Alzheimer's Disease is a progressive and irreversible brain disorder that affects two million older Americans, including some 25,000 North Carolinians.

The North Carolina Medical Society says the cause and cure are not known. The disease was named for the German physician who discovered it. Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders are often called senility or organic brain syndrome.

The disease is most common in persons over 60, but it does affect people in their 40s or 50s. Initially, a victim may experience loss of memory, repeat already

answered questions, have difficulty with familiar name, or experience changes in personality, mood, or behavior.

Later, victims have increasing difficulty with tasks, concentration, and language. They may become depressed, fidgety, or aggressive. Ultimately, a victim may become completely helpless.

The Alzheimer's Family support group was organized in 1980, and some 23 chapters have been organized across the state with the assistance of Duke Aging Center. For more information, call the Duke Aging Center at (919) 684-2328.

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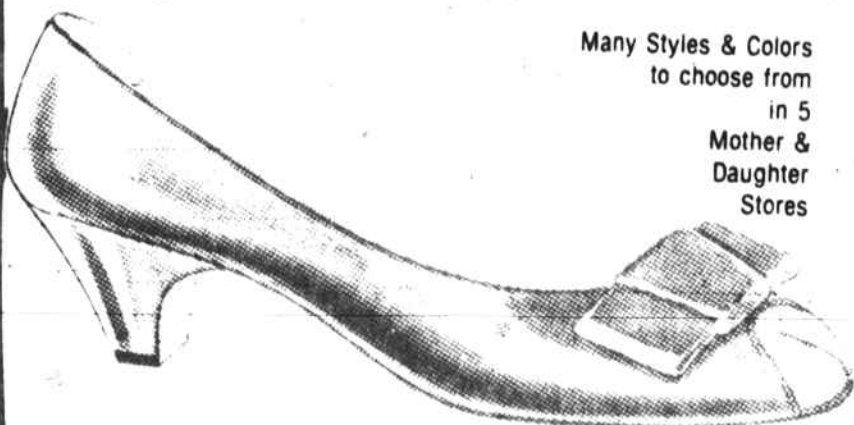
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