

## Black Movies, TV News Briefs

Sammy Davis, Jr. will star in a benefit concert at Carnegie Hall on July 7 for the Harlem-Dowling Children's Service. What's more, he'll have such co-stars as Billy Eckstine, Cab Calloway and his daughter Lael Calloway and, naturally, the George Rhodes Orchestra. Tickets range from \$1.00 to \$8.50.

"Big Blue Marble", the first world wide children's TV series is now in its second season with syndication on more than

140 U.S. commercial and educational stations. It's also being shown in 22 foreign countries, whose plans call for extended distribution to 40 countries this summer and to 70 countries by the end of 1977.

Gordon Parks' "Leadbelly" is the only "black" movie on the latest list of "50 Top-Grossing Films" and it's ranked No. 45. Cleavon Little's "Blazing Saddles" holding on in No. 49 spot. "Leadbelly", by the way, opened in London and is looking good.

The Community Education Services division, the arm of Children's Television Workshop is headed by Ms. Evelyn Davis, a former aide at the Harlem YMCA. He division is responsible for audience building for "Sesame Street" and "The Electric Company" and encouraging the use of Workshop TV productions and related materials as valuable aides in the education process.

Vincent Tubbs, press director of community relations for Warner Bros. in its Burbank, Calif. studios, came East to the NNPA convention in Philly and to NYC to the seminar for theatre managers and circuit executives in the metropolitan area whose theatres will be presenting five Warner Bros. films throughout the summer.

The films are "All The President's Men", "The Outlaw Josey Wales", starring Clint Eastwood; "St. Ives", starring Charles Bronson; "Ode to Billy Joe" and a car-racing comedy "The Gumball Rally".

Benny Ashburn, who has managed the Commodores from a bunch of Tuskegee students almost to the top in the Rock music world has relocated in midtown Manhattan in a penthouse office on West 55th Street. Watch for the Commodore's newest on Motown. They're writers and lyricists and the black version of the Beatles.

Diana Ross has figuratively taken over the Palace Theatre and made them forget Judy Garland and Shirley MacLaine as she buzzes through her one-woman show. Her tribute to Ethel Waters, Billie Holiday, Bessie Smith and Josephine Baker is something else, although it might not sway Hank Kaufman and Gene Lerner, who are producing "The Josephine Baker Story" from their first choice of Shirley Bassey for the title role. Postscript: Diana has revealed she's divorcing hubby, Robert Silberstein, after three years.

Nat Adderley, the jazz musician, has been signed to a recording contract with Little David Records, according to Monte Kay, president of the label.

### WBT To Present

### "Concert In The

### Sky" Saturday

Saturday, July 3rd, at 11 p.m., WBT Radio and Carowinds will present SKY-SHOW '76, a spectacular "concert in the sky".

Blending sight and sound, SKY SHOW '76 features a massive fireworks display from the top of Charlotte's NCNB Tower. The aerial bombs are synchronized to explode in time to a program of music and words on 1110 WBT Radio. The musical program includes patriotic selections celebrating America's past, present and future.



Billy Preston  
...Popular entertainer

### Billy Preston To

### Headline Soul

### Train Saturday

Billy Preston and The Sylvers, both veteran Soul Train performers, are the star lineup this weekend on television's nationally syndicated musical-dance show.

Known as the musician's musician, Billy Preston's musical genius first became known at the age of 10 when he began playing music in church and working with James Cleveland and Mahalia Jackson. That same year, he portrayed the role of young W.C. Handy in the film St. Louis Blues.

A gospel tour with the late Sam Cooke and Little Richard turned him on to rock and roll and since then he has made appearances with such stars as Ray Charles, the Beatles and the Rolling Stone, and recorded with Stevie Wonder, Carole King, Sly Stone, Barbara Streisand, Ringo Star and George Harrison, his associate on many albums.

For his Soul Train appearance, Preston does "That's Life," "Fancy Lady", and "Do It All You Can".

The Sylvers, a multi-talented group of eight musicians, featuring 13-year-old Foster Sylver, keep the upbeat tempo with "Free Style" and "Boogie Fever."

The Soul Train dancers and guest interviews with host-producer Don Cornelius round out the show.

Soul Train is sponsored by Johnson Products Co., the nation's leading Black manufacturer of hair care products and cosmetics.

### Cloggers

### To Perform

Eight cloggers, four girls and four boys from Newland, North Carolina will perform July 4 at Freedom Park for the "Family Fourth" celebration sponsored by the Charlotte Mecklenburg Bicentennial Committee perform over a hundred shows a year all over the U.S. and occasional TV appearances said manager Eva Alexander.

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KELLY ALEXANDER JR.  
...Television show host

## Experience TV Show Becomes Syndicated

By Abigail L. Flanders  
Post Staff Writer

Dancing to the rhythm of groups like "Earth, Wind & Fire", talking politics with men like Roy Wilkins, critiquing the black movies that run in the Charlotte theaters, and presenting a segment in Black History has made "EXPERIENCE" one of the most popular shows in the Charlotte area.

"Experience" was borne from ideas that Kelly Alexander Jr., the host of the show, and Chuck Smith, co-producer and director for the show, formulated. The idea was to produce a show that would be of interest to both adults and young teenagers by integrating dance-style entertainment with a variety of serious subject matter.

Originally, Kelly and Church worked together in the channel 18 studios to formulate the ingredients of the successful show; but soon the show was moved to channel 3, because of the available equipment and manpower. Since then, the show has been syndicated by the UNC-TV network on a weekly basis throughout the summer. Presently, the show is seen infrequently, at varying intervals on channel 3.

"I am excited about the

syndication because it will give the show more exposure", Chuck Smith said. "I personally would like to see more happen with the show. We need to do more movie reviews so that people will know about the good movies that are in town. I also feel that the show needs more variety."

Since the show has moved to channel 3, there have been several changes in the format. There has been more concentration on interviews with performers like Al Green and a lot more dancing; which tends to give the show a more common dance party type look. "We're trying to get away from that type of show", Chuck said. "It's been overdone in the past and it is progressively losing its appeal."

In the past, "EXPERIENCE" was seen in the 11:30 to midnight slots Friday nights on a monthly schedule on channel 18. It is now slotted periodically on channel 3 at 11:30 on Saturday nights, which is perhaps one of its biggest drawbacks. "At one time we were able to sell "EXPERIENCE" to our viewing audience because it preceded "Soul Train".

Check the ads in the Charlotte Post each week for outstanding buys.



This is an election year. The year we elect a President. Governors. And public officials we have to live with and work with, for the next four years.

Do you care?  
If you don't, this should be the year that you do.

Too many of us have been busy kinking our hair, making the Black Power fist, giving the soul handshake, then sitting back. Sitting back and saying, "That's it, Brother. I've done my thing as a Black person."

But this external, emotional display isn't enough. Black Power lacks a fuse if it doesn't include a conscious effort to get involved in the elective system of our country.

If we are going to successfully climb from the pits of oppression, frustration, rejection, and second class living, we must seek assistance from our Government. The cooperation of our Government. The understanding of our Government.

We should all know whom we're talking to, when it comes time to do some serious talking. And what to expect, when we do.

We can't afford the luxury of letting someone else elect our officials. We must be active, and not reactive. And we must do it at every level.

We must show our elected officials that we are concerned. Concerned about them. Concerned about ourselves. Concerned about our country.

That way, we show an honest concern. For many years now, we've been moving toward a stronger voice in our Government. A valid voice.

Let's not blow it this year, by keeping our mouths shut, when it's election time. Time to speak up, and be counted.

We can register. We can vote. We must.

Joe Black  
Vice President  
The Greyhound Corporation

## Steel Drum Symphonette To Perform At "Family Fourth"

The Steel Drum Symphonette will be among many diversified groups to perform at the "Family Fourth" celebration at Freedom Park sponsored by the Charlotte Mecklenburg Bicentennial Committee and the Charlotte News.

The 14 players, except Jim Boyce, director and player, are local high school and elementary students.

The instruments are made from oil drums by stretching the metal and hammering out the notes from the center.

"They're really fantastic," Boyce said of the group's talent. "They've adapted to the instruments and play very impressively indeed...They had no formal (musical) training," Boyce said.

The Charlotte Mecklenburg Youth Council, where Boyce is

### TV Special To

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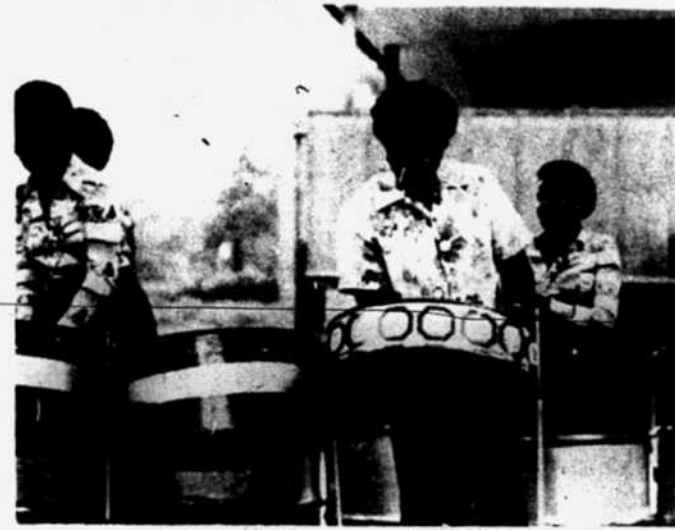
Bob Hope will be joined by some of his friends for his special, "Bob Hope's Bicentennial Star Spangled Spectacular," to be colorcast on Channel Nine Sunday, July 4 at 8:30 p.m.

Guests stars are Sammy Davis, Jr., Debbie Reynolds, Donny and Marie Osmond, and Captain and Tennille.

Appearing in cameo roles will be Dan Rowan and Dick Martin, Ron Howard, Jimmy Walker, Angie Dickinson, Phyllis Diller, Steve Allen, Ed McMahon, Doc Severinsen and Don Knotts.

Included in the special will be a look at "The Tonight Show" starring Johnny Carson as it might have been at different times during our country's history. The news of July 4, 1776 will be a special feature, and Debbie Reynolds will star in "Martha Washington, Martha Washington."

The Captain and the Tennille will sing their current hit, "Shop Around," and "Wedding Song."



MUSICIAN JIM BOYCE  
...With members of band

the Cultural Specialist, sponsors the band.

Their music repertoire ranges from classical and religious to country. July Fourth they will play the "William Tell Overture," "Country Road," "Battle Hymn of Republic," "God Bless America", "Hallelujah Chorus" and "God Bless America".

Steel drum music originated in Trinidad. Jim Boyce, who originally is from Trinidad,

### "Bus Week" Is

### First Step In

### New Program

Bus Week, proclaimed Monday by Mayor John M. Belk, will signal the start of a new marketing program for the City-owned bus system. The period July 12-16 will be marked by ceremonies and displays designed to demonstrate the vitality of the new system and its value to the City's existing and potential riders.

Major activity of the week, according to the City's Office of Transit Planning's Michael D. Kidd, will be visits to some 20 locations throughout the City by a special demonstration bus in the City's new bus colors. Literature about the system and displays featuring the coming improvements in the buses will be available at each location. A dedication ceremony on the Square will start the week at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, July 12.

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