

### Earth, Wind, Fire To Appear Here

#### Saturday

Over the past five years Earth, Wind and Fire, who will appear at the Charlotte Coliseum Saturday night along with Ramsey Lewis and the Emotions, has become a permanent fixture in contemporary music.

The group's explosive live performances have left thousands of people on their feet shouting "Party" "Party".

Earth, Wind and Fire puts out the kind of music that speaks to every single person in the audience. Music that is exciting, moving, sexy, happy with a spicy amalgamation of Afro-Cuban, jazz, rock and latin blues and soul. In short there's nothing better than Earth, Wind and Fire music.

The group has enjoyed success in the past with single recordings such as "Sing A Song," "That's The Way Of The World," "Mighty, Mighty," "Shinin' Star" and "Can't Hide Love".

The recent Columbia Records release, a new single "Getaway," has already started a rapid climb up the musical charts.

Tickets for the show, which opens at 8 o'clock, are on sale at the usual places.

#### Aretha Franklin

#### Finds "Gold"

#### With "Sparkle"

Aretha Franklin's "SPARKLE" album on Atlantic Records, music from the Warner Bros. motion picture, composed and produced by Curtis Mayfield, has been certified gold by the RIAA for U.S. sales in excess of 500,000 units, it was announced by Jerry Greenberg, President of Atlantic Records.

"SPARKLE" was released in the U.S. on May 24, and was certified gold in six weeks. The album represents Aretha's first collaboration with Curtis Mayfield (recorded at his Curtom Studios in Chicago), and contains both sides of Aretha's current number 1 R&B single, "SOMETHING HE CAN FEEL" b-w "LOVING YOU BABY."

Aretha Franklin has attained RIAA gold certification previously for six Atlantic albums: "AMAZING GRACE," "YOUNG, GIFTED AND BLACK," "LIVE AT FILLMORE WEST," "ARETHA NOW," "LADY SOUL," and "I NEVER LOVED A MAN THE WAY I LOVE YOU." In addition, Aretha has earned a total of 14 RIAA gold singles in her 10 years with Atlantic Records.

### SUPER SOUNDS

- 1 SOMETHING HE CAN FEEL  
Aretha Franklin
- 2 THE MASQUERADE  
George Benson
- 3 YOU'LL NEVER FIND ANOTHER LOVE LIKE MINE  
Lou Rawls
- 4 KISS AND SAY GOODBYE  
Manhattans
- 5 I'LL BE GOOD TO YOU  
Brothers Johnson
- 6 TEAR THE ROOF OFF THE SUCKER  
Parliament
- 7 YOUNG HEARTS RUN FREE  
Candi Staton
- 8 SOPHISTICATED LADY  
Natalie Cole
- 9 SOMEBODY'S GETTIN' IT  
Johnnie Taylor
- 10 CAUGHT IN THE ACT  
Facts of Life
- 11 HARD WORK  
John Handy
- 12 SO GOOD (TO BE HOME HOME WITH YOU)  
Tyrone Davis
- 13 HEAR THE WORD, FEEL THE FEELING  
Margie Joseph
- 14 WHO LOVES YOU BETTER  
Isley Brothers
- 15 LOVE  
Graham Central Station
- 16 HEAVEN MUST BE MISSING AN ANGEL  
Tavares
- 17 THE MORE YOU DO IT  
Ronnie Dyson
- 18 I WANT YOU  
Marvin Gaye
- 19 GET UP OFFA THAT THING  
James Brown
- 20 IT AIN'T THE REAL THING  
Bobby Bland



ROSE FRAZIER AND LENNAL WILLIAMS  
...In scene from "Day Of Absence"

### Channel 42 To Air

### "Day Of Absence"

On Tuesday, July 27 at 7:30 p.m., WTVI presents Douglas Turner Ward's "Day of Absence," performed by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council Community Players.

This successful off-Broadway production is a clever and enormously amusing satire, described by the author as "A reverse minstrel show." Here the black cast, made up in white face, recount the uproarious and tragic emergencies which occur when a southern town is faced with the sudden and inexplicable disappearance of all its-Negro citizens.

The 90 minute play, directed by Nathaniel Rorie, stars Wil-

lie McCullough, Larry Thompson, Rose Frazier, Arnold Haynes, Harold F. Dew, Willie J. Stratford Jr., Tangie Clifton, and Jerry Colbert.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council Community Players are students between the ages of 12 and 23. The group was formed by Phyllis Lynch, Harold Dew Jr., Nathaniel Rorie, Ruth Dew and several student members of the Youth Council. Members attend drama workshops, and are taught interpretation, speech, acting and stage technique.

#### JCSU To Sponsor

#### Summer Disco

Johnson C. Smith University and WBT will present a Summer Disco on July 22 at 9 p.m. in the Hartley Woods Gym on the campus of Johnson C. Smith University.

The Disco will feature WBT's Rockin Ray Goodin and H.A. Thompson.

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### At Carolina Theatre

## Bingo Long - A Big Hit Flick

By Abigail L. Flanders  
Post Staff Writer

Few of us remember the old days when baseball was a segregated sport with a National Black League of superb players. Most of their fame has been drowned through the years by that of contemporary stars like Willie Mays and Vida Blue...However, a new movie, which is now playing at the Eastland Mall Cinema and the Carolina Theatre has rekindled the flame of the days of "black baseball" in a hilarious, yet serious motion picture entitled "Bingo Long's Traveling All Stars and Motor Kings".

The movie is set in 1939 when Bingo Long, a once famous black pitcher in the National Black Baseball League, fights the oppressive powers of the owners of the league and eventually forms his own team, using some young inexperienced players that he's found as well as the dissatisfied players in the National Black League.

Billie Dee Williams and James Earl Jones make a very pleasant and compatible pair who together create the force behind the "Bingo Long Traveling All Stars and Motor Kings". Richard Pryor plays a comical teammate whose determination to play on the White National Baseball League leads him to impersonate a Cuban; and later an Indian. Together, the threesome combat the delicate odds of chance to form one of the most famous black leagues in baseball.

Towards the end, the film progresses to the era when Blacks were accepted by the

#### WBTV Hires First

**Woman In Sales**  
Bud Coggins, General Sales Manager for WBTV in Charlotte has announced the appointment of Ms. Pam Sterling to the position of Sales Representative.

White League, thus breaking up one of the most colorful teams in baseball history. The comical stunts performed before and during the games can only be compared with those of the Harlem Globetrotters' basketball team.

It's an interesting, fun-filled and slightly boosted biography of a man whose ingenuity and respect for the sport of baseball created a memorable history of pain, laughter, amusing antics and hard work.

## BILLY DEE WILLIAMS \* JAMES EARL JONES RICHARD PRYOR

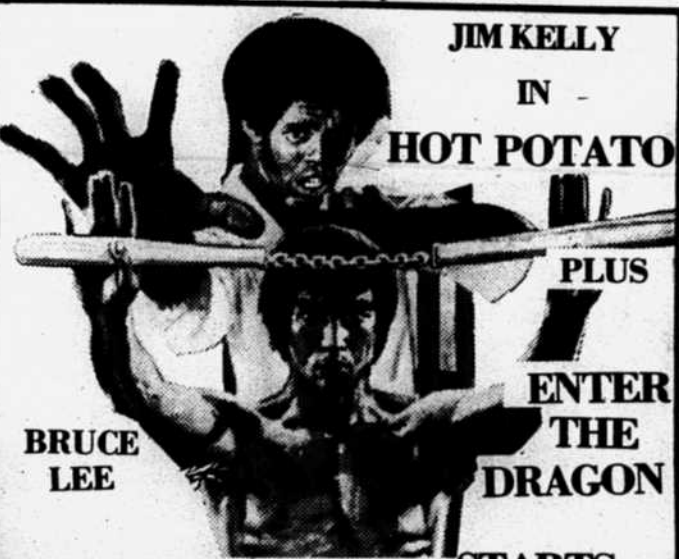


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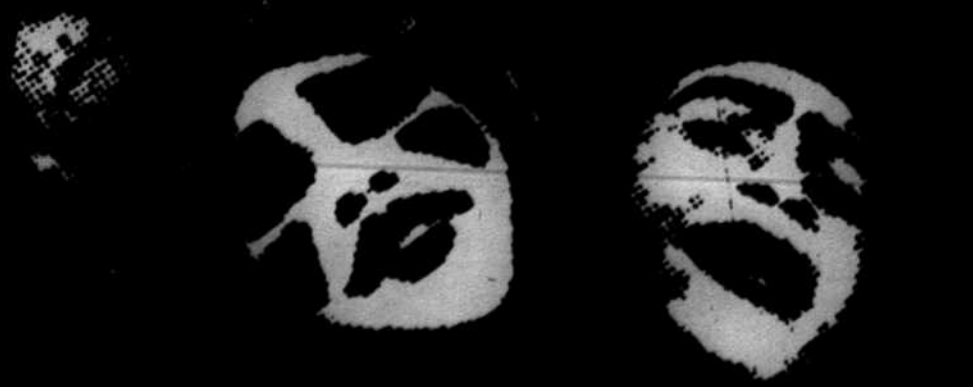
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Dear Jim:

The WGIV Voter Registration drive on Saturday, July 17, 1976, was an overwhelming success. We registered and transferred some 362 people in five hours. That is by far the best special registration unit we have had since 1972.

You and the staff of WGIV deserve a big thanks for your effort and concern in this area of public service.

Sincerely yours,

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