

Black Movies, TV

News Briefs

Getting the big press treatment in Chicago, New York and Philadelphia are a group of the featured stars in Universal's "Car Wash," the Michael Schultz-directed film that is making it big everywhere it has opened. In NYC this past week were Clarence Muse, Lauren Jones, Lorraine Gary, the Pointer Sisters, James Spinks, Bill Duke, Sully Boyar and Garrett Morris, all under the guidance of Univer-

sal's Paul Gardner. Franklin Ajaye was also in town, but he was doing his thing, appearing at the Bottom Line and guided around by his manager, Paul Cooper.

Melba Moore revealed in an interview with Peter Roberts on WOR Radio that "Big Blue Marble" has just recently pinpointed New York City. "We did a little mini-tour of New York City to show people what exciting landmarks there are here, the places people like me who have been born here and brought up here and still live here, never even get a chance to see that are interesting." The film will be seen on the ITT-sponsored series in the future.

Jim Spinks, who plays the role of Hippo in "Car Wash," has had an active singing career. He won "Best Vocalist" at the Elmhurst Jazz Festival sponsored by Downbeat Magazine and has appeared in such clubs as Mister Kelly's in Chicago, the Village Gate in NYC, and the Parisian Room in LA. He was also an assistant director on "Mahogany."

"Norman Is That You?" hit the chart of the 50 Top-Grossing Films its first week in No. 2 position, showing in 34 theatres. The combo of "Lady Sings The Blues" and "Mahogany," in 43 theatres is in No. 7 spot. "Car Wash," showing in only 3 theatres, was in No. 31 spot and "Idi Amin Dada," the film on Uganda's president, is in No. 40 position, showing in five theatres.

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Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes will entertain in the pregame show at the Whitney E. Young Jr. Memorial Football Classic on October 30 when Bethune-Cookman meets Norfolk State. Robert Stokes, Parade Chairman, says the big march up Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd. that morning will feature Elks Band, Martin Luther King, Jr. High School Band, and bands of Bethune Cookman and Norfolk State.

Benny Ashburn's Commodores, one of Motown's top recording groups have been set to score the musical sound track of "Greased Lightning," the championship race driver film that stars Richard Pryor under the directorship of Michael Schultz.



Deniece Williams
...Popular vocalist

Soul Train To Spotlight

Marilyn McCoo

The music world's latest husband and wife team, Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis, occupy the spotlight this week-end on Soul Train, joined by vocalist Deniece Williams.

Both former members of the highly successful 5th Dimension since its inception 10 years ago, McCoo and Davis now blend their voices for Soul Train fans on their first single, "I Hope We Get To Love In Time," "You Can't Change My Heart" and "You Don't Have To Be A Star (To Be In My Show)."

The duet hopes to establish themselves on records and in live performances before expanding into solo areas on record and film.

Deniece Williams might well be called, "the reluctant musician." Even though for years she sang for her own pleasure in her home town of Gary, Indiana, she resisted the lure of the stage until invited by Stevie Wonder to join his band as a backup singer.



SKATER RICHARD EWELL
...U.S. Junior Men's Champion

New Ice Capades To

Feature Richard Ewell

Ice Capades features new star Richard Ewell, opening Wednesday, October 20, at the Coliseum for seven performances.

Other newcomers include Melissa Militano, Johnny Johns, Terry Kubicka, David Sadleir, Sarah Kawahara and the adagio team of Mark and Alison.

The first surprise is Mr. Magic Man, the incredible David Sadleir, who appears in a puff of smoke in "MAGIC TIME." He'll baffle and amaze you by pulling rabbits out of hats, scooping birds out of thin air, and making things vanish and reappear. Classic top-hat-and-tails magic tricks on ice will amaze, astound and surprise you with a new magic number, "GRAND ILLUSIONS."

For the young at heart, it's "SCOOBY DOO AND THE GANG FROM MAGICLAND," featuring Yogi Bear, Huckleberry Hound, Fred Flintstone and many more. Then "ISLAND MAGIC" will sweep you away to a world of swash-buckling, one-eyed pirates and jeweled maidens who twirl, dance, jump and spin as they weave a tapestry of romance and intrigue. There are sword fights, a great chase and a disaster scene in the best tradition of Hollywood.

For comedy and novelty acts, you can't beat the hilarious antics of Freddie Trenkler, the zany team of LaBrecque and Mac, and the unique brother-sister, skating-acrobatic team of The Fentons.

See beautiful ballerinas interpret "CHOPIN FANTASY" and enjoy several surprises in "TRICKS & TRUNKS". For precision skating at its best, check out the incredible Ice Capettes in "THIRTY-TWO OF A KIND". Ice Capades salutes Canada, Mexico and the United States in "HI NEIGHBORS!"

The all-new ice show ends with a flashy finale, "IT'S TODAY", staged in the spirit of the Ziegfeld Follies.

Tickets are priced at \$5.50, \$4.50 and \$3.50, with special performances 1/2 price for Youths 16 yrs. & under. Special prices for Senior Citizens and Groups.

Tickets are on sale at the Charlotte Coliseum Box Office, Belk and Ivey's in Charlotte and all area Sears Stores. Ticket Reservations most all area Sears Stores. Mail orders accepted, send self-addressed stamped envelope.

Check the ads in the Charlotte Post each week for the best bargains in town.

Shaw Players Open Season

Raleigh - The Shaw Players and Company, under the direction of Mrs. Patricia C. Caple, will open their theatrical season with the tumultuous "In White America," by Martin B. Duberman. The show will be performed in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium on Friday, October 29, 1976 at 8:15 p.m.

"In White America" is an enactment from the actual historical records by a history professor at Princeton...a continuously absorbing story of the Black American in this land from the slave-trade times to Little Rock to the present.

Scenes are so arranged to depict the thinking of past Black leaders, such as Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois, to the contemporary ideas of Malcolm X, Julian Bond, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. An enactment of tremendous emotional power that the Shaw Players have skillfully intertwined with song and dance, as well as historical flashbacks, making for an exciting and dynamic production.

Tickets are on sale at Shaw University and Sam Goody's in Crabtree Valley Mall. Tickets will be on sale in the box office of Raleigh Memorial Auditorium from 9:00 a.m. - 8:15 p.m. on Friday, October 29. For further information, call (919) 755-4972 or write: Mrs. Patricia C. Caple, Director, Shaw University, 118 East South Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602.

Leaves Temptations

The Temptations and Dennis Edwards have mutually agreed to terminate their association in order for Edwards to pursue a separate career. A replacement for Edwards will be announced in the near future.



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