

**Black Movies, TV**

**News Briefs**

Two black gals have visual and effective roles in "A Star Is Born," the rock-roll version of the oldie hit with Barbara Streisand and Kris Kristofferson. They are Vanetta Fielsa and Clyde King who sing as the Orees and back Barbara in all her exciting and thrilling songs. Very very good. A Warner Bros. SUPERB RELEASE.

New York's top supper club, Cleo's, will be going international in a couple of months when it will add Cleo's St. Martin's (Dutcher Antilles). Meanwhile, there'll be a super New Year's Eve Party at the

**The Sylvers**

The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson means what he says about knocking out "sex rock" songs from record companies and on the air. "If stations play X records, then we would have to discuss that practice with them at license renewal time," he says. And that's hitting right in the breadbasket of many, many black-oriented stations.

The third season of ITT-sponsored award winning "Big Blue Marble" starts soon with action on such episodes as boat racing in USA, sheep tending in New Zealand, yoga in India and mud dancing in New Guinea. This children's show teaches the kids to understand each other all over the world.

James Brown testified in Newark Federal Court that he never made payoffs to NYC disc jock Frankie Crocker, program director of WBLS, who was charged with lying to a federal grand jury when he said he never received "payola." Brown's personal manager, Charles Bottit, testified that he paid Crocker about \$6,500 over an eight-year period to play certain recordings. Frankie was convicted.

Albert Popwell, who has an excellent role in Clint Eastwood's "The Enforcer" was working on Christmas Day. He arrived in NYC from Baltimore on his current promotion tour, left for Philly, and then came back to NYC before winding up in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The New York Sigmas gave their annual dance at the International Hotel at Kennedy Airport and the guests were absolutely turned on by the music of the Ray Gant Band. That included Ray Gant on vocals (and how); Earl Davis on organ; Billy Daniels, guitarist; Mike Harris, bass; Ahmed Cumberbatch, percussion; Donald Hessel, Congo and Mr. C. on drums; and a solid group.

Sidney Poitier is among the top stars who will participate in CBS's \$1 million musical gala at Washington's Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, on Wednesday, Jan. 19, the night before Jimmy Carter's inauguration. It'll be a 2 1/2-hour show.

John Badham, who directed "Bingo Long" for Motown, has quit as director of Universal's "The Wiz" because he doesn't think Diana Ross is proper for the role of "a tiny little girl trying to get home."

Lookee, lookee at the past week's list of "50 Top-Grossing Films": "Car Wash" - No. 17; "Norman Is That You?" - No. 24; "J.D.'s Revenge" - No. 30; "Cooley High" - No. 42; "Cornbread Earl & Me" - No. 45. Interesting is "Silver Streak," which Richard Pryor is carrying in No. 7, and "Blazing Saddles," making a comeback with Cleavon Little, is in No. 12 spot.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Ivestia Beckwith, left, accepts check from Independence Saving Club President Bettie Dawson for work of Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation. Club treasurer Millie Duren, second from left, and Birthday treasurer Alice Owens, right, observe presentation.

**Independence Saving Club**

**Aid Sickle Cell Foundation**

The 41-year-old Independence Saving Club, represented by President Bettie Dawson, club treasurer Mollie Duren, and Birthday Club treasurer Alice Owens, presented a check for \$70.80 to Mrs. Peggy Beckwith, Executive Director of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation last Thursday night, December 30.

The donation was only one of a number of charitable causes contributed to by the club which was organized in 1935 under the leadership of the late Mrs. Artie Reid.

According to President Dawson, "The Independence Saving Club has had only four

presidents in its 41-year history." She added, "They were Mrs. Artie Reid, founder; Mrs. Berda Hood, now deceased; Mrs. Geneva Anderson, and myself."

The club's motto for the past 41 years has been "I will lift mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help, My help cometh from the Lord." The club's song is "Shine On Me."

The Independence Saving Club is presently composed of: Bettie Dawson, President; Annie Dunn, Vice President; Beulah Hill, Financial Secretary for 26 years; Letha Williamson, Recording Secretary; Alice Owens, Treasurer; Bloncie Rivers, Assistant Treasurer; Mollie Duren, Birthday Treasurer; Gerice Smith, Flower Treasurer.

Social Committee members are: Bettie Dawson, Ida Huff, Sarah Funderburke, Eunice Dye, Lela Drakeford, Haywood Vaughn, Lem Long Jr., Dan Smith, Coya Bailey, and Carol Currence.

**Bugs Bunny Follies Coming**

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COYOTE, SPEEDY GONZALES, MERLIN THE MAGIC MOUSE and TWEETY and SYLVESTER, along with TWEETY'S mistress and protector, GRANNY. One of the highlights of the show is an exciting special guest appearance by world famous crime fighters, BATMAN and ROBIN.

Opening night, Thursday, Jan. 20th, is "BARGAIN NIGHT" with all tickets priced at \$3.50 - General Admission.

Other performances, Friday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 22, at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 23 at 2:30 p.m. all seats reserved, prices are: \$5.00 and \$4.00. Children 12 and under \$2.00 off all seats for these performances.

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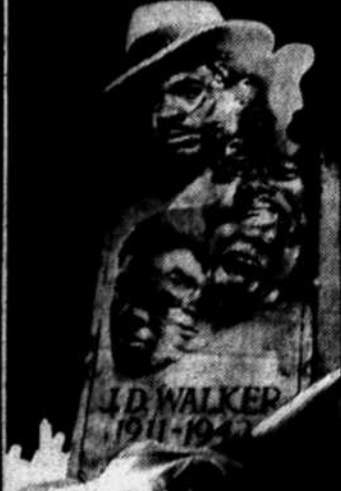
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