

Black Movies, TV News Briefs

Singer Tisha Campbell Charms Reporters

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Special to the Post
Tisha Campbell, the 9-year-old New Jersey singer, charmed reporters attending a screening of the new fall series of "Big Blue Marble" on which she appears. The youngster has been appearing in Baltimore in "The Me Nobody Knows." Her upcoming appearance on "Big Blue Marble" will give her an international audience since the ITT-sponsored, award winning show goes all over the world.



Alex Haley
...To be sued?

Boxing returns to Harlem on Friday, Sept. 8 when promoter Nancy Sciacca brings the first of many bouts to Vincent's Place, 55 West 125th Street, on the second floor of the CAV Building. Fights are also scheduled for Sept. 13 and 29.

Leroy Myers who spent many years with B.B. King is no longer with the blues man, but has signed singer Brook Benton who's making a comeback. Myers also has a place in Atlantic City, although it's located a long way from where the action is at Resorts International.

Carol Banks O'Neal, wife of actor Ron O'Neal and herself an actress, has been on a cross country tour for TVAC (Television for All Children) for which she is Executive Assistant. TVAC markets 17 TV series for children, including "As We See It," "Vegetable Soup," "Watch Your Mouth" and "Rebop."

Pamela Poitier, Sidney's 24-year-old daughter makes her movie debut in "The Warriors" as the spirited sweetheart of a youthful Brooklyn gang leader. Film should be released next year.

That loud noise you heard was the fall of the First Harlem Jazz Festival, the 15-day of jazz that only lasted four days. When the musicians didn't get paid, Local 802 of the musicians union, barred any of its musicians from participating.

"Roots: The Next Generation" has Henry Fonda in it and Marlon Brando has asked for a role. But another Alex Haley is still faced with a plagiarism suit over a book he says he didn't even read. A U.S. magistrate has found that Haley had "access" to the 1966 novel "Jubilee" by Margaret

Walker Alexander, who claims in a suit against Haley that parts of "Roots" were "largely copied" from her book. Mrs. Alexander is director of black studies at Jackson State U.

Gannett Co., the newspaper publishing concern, said it agreed in principle to sell its only TV holding, WHEC-TV in Rochester, N.Y. to a black-controlled Philadelphia concern, Broadcast Enterprises Network Inc., for \$27 million. If completed, WHEC-TV would become the first VHF network-affiliated TV outlet to be controlled by minorities in the continental U.S. Broadcast Enterprises was organized in 1974 by Ragan A. Henry, a partner in a Philly law firm.

"Calalou," a musical with book, lyrics and music by Irving Burgie, will be presented Sept. 7-24 at the Perry Street Theatre. In 1963, the show was presented off-Broadway and was known as "Ballad for Bimshire." Cast includes Theresa Merritt, Irwin C. Watson, Clebert Ford, Johnny Barracuda and Loretta Giles.

Avon Long, Vivian Reed, Joe Attles and Barry Preston will repeat their original Broadway roles in a European touring version of "Bubbling Brown Sugar," scheduled for

a Sept. 1 opening in Amsterdam.

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