

John Amos Is Returning To Television

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John Amos, formerly the father on "Good Times" and the adult Kunta Kinte in "Roots", is returning to TV in a plot for a possible series, a political comedy project called "The Washington Story." He'll be the star and you can bet there'll be no J.J. in this one.

The International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. is spending \$65,000 per episode of "Big Blue Marble", it's award winning children's TV show that this year will feature such guest stars as Jack Gilford, Pele, Melba Moore and Tracy Austin. That's a lot of loot, considering ITT does not permit a station to interrupt any part of the half-hour episode for commercials and the show is presented free to stations.

Ruffin A. Chaney, an equipment operator in Con Edison's Manhattan Steam Department has an unusual hobby: he builds entire cities out of matchsticks. He's been doing it since he was 12, and now builds a new city each year, using approximately 50,000 to 60,000 matches. He does other matchstick sculpture and won a blue ribbon for one, "Starsteps to Heaven", at an Art and Crafts Fair in Yonkers.

Contrary to the talk from Andy Young and John Conyers about "racism is dead in America", NBC has on the planning boards a two-hour show titled "The Love Song of Fred and Carrie", which is brazenly described as "...about a white widow and a black widower, both in their 50s, who meet and fall in love and then have to contend with the reaction of her son and daughter and his son. Because of the age of the two principals, they never have to touch each other—it's a do-able story about a black-white love affair, according to Paul Klein of NBC-TV.

Melba Moore, spokesperson for "Big Blue Marble", will be seen in United Artists production of "Hair" with John Savage, Treat Williams, Beverly D'Angelo, Anne Golden, Don Dacus, Dorsey Wright and Suzette Charles. Its' due for release within the next 12 months.

The Harlem Institute of Fashion held a Seminar, Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Harlem State Office Building the day before its annual awards dinner at the New York Hilton. Lecturer demonstrators included Johnetta Starks, Designer, Los Angeles, Ca., Sallie M. Williams, HIF Teacher-in-Charge, and Leona M. Jacobs-White, Master Dyer from Oakland, Ca. Cooperating in the seminar were the Black Fashion Museum, the National Association of Milliners, Dress Designers and Tailors, and its Couture Council.



Reggie Jackson
...Candy Bar a "Hit"

Bill Ellis, President of Interspace Personnel, has joined Fashion World Daily as a fourth member of the corporation, according to Editor-Publisher Dalman James. He'll assume duties of Vice President of Advertising, Marketing and Sales.

"Hot Dishes," that musical by Maurice Peterson that Woodie King, Jr.'s New Federal Theatre is presenting, Oct. 19 through 29, is a madcap musical fable of a singing TV gossip columnist who falls insanely in love with the mayor of Washington, D.C. Ernestine Jackson is starring at the Henry Street Playhouse.

The FCC, nixing the idea of affirmative action plans, has unveiled a program requiring cable TV systems to establish equal employment opportunity plans. The agency wants systems to develop their own methods of seeing that minorities are given an equal shot at job vacancies and promotions, and to communicate those policies to workers and pro-

spective workers.

Standard Brands, Inc. Confectionary Division reported before the World Series that sales of the Reggie bar are slightly ahead of the sales forecast the company had set. So you can assume that

they're booming since a company official said "everytime he (Jackson) does something, it rubs off on the bar, either in sales or discussion." Reggie bar distribution is being expanded to the Middle Atlantic and New England States. It has been selling in five major markets, including New York and Chicago.

Cathy Chance, of the Metropolitan Museum's Urban Affairs Department has just returned from a museum-sponsored trip to the Far East, including China where she was guest in Peking of Lady Sarah Lou Carter, the wife of the Guyanan ambassador. Lady Carter says that city is becoming the new latest "in" spot to visit around the globe.

Harlem's famed Boys of Yesteryear are holding their annual dance for the benefit of their scholarship fund on December 10 at the Holiday Inn on 57th Street. Honorees this year are popular Harlem physician, Dr. Samuel Brisbane and Terrie Bush, President of the Continentals.

Gambling casinos have brought only bad luck to half of Atlanta City's residents, the National Council of Churches was told by community representatives. They have caused a housing emer-

gency and economic problems for Hispanic, Black and senior citizens who make up half of the city's 42,000 population.

Norma Quarles, a former morning reporter-anchor at WNBC-TV New York has been named a Chicago-based NBC News correspondent.

"Doin' It," a Dance Theatre of Harlem revue, is due to open in November with a Coast tour and premiere in February at the N.Y. City Center. It had a brief breaking-in stand in Philadelphia where it drew favorable reviews and did healthy business.



Melba Moore
...Spokesperson for "B.B.M."

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