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## Hal Linden To Host "America's Jr. Miss Pageant"

The 22nd annual "America's Junior Miss Pageant" will be broadcast live from the Municipal Auditorium in Mobile, Ala., with Hal Linden as host, Saturday, April 14, at 8 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

The special marks the finale to this year's Pageant, where high school seniors from each of the 50 states meet to compete for the title of America's Junior Miss. This is the seventh consecutive broadcast of the annual event on the Network. This year, the contestants will join host Hal Linden, television's "Barney Miller," in a holiday salute to Easter, spring and the baseball season, as well as the naming of the new America's Junior Miss.

During the three nights of preliminary events, Pageant judges will rate each of the state winners in scholastic achievement, poise and appearance, youth fitness, and creative and performing arts.

According to Pageant officials, approximately 25,000 high school seniors participate and over \$1,000,000 in scholarships and prizes are awarded on the local, state and national levels. The young woman who will be named America's Junior Miss will be awarded a \$15,000 scholarship, the first runner-up will win an \$8,000 scholarship, the third runner-up a \$6,000 scholarship and \$4,000 each will be awarded to the third and fourth runners-up.

The crown will be presented on the special by last year's winner, Kim Crosby.

## Unity Singers

## Will Be Seen

## On WBTV

The special musical program, "Good News," featuring the Unity Singers, will be rebroadcast on Thursday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. and again on Sunday, April 15 at 12:30 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

Special guest is Lorrrie Ham, talented daughter of the famous singer, Mary Mayo. Miss Ham sings "O, Come and Mourn."

The Unity Singers perform "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," and Loonis McGlohon's "Teach Me, Lord," among other religious songs.

"Good News" was written and produced by Loonis McGlohon.



SINGER BARRY WHITE

...Delivers powerful message

## Barry White's Musical Message

## Has Always Been About Love?

by Sherleen McKoy  
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Producer, composer, arranger, musician, singer, conductor, and businessman equals Barry White. Most people are familiar with Barry White the singer, whose musical message has always been about love.

His message is powerful because love is a universal common denominator that everyone understands, no matter what their language is.

People of the world have acclaimed Barry's ability to convey this message.

Barry White was bestowed the prestigious title of the "Maestro" by a Japanese dignitary during his highly acclaimed maiden tour of Japan in 1974. His music, synonymous with love, continues to reap accolades from admirers around the globe. His success in the U.S. was matched overseas when he performed triumphantly in South America, Europe, the Far East, and

Australia with requests for return engagements continuously pouring in. Leading music critics have hailed White as the Father of the Discos....The irresistible backbeat that came into focus with "Love's Theme" eventually became the backbone of White's trademark.

In the six years that his single, "I'm Gonna Love You Just A Little More Baby," skyrocketed to number one on the charts, followed closely by his first gold album, "I've Got

So Much To Give," wall space has become very limited with the 60 gold and 15 platinum records he's received in the U.S. and abroad. Included in this success story is Love Unlimited, the trio that incorporates his wife, Glodean, her sister, Linda James and Diane Taylor, and the Love Unlimited Orchestra, two further extensions of the Barry White sound. All three have had numerous hits in the disco, R&B and pop markets.

Barry's love affair with music began at the age of five in East Los Angeles, when he began playing piano, and by the time he was 10 he was singing in the church choir and serving as its organist and director. At 17, just months before graduation from high school, Barry struck out for Hollywood and for the next ten years paid "dues." He landed his first job at Bronco Records in the Artists and Repertoire department. When he was offered an opportunity to produce, he revealed another facet of his diversified talent and produced an instant hit with Felice Taylor's "I Feel Love Comin' On" with others following closely behind.

Barry's latest LP, "The Message Is Love," like all of his former albums, has many cuts that last on the dance floor including the infectious "Any Fool Could See," the exotic "Hung Up In Your Love," to the sounds of "It Ain't Love, Babe."

## Curtis Mayfield

## To Highlight

## Soul Train Show

The musical genius of Curtis Mayfield highlights this week's Soul Train production, which includes appearances by Linda Clifford and Keith Barrow, both upcoming song stylists.

Mayfield, the singer, is well known for his 12-year role as lead vocalist for the Impressions. Beyond that, however, his 20-year-plus career includes outstanding success as a songwriter, composer, producer, film scorer and record company executive.

For his Soul Train fans, Mayfield will sing, "This Year" and "In Love, In Love."

Former beauty queen and child performer, Linda Clifford, whose second album, "If My Friends Could See Me Now," brought her to the top, demonstrates her unique singing talents on "Bridge Over Troubled Waters," sung in an unusual disco arrangement, and "Sweet Melodies." Refusing to be stereotyped, Clifford enjoys doing up-to-date numbers as well as old standards and even some jazz.

"Eclectic" is the term Keith Barrow uses to describe his singing style, and "dynamic" is the term to describe his rendition of "Turn Me Up." An accomplished songwriter as well, Barrow is a member of Jerry Butler Writers Workshop and has written songs for Lola Falana, Impact and Melba Moore.

## Shaun Cassidy

## To Star In

## Channel 9 Movie

Shaun Cassidy and Linda Purl star in a remarkable true story of two young people who triumph over prejudice and ignorance when their desire to marry meets with angry resistance in "Like Normal People," airing as "The ABC Friday Night Movie," April 13 at 9 p.m. on WSOC-TV Channel Nine.

Cassidy and Miss Purl portray Roger Meyers and Virginia Rae Hensler in the real-life drama of courage and hope written by Emmy-winner Joanna Lee, based on the book, "Like Normal People" by Robert Meyers.

Also starring are Hope Lange as Roz Meyers, Roger's mother, and James Keach as Robert Meyers, Jr., his brother.