

Black Movies, TV News Briefs

Jimmie "J. J." Walker To Star In Broadway Musical

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While many parental groups and TV watchdogs are criticizing the ads on TV children's shows a defender of the shows testified last week before a Congressional subcommittee that if the ads were banned the children's shows would simply disappear. It's not necessarily so, however. "Big Blue Marble", the award-winning show bankrolled by ITT has been presented for the past five seasons without commercial interruption. ITT presents it as a public service. And it's seen in 60 foreign countries in addition to approximately 200 domestic stations.

Jimmie "J.J." Walker comes to Broadway in the hit Broadway musical, "I Love My Wife" on April 24, replacing the Smothers Brothers and with an all-black cast.

Faye Robinson, leading soprano of the New York City Opera, will entertain at the Frederick Douglass Awards Dinner of the New York Urban League on May 3. Dinner was to honor Cardinal Cooke, TV producer Gil Noble and community leader Mrs. Louise Fisher Morris. The latter died last week.

Hibby Brown, one of the famous barmaid Brown Twins, was seriously injured and near death after a car fleeing police on a Harlem



Ruby Dee
...Dramatic actress

street crashed into the car she was in. She had been working at the Baby Grand Cafe on West 125th Street, but was scheduled to renew relationship with Red Randolph when he opens his new Quintessence on West 46th Street.

"Discovering Our Roots" is the theme of the tour August 4-18 to Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Senegal and coordinated by Dr. Olivia Pearl Stokes, a professor in City University of New York who has led 16 study seminars in Africa's independent nations since 1959. Tour is handled by Cosmopolitan Travel Bureau, Inc., 250 W. 57th St., NYC 10019, Attention: Dolores G. Wright.

That TV film starring Louis Gossett Jr., "Lawman Without a Gun", will finally make it when NBC airs it on April 23.



Jimmie "J. J." Walker
...Famed TV star

He plays the first black candidate ever to run for sheriff in an Alabama county and it's based on the life of Rev. Thomas E. Gilmore who became the first elected black sheriff of Greene County, Alabama, in 1970.

Maya Angelou's "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings", will be shown on CBS-TV on April 28 with such names as Ruby Dee, Diahann Carroll, Esther Rolle, Paul Benjamin, Roger E. Mosely and Madge Sinclair. Movie was filmed in Vicksburg, Mass.

Games which could affect the championship of the Pacific Division in the NBA will be televised nationally by CBS Sports. On Sunday, April 1, CBS will televise the Los Angeles at Philadelphia game to all areas of the country except the Pacific time zone at

1:45 p.m. Eastern time. Fans in the Pacific time zone will see Golden State at Seattle at 3:45 p.m., local time. On April 6, Seattle's game at Los Angeles will be seen.

Grace Bumbry, Metropolitan Opera soprano thrilled her fans in a Carnegie Hall concert last week and will appear for the first time with the New York City Opera in the fall of 1981, singing the role of Abigaille in the new production of Verdi's "Nabucco." Miss Bumbry will also sing the name part in "Medea" and will perform the works with the company in Los Angeles as well as New York.

Thanks to the sharp eye of the Afro's Ida Peters we can report that Will Mastin, uncle of Sammy Davis, Jr., was 79 when he died last week and not 100 as the wire services reported. He was separated from his Canadian-born wife in 1973, and leaves two children, a son and a daughter.

Sammy Davis Jr. will be the grand marshal of the Atlantic City Easter boardwalk parade on April 15. He often played there in the 50's, mainly at the Club Harlem.

The Afro's Bob Matthews reports that Baltimore and Washington, D.C. are fast becoming the hot spots for jazz on the East Coast, taking over where once New York and Chicago led.

Johnny Hartman wound up a heavily mitted week at Marty's Jazz Club at 73rd and Third Avenue.

Sarah Vaughan's three dates at Carnegie Hall within a 10-day period were a huge success, artistically and financially. All were sold out performances.

A month-long festival of black theatre, dance, music and poetry starts May 1 at Lincoln Center. Among those participating in what is called the largest gathering of black performing artists in NYC, will be the Karamu House Theater of Cleveland, the Billie Holiday Theater and the Richard Allen Center Theater of NYC, the Repertory, Inc. and the Workshops for Careers in the Arts from Washington. Also the Inner City Repertory Company of Los Angeles, the Dashiki Theater of New Orleans, the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater of NYC, the Detroit Dance Company, the Philadelphia dance company of Philadelphia, the Rod Rodgers Dance Company, International Afrikan American Ballet, the Duke Ellington Orchestra, Mary Lou Williams, Odetta, Leon Thomas, the Dixie Hummingbirds and the Heritage Hall Jazz Band.

A special event will be a birthday celebration for Lorraine Hansberry, led by James Baldwin.

A Tale Of Two Spiffies.

Once upon a time there were these two dudes. One day dude one said to dude two, "Easter's coming."

To which dude two replied, "Sure is."

So, dude one headed out to Ralph's Factory Outlet to get himself a suit.

But, dude two, being the wiser of the two, headed, instead, to Milton's at 516 South Tryon Street. They both paid \$89.90.

But, dude two knew the difference. You see, the suit from Ralph's was made to sell for \$89.90. But the suit from Milton's was actually made to sell for \$185.00. The way Milton's does business, it just happened to wind up at \$89.90. (Usually does.)

Come Easter Day, both dudes were dandies in their splashy new suits, and the women went crazy with desire.

However, about a month later, the dudes passed on the street in their Easter suits. "Your suit from Ralph's is fading," said dude two. And it was.

"Your suit from Milton's still looks new," said one. And it did.

Then, about two months after that our two friends met again.

"Man, your Easter suit still looks nice," said dude one.

"Thanks," said two. "How's yours?"

"Worn out," said one. And it was. "But what do you expect for \$89.90?"



"I expect mine to last for the next three Easters," said two. And it did.

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