

Black Movies, TV News Briefs

Natalie Cole Comments On Her Broken Marriage

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Singer Natalie Cole commented on her broken marriage to Marvin Yancey, her co-producer and writer during a Washington, D.C. interview. "Marvin is a real musician, like my father. He used to play on the window sills because he didn't have a piano. He's a genius. I gave something to him, he to me. It would be a shame to break up a successful musical partnership, but it's just something we are still working on."

The cast of "I Love My Wife", is feverishly rehearsing for a May 1 opening date with the black principles. With Lawrence-Hilton Jacobs of "Welcome Back, Kotter" fame replacing Jimmy Walker, other members are Hattie Winston, Larry Riley and Marjorie Barnes.

Another jazz spot is opening in NYC with the Sheraton Centre opening its French Quarter in what was once the Royal Box in the Americana Hotel. Earl (Fatha) Hines comes in May 7. Also scheduled are Freddy Cole and Jonah Jones.

Atlantic City's Resorts International is piling them into its Superstar Theatre with Frank Sinatra. On tap for three-day weekends are Donna Summer, Shirley Bassey, Lou Rawls, Ella Fitzgerald and Lola Falana. Full weeks starting in June include Bill Cosby.

With "Zoot Suit" on Broadway giving the Chicanos something to shout about, now comes "Sancho" at the N.Y. Shakespeare Festival's Public Theatre to satisfy the city's vast Hispanic population. The story is about a young Puerto Rican New Yorker who is in love with the daughter of a black minister. Hector Jaime Mercado and Ka-Ron Brown are the couple. Others in the young, mostly black and Hispanic cast include Ramiro Ramirez, the actor; Ellis Williams and Theresa Venque.

C. Keith Alexander, disc jockey at that popular disco station, WKTU-FM, is conducting "rap" sessions on disco music at Cafe Freinette on Park Avenue on Wednesdays.

The newest old hat in the record business is the disco crossover. Just about every rock star has cut at least one disco track for his or her latest album, and a few jazz greats have gone the same route.

Now, after 25 years of the same beat, "Godfather of Soul" James Brown has stepped into the disco limelight with a new LP, "Original Disco Man" on Polydor.

Some background on the Freddie Drew Trio that is playing nightly at the packed Showman's Cafe on Harlem's 125th Street. Benny Harris, 22, the bassist, attended the

Berkeley College of Music, and is a native of Boston. Jimmy Milner, 34, a native of Detroit, is the vocalist with range of five octaves. Freddie Drew, 38, the pianist, has performed with George Benson and is the brother of Kenny Drew, famous recording artist of the Bebop era.

Smalls' Paradise is being renovated and plans a comeback under the new ownership of Fred Staton and a partner.

The First Inner City Bankers-Brokers Ball was held at Harlem World, the disco, on Easter Monday with Arthur Prysock and his big



NATALIE COLE
.....popular singer band. And the Copasetics threw a mad one at the Renny Casino where Clark Terry



LAWRENCE-HILTON JACOBS
.....Replaces Jimmy Walker played with an 18-piece band. Harold Anderson, manager

of public affairs for the International Telephone and Telegraph Co. (ITT), is also on the Advisory Board for the ITT Choral which gave its annual Easter Concert in the lobby of the corporation's

Park Avenue world headquarters. Anderson also sings baritone in the choral group that is directed by Donald E. Register.

Ragan Henry, president of Broadcast Enterprises Network, Inc. of Philadelphia, spoke at the second annual mass media conference held recently at A&T State Univ. in Greensboro, N.C.

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