

WBTV To Air

One-Hour Comedy

George S. Irving, the Broadway musical star, and Brett Somers stars as Harry and Rose Miller, married parents as well as business partners, on "Getting There," a one-hour comedy program to be broadcasted Tuesday, February 12 at 8 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

Guest stars, in alphabetical order, are Hermione Baddeley, Imogene Coca, Jane Connell, Cathryn Damon, Norman Fell, Todd Susman, Dub Taylor, Tim Thomerson and Diane Venora.

Harry and Rose own an auto delivery business. He concentrates on the cars, while she focuses on the problems of their customers. Their rather bizarre list of customers includes two elderly sisters who hate each other, an unmarried expectant mother and an uptight man enroute to his wedding, plus a family of six who are racing a deadline to their destination.

George S. Irving has enjoyed a successful career on the Broadway stage in both musicals and dramatic presentations. He won a Tony Award for Best Supporting Actor in a Musical for his role in "Irene." Most recently, he appeared with Liv Ullmann in the Richard Rodgers musical, "I Remember Mama."

Miss Somers is an actress familiar to television audiences for her frequent appearances on various panel and game shows. Her recent acting credits include "Battlestar Galactica," "The Love Boat" and "Barney Miller."

Maggie McDonald

To Star In

WSOC-TV Series

Young Maggie McDonald is an outstanding figure skater whose dream of qualifying for the Olympics is shattered when she is afflicted with a form of juvenile arthritis in "Heartbreak Winner", showing on WSOC's "ABC After-school Specials" series, Wednesday, February 13 4 p.m. on Channel Nine.

16-year-old Maggie thinks she has to be perfect at everything. Indeed, she seems to be just that as a figure skater everyone expects will qualify for the Olympics.

When Maggie first experiences stiffness in her knees, she shrugs it off. But she takes a bad fall during the regional tryouts and winds up in the hospital. The diagnosis: juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. Maggie will never be able to skate in competition again.



SINGER CHUCK CISSELL

...Has new album on market

Chuck Cissel's Sizzling Career Is "Cissilin' Hot"

by Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

Chuck Cissel easily chiseled his way into productions such as "Purlie" and Pearl Bailey's "Hello Dolly". And now in the midst of his sizzling career his "JUST FOR YOU" debut album is just what the title song denotes: "Cissilin' Hot."

Cissel was not only cast on and off Broadway in plays like "Don't Bother Me I Can't Cope", "Lost In The Stars", and "A Chorus Line," he also danced and sung his way into commercials for 7-up, Dr. Pepper, Doublemint and Carefree gum and Coca-Cola.

All of this talent has been bottled up inside of him from the day he was born. It was evident from one of his first major performances as a teen-ager. So convincing that an Oklahoma oil baron watching his performance in the Tulsa Little Theatre's production of South Pacific, offered to finance his entire college education.

As Cissel looks back he said: "...it seems incredible, and makes me think that someone really is watching over me."

So off to the University of Oklahoma he went. His major was dance and drama. In 1970 he won the best actor award and the best supporting actor award—the first time ever a student had won both awards in the same year.

After college he studied with the Joffrey Ballet for six months. He then auditioned and made a chorus slot in the Sondheim musical, but was cut from the cast after production of "A Chorus Line".

But this little exposure led to a role in the Broadway production of "A Chorus Line".

From then Cissel displayed his talents, in a string of Broadway productions. And after a while, he said "...they started calling me. I didn't have to audition any more."

While performing on Broadway

he was also doing commercials. Then one day on the set of a Coke commercial, Cissel and his manager met Larking Arnold, Senior Vice President of Arista Records.

From that meeting came a contract with Arista. The first album for Cissel entitled "Just For You" is on its way with a "Cisselin' Hot" start.

Contemporary music lovers beware of the absolute smoothness displayed by Cissel. You are bound to be dazzled.

Coleman, Tyson Win Top Honors

NBC-TV's "Different Strokes" stary Gary Coleman was named best actor in a comedy series and Cicely Tyson, star of the NBC-TV

World Premiere Movie "A Woman Called Moses," was named Best Actress in a Mini-Series or Television Movie at the 12th annual Image Awards ceremonies held Sunday, Jan. 27.

The two stars were honored for "Projecting A Positive Image of Blacks in the Entertainment Media" by the Beverly Hills-Hollywood branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Other NBC winners: The creative team of NBC-TV's "Harris

and Company," for Best Dramatic Episode in a Series (Stanley G. Robertson, write and executive producer; Arnold F. Turner, producer; Ivan Dixon, director of the episode, "The Loneliest Night of the Week."

Also honored for Best Mini-Series or Television Movie was the creative team of "A Woman Called Moses" (Lonnie Elder III, writer; Ike Jones and Michael Jaffee, producers; Paul Wendkos, director).

Other network winners (for program and talent) were: CBS-TV -- "The Jeffersons" (two awards), "The White Shadow" and "The Bad News Bears"; ABC-TV -- "Vegas" and "Roots II."

Louis Gossett

To Appear In

WSOC-TV Movie

Nick Nolte, Jacqueline Bisset and Robert Shaw star together in the heart stopping terror of "The Deep", written by "Jaws" author Peter Benchley, in the WSOC's "ABC Sunday Night Movie" and "ABC Monday Night Movie", airing February 10 & 11, at 9 p.m., on Channel 9. This will preempt "Stone" and "Family" on this Monday night only.

The movie pits Nolte, Bisset and Shaw against a dope-dealing Haitian (played by Louis Gossett) in a race for a fortune in morphine capsules which is under water in a sunken freighter off the coast of Bermuda. What no one knows - until the morphine is raised - is that an even greater fortune in jewels rests in a Spanish galleon hidden by the freighter.

The critics were unanimous in their praise of the underwater photography in this extraordinary movie. The camera explores the dangerous, captivating work of the divers; it records a hungry shark ensnared in a diver's lifeline as well as the terrifying attack of the green moray eel.

The plot of "The Deep" will intrigue everyone who has ever fantasized about finding sunken treasure in some long-lost Spanish galleon.

Bernard Taylor

To Compete In

Olympic Boxing

The Olympic boxing teams of Cuba and the U.S. will compete in the Charlotte Coliseum, Sunday February 10th, in a match sponsored by WSOC-Channel 9 Television and the West Mecklenburg Optimists Club.

The U.S. team features Olympic contenders, including Charlotte's Bernard Taylor. Taylor, a featherweight, recently won a gold medal at the Pan-American Games. Also slated to compete for the U.S. are Richard Sandoval (106 pounds), Jerome Coffey (112), Jackie Beard (110), Davie Armstrong (132), Johnny Bumpas (139), and Willie Green (147).

Cuba is sending its Olympic squad, including Olympic gold medalists Angel Herrera (126 pounds), Jose Gomez (165), and Teofilo Stevenson, currently the world amateur heavyweight champion. Also expected for the Cuban team are Hector Ramirez (106), Hector Lazaro (119), Adolfo Horta (132), Juan Aguilar (139), and Andres Aldama (147).