



The Outspoken
**CRAIG
WILSON**

From Hollywood

Nineteen-year-old **Bryon Allen**, television's only new black regular and the youngest host on the popular *Real People* show, is amazing lots of real people with his timing, talent and stage presence. What few folks know is that Bryon was writing comedy material for established standup comics **Jimmy Walker** and **Freddie Prinz** when he was fourteen years old. When Bryon was sixteen he was haunting the comedy clubs and comics hangouts in and around Hollywood.

Venture Records' lovely vice-president **Doris Brown** was the honoree at an elegant birthday party given by her many friends at Tinseltown's newest private club, The Candy Store. The singing of the traditional happy birthday tune was led by recording artists **Martha Reeves**, **Gloria Jones** and **Jeanne Long** (formerly of *Sister Love*) who were later joined by lots of off-key background singers. Among the off-key singers we spotted columnist **Valentin Singleton** who tipped us that **Marvin Gaye's** recent European tour was a smash and that **Barry and Glodine White** had quietly left town for a quick shopping trip and vacation in Europe.



GLORIA JONES

BARRY WHITE

SARAH VAUGHAN

New Wave performer **Rudy Calvo** called us from Hawaii to tell us that his current lady love, **Michelle McCain**, is receiving standing ovations nightly for her role in the touring company of *Ain't Misbehavin'*. Michelle is performing in the role made famous by **Nell Carter** and her reviews have been glowing. Michelle McCain is certainly a rising talent who bears watching. We predict she will be one the real stars of the eighties.

The cornerstanders can now enjoy some of those **Richard Pryor** jokes that are making the rounds now that the fabulous comic is on the mend, home again and looking good. Our spy reports that comic **Billy "Black Bart" Wallace** has folks screaming with his comments on Pryor's recent accident. Billy reportedly says, "Now that Richard has proved he ain't no chemist, maybe he'll stick to backyard barbequing."

Multi-million dollar deals were all over town last week, despite the actors' strike. Newlywed **Donna Summer** took time out from her honeymoon to sign on the dotted line with NBC to star in several television specials this coming season. Donna's last special received top ratings and NBC is looking forward to more of the same.

Rumor hazit that **Barbra Streisand** has purchased the film rights to *Evita*, that hot Broadway musical about the life and times of the Perons in Argentina, and will make a multi-million dollar film version of the musical that ran away with Tony Award after Tony Award this year.

Our New York spy claims that 52nd Street, which was once known as Swing Street, is fast becoming one of the Big Apple's new tourist attractions since plaques have been laid honoring a few of the musical giants that made the swing street famous. Honored so far have been **Sarah Vaughan**, **Miles Davis**, **Thelonious Monk**, **Billie Holiday** and **Dizzy Gillespie**.

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UNCC To Host Sixth International Festival

The sixth annual International Festival at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Saturday, September 27, will have a distinctively Alpine look.

The International Festival, which is rapidly growing into one of Charlotte's top events, features representatives from about 40 ethnic groups of the area displaying their music, dances, costumes, crafts and unique foods from around the world.

But this year special entertainment will be provided by the Alpine Bavarian Folk Dancing Society, a group founded in 1925 in the Delaware Valley area. The group will perform a type of dance call "Schuhplatter" which translated means "shoe slapper." From the Alps of Austria, Germany, Switzerland and portions of Italy, this unique folk dancing originated with lumberjacks who, isolated for the entire winter, devised this means of entertainment to help pass the time.

The Alpine Bavarian Folk Dancing Society wears the costume of Miesbach, a town about 30 kilometers from Munich. The men wear leather pants made from deer or elk hide, and the women's skirts contain five yards of material with lace and ribbon. The dances are named after towns, areas or mountains, some depicting courtship, jealousy, etc.

A performance by the Alpine group is scheduled at 5:30 p.m. in Rowe Recital Hall on the UNCC campus. They will perform again following the 7:30 p.m. buffet in Cone University Center. Tickets for the early show are \$2. Tickets for the buffet (which includes the show) are \$7.50, and reservations must be made by September 19 by calling 597-2407.

The buffet menu includes Insalata di Broccoli, Guacamole, Biff ala Lindstom, Poulet saute, ala Marengo, Spinach Nocoise and Kaiserschmarren (Emperor's Cake).

The International Festival runs from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the central campus area of UNCC. There is no admission charge for the festival, and daytime activities are free.

Other features will be children's events, a festival of dance and music from various countries and ethnic cooking demonstrations, jugglers, clowns and puppeteers. Beverages and foods characteristic of several nations will be available for snacking.

Dr. Earl Backman, Director of UNCC's Center for International Studies, says festival-goers are invited to wear the costume of whatever nation they choose.

"We invite the public to help UNCC celebrate the international dimensions of the Charlotte area," he said. Last year more than 7,000 persons attended the festival which is arranged in traditional marketplace style.

For more information about the "Archie Bunker"

None of Archie's pals can believe it when Sammy Davis Jr. accepts Archie's invitation to visit the bar, on "Archie Bunker's Place," to be rebroadcast Sunday, September 21 at 8 p.m. on WBTB, Channel 3.

International Festival, call UNCC's Center for International Studies at 597-2407 from 8-5 p.m. weekdays.

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