

With Loretta Manago

ENTERTAINING THOUGHTS



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"60 Minutes" To Air Highland Hospital Story

CBS' "60 Minutes" has informed the North Carolina Insurance Commissioner's Office that they plan to run the Highland Hospital story on Sunday, January 25.

"60 Minutes", the widely acclaimed national television news program, has been working on the story since last summer. CBS television crews traveled to North Carolina on several occasions to shoot footage for the story. Their trips included Asheville, where Highland Hospital is located; Raleigh to interview Insurance Commissioner John Ingram and Durham, North Carolina.

Carolina. The North Carolina Department of Human Resources denied a Certificate of Need to PIA early this month based on recommendations of The Western North Carolina Health Systems and its Board of Governors. Reports are that PIA plans to appeal the decision.

"60 Minutes" is aired at 7 p.m. on Sunday evening on four CBS affiliate stations in North Carolina, as well as one South Carolina station serving western North Carolina and one Virginia station serving northeastern North Carolina.

Insurance Commissioner John Ingram helped to generate some of that national concern about the controversial sale.

Harry Reasoner, and one of those crews spent some three hours in Ingram's office late last June examining Ingram's role in a fact-finding hearing he (Ingram) held in Asheville on the proposed sale of the non-profit hospital, at the request of western North Carolina citizens and concerned doctors. Reasoner was also interested in the findings of those hearings.

The sale of Highland to Psychiatric Institutes of America by Duke University raised serious questions about health insurance rates and the inflationary effects on health costs caused by such takeovers.

Highland Hospital is the largest private mental hospital in the area. The controversy began when Duke University decided to sell the 134-bed hospital to PIA. The sale has been contested by staff psychiatrists who lost their jobs at the hospital in July, as well as supporters of the two doctors, concerned citizens in western North Carolina and Ingram. Opposition to the sale included concern over increased daily room rates that will be charged by PIA, availability of services to the citizens of western North Carolina, what increased costs would do to health insurance costs, and evidence that showed PIA had not kept its promises in other areas of the country in which it had purchased similar hospitals.

Records show that in each instance where PIA has bought hospitals all-over the country it has increased rates in some instances by as much as 120 percent. Patients complained of bills of as much as \$93,000 for a little more than seven months treatment in a Washington, D.C. hospital purchased by PIA.

Witnesses at Ingram's Asheville fact-finding session say they fear similar high rates in North

Auditions Set

"The Beauty and the Lonely Beast," directed by Grace Parco, will be holding auditions January 26-27 from 7-9 p.m. at the Children's Theatre, 1017 E. Morehead Street.

Children 5th grade and up are welcome to audition.

Prepared audition pieces are not necessary. For further information, call Children's Theatre, 333-8983 weekdays from 10-1 p.m.

Reruns Worth Watching

Subliminal suggestion, unquestionable obedience to leaders of religious cults are both forms of mind control. Look at the effect Charles Manson and Jim Jones had on their followers. "Hard Choices," which can be seen on Channel 42, explores the subject, "Behavior Control," Friday, January 23, at 10 p.m.

Scatman Crothers will serve as a judge on the popular dance show, "Dance Fever," while on the same program, Barry White will sing "I Believe In Love," Friday night, on Channel 3, January 23 at 11:30 p.m.

Some reruns are well worth watching again and "It's Good To Be Alive" classifies as one of them. This movie, which stars Paul Winfield and Ruby Dee, is a moving true story of courage and strength displayed by the famed baseball player, Roy Campanella. It can be seen Saturday, January 24, at 4 p.m. on Channel 18.

"Outreach's" host, Janie Mauney, will present members of the Black Symposium Study, Harvey Gantt, Linda Florence, and Marnite Shuford on its Saturday evening program which airs on Channel 42, January 24, at 6:30 p.m.

It's not only good entertainment, but it's also your opportunity to contribute to a worthy cause. "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars," a three-hour benefit program for the United Negro College Fund, featuring such top artists as Muhammad Ali, Bill Cosby, Lola Falana, Charley Pride and more will air on Channel 3 from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, January 24.

The stage is set and the mystery begins. On a snowbound train, a murder occurs. It's an Agatha Christie mystery and everyone has something to hide. "Murder On The Orient Express" premieres on Channel 9, Sunday, January 25, at 9 p.m.

Who will find the bale of cotton that contains \$87,000? Will it be the cops or will it be a pair of zany black detectives? Find out when "Cotton Comes to Harlem" Sunday, January 25, at 11:30 p.m. on Channel 3.

Television takes you into the past to the days during the time of Adolf Hitler's underground Berlin hide-out in the final days of the Third Reich. CBS' Tuesday night movie, "The Bunker," which stars Anthony Hopkins, can be seen at 9 p.m. and promises to be entertaining.

Catch Glynn Turman as he por-

trays James Thornwell, an enlisted man who has been used as a human guinea pig by the U.S. Army in the movie, "Thornwell" to be seen Wednesday, January 28, on Channel 3, 9 p.m.

Welcome Donna Summer Sudano and her husband, Bruce, into the world of parenthood as they were blessed with a 7 lb., 5 oz. baby girl. Brook Lyn Sudano was born January 5, 1981.

Congratulations are also in order for some members of WBTV's staff. Chris Clackum has joined the staff at WBTV as news reporter; Myra Joines was promoted to permanent assignment editor for WBTV News and Beatrice Thompson, anchor of "This Morning," has also been given the additional responsibility of anchoring WBTV's "Top O' The Day" program.

Occasionally, if while reading this column, you begin to read what seems like an album review, continue reading and hopefully you'll begin to sense the reason why a particular album will appear. Periodically when I hear a piece of music that so impresses me that I feel like passing it on through my most viable means of communication, here, it will appear. Without a doubt let me tell you that Leon Huff's "Here To Create Music" is H-O-T!!

Most of you are probably familiar with Leon Huff as a producer and songwriter. Well, let me tell you that he's that and more. Side One of this fantastic album begins with a jazz-rock funk fusion cut titled "Your Body Won't Move, If You Can't Feel The Groove" with lyrics sung by Teddy Pendergrass, Eddie LeVert of the O'Jays, and The Jones' Girls. Then, the next selection, "I Ain't Jivin', I'm Jammin'," overtly displays the music genius of Huff as he bangs expertly the +&! out of those piano keys. But then, it is only equalled by "No Greater Love" and the versatility of violinist Jack Simmons. And if Side One does nothing for those clapping hands and stomping feet we're all supposed to have, then Side Two with such cuts as "Low Down, Hard Time Blues," "Tasty," and "This One's For Us," have got all the proper stuff to set you in the appropriate mood for whatever! My only complaint against Side Two is that the selections are too short.

Hope you enjoyed reading it as much as I did writing it...cause when we really get down to it, it's all about sharin'.

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