

Controversial "From Uncle Tom To Jim Crow" To Air

If you watch Channel 42's production of "From Uncle Tom to Jim Crow," be prepared to have some old wounds reopened. It's a sensitive presentation during North Carolina's slavery, post-slavery, and industrialization periods that focuses on the people who lived through that time - their thoughts, their feelings and their attitudes.

Your compassion will lie with the anguish of the slaves who underwent all forms of torture. Your sympathy will side with the landowner who was forced to sell his land, work in the factories and subject his children to 14 hours of labor and little education. Maybe pity, maybe rage will be thrust at those who were in control.

But whatever emotions you use, you'll find yourself asking questions that the second half of the program will attempt to answer. "From Uncle Tom to Jim Crow" features local actors Ruth Sloane-Dew, James Eric, Alvin Johnson, Terry Loughlin, Karen Jones-Meadows and Frank Williams and airs at 9 p.m. Wednesday, February 22. Doug Mayes will narrate this special.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS
The Combination Choir sings gospel and sings it in a contemporary way. Their style and talent have made them one of Charlotte's most popular gospel groups. They will be performing songs from their latest album on "Opportunity Knocks" at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, February 20.

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papers say that there are Americans hungry; the President's Commission says that that's not true. Now tell me, who do you believe? To give you some answers, "Frontline" in a special titled "Broad-

Butter & Politics." "Frontline" looks at what the Commission sees and does not see. This program will air on Channel 58 at 8 p.m. Monday, February 20.

MITCHELL COLLEGE
Mitchell Community College's Visiting Artist Program will present the Tony Award winning musical comedy, "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum" on February 17-18 and 24-25 in Shearer Hall on the college campus. Tickets for the production are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

ARTSCHOOL
Reggae, Soca, Calypso, anyone? Join Rolly Gray and Sunfire at the Art School for an evening of entertainment Saturday and Sunday, February 24-25. Tickets are \$4.

SONY
Sony is about to release

the first short form music videos ever issued by the popular black acts. The first two will be Maze and Ashford and Simpson Sony Video 45's, as they are called, are three-to-five song video cassettes.

EDDIE MURPHY
With two movies to his credit, a gold album and other prestigious honors, Eddie Murphy has just returned from Israel for a three-week shooting in his latest movie, "Best Defense."

MICHAEL JACKSON
Many folks are now wondering if Michael Jackson can walk away with the awards like he did on the "American Music Awards." He has been nominated for 12 honors in 10 categories. This is what his nominations look like: Record of the Year - "Beat It"; Album of the Year - "Thriller"; New Song of the Year - "Beat It" and "Billie Jean"; Best Pop Vocal Performance, Male - "Thriller"; Best Pop Performance by a Duo or Group - "The Girl Is Mine"; Best Rock Vocal



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Performance, Male - "Billie Jean"; Best R&B Instrumental Performance - "Billie Jean"; Best R&B Vocal Performance, Male - "Billie Jean"; Best New R&B Song - "Billie Jean" and "Wanna Be Startin' Something" and Producer of the Year - Michael Jackson (with Quincy Jones)

ALBUM REVIEWS
Patti LaBelle
"I'm In Love Again"

Patti LaBelle's album is titled, "I'm In Love Again" and so am I. Hearing what she does on her latest record has made me fall once more (not that I ever stopped) for the sound that's unmistakably Patti.

What she does on tunes like "I'll Never, Never Give Up" with its gospel touches and how she handles the jazz number, "Lover Man (Oh, Where Can You Be?)" leaves no doubt what Patti can handle.

Side One: "I'm In Love Again," "Lover Man (Oh, Where Can You Be?)," "Love, Need and Want You," "If Only You Knew."

Flip to Side Two, there're "Body Language," "I'll Never, Never Give Up," "Love Bankrupt" and "When Am I Gonna Find True Love?"

Angela Bofill
"Teaser"
Upbeat, the way Angela Bofill sings it is special.

Her latest album comprised mostly of fast-paced numbers has the beat to make you move and it's all so very pleasing to the ear.

There're nine selections on "Teaser" including a duet with Johnny Mathis, "You're A Special Part Of Me."

The remainder of the album include: "Special Delivery," "Call Of The Wild," "Nothin' But A Teaser" and "I'm On Your Side." That's Side One. Side two include, "Penetration," "Still A Thrill," "Gotta Make It Up To You" and "Crazy For Him."

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