What's Happening

by IDA Peters

Pam Grier—'Scream, Blacula, Scream'

Last December, Pam Grier came through our town promoting the movie "Hit Man" starring Bernie Casey.

She told us then she was on her way to make a movie "Coffy" which has now made her one of the hottest stars in Hollywood.

This week, with "Coffy" breaking records around the country (she co-starred with Booker Bradshaw and Bill Elliott)...Pam was back in town and toured the AFRO to promote her new movie with William Marshall "Scream, Blacula Scream".

Over lunch at the Chesapeake she told us she was just back from Italy where she played a Nubian Princess in a new film, coming soon, "The Arena".

Three days after she finished "Coffy" she got the call to play Lisa in "Scream, Blacula, Scream". If you remember the fight between the call girls in "Coffy"...after all that rugged fighting with her down on the floor, gouging and sticking glass from her hair, etc....she slipped on some lettuce and injured her leg.

She went right into "Scream" and did some research on Voodoo to get into the role of Lisa. We pointed out that in this film, she doesn't have to bare her bosom and her clothes are conservative.

Pam answered that Lisa is different..."each character has to be different..." boring if the same thing.

As an aside...she said she was "appalled" and "thought she would throw up" when she saw the advertising for "Coffy" which said "Coffy will Cream You" with her wearing tight pants and no ten...which was not in the movie.

Pam is in Baltimore from her home in Jamaica where she keeps her horse Kasan and was greeted by a new foly "Bella-Lisma" on her return from Italy.

She left Jamaica for Atlanta this past Monday where she was to have been met by James Brown's [illegible] limousine...but because of the death of James Brown's son. She met with the press in the Atlanta World, Atlanta Inquirer and Atlanta Journal.

Pam Grier portrays a young Voo Doo priestess who is the only person who can release Blacula from the vampire curse.

William Marshall in full fanged vampire make-up.

From African Batik cloth she got a Kenyan two years ago.

Her mad battle suit in gabardine came from C. M. Bazaar in Los Angeles and others from Chequer West.

William Marshall in the role of Mamuwalde...the black prince...wears his blue satin evening shirt black cape lined with red satin to perfection.

Justine played by Don Mitchell of "Ironsides" fame wears the latest in mod clothes from his leather tan jacket to navy gab suit with bright red turtleneck sweater with [illegible] sleeves.

Other members of the cast are Richard Lawson as Willis; Lynn Moody, Beverly Gill, Bernie Hamilton, Michael Conrad, Barbara Rhoades, Janee Michelle, Don Blackman and Van Kirksey.

Richard Roundtree is a bad m-- in "Shaft in Africa"

James Bond, Roger Moore, tries to crack an international drug ring with the aid of two new beauties, Rosie, Gloria Henry and Solitaire, Jane Seymour in "Live and Let Die"

"BLACK MARYLAND"

The 4th Annual Miss Black Maryland Beauty Pageant will be held June 30th in the Langsdale Auditorium of the University of Baltimore at Maryland and Oliver Streets.

Contestants include Shirley Harris, Maria McSwain, Florella Mitchell, Leawanna Calhoun, Pat Love, Rondalyn Jackson, Pauline Edwards, Leletia Diggs, Dorothy Davis, Loretta Wiggins, (she's AFRO Advertising Secretary), Hazel Colvin, Hazel Colvin, Sandra Douglas, Marletta Winston, LaVonne Richardson, Margo McMillan, Marie Macklin, V'Nell Carroll.

Winner will win cash scholarship, assortment of gifts and chance to compete in the national. Sponsor and promoter is Diana Kane, Ed Terry is the Pageant Director.

Our AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper entry, Loretta Wiggins will sing the spiritual, "Somebody Bigger Than You and I" by Dionne Warwicke.

BILLY DANIELS

We're looking forward to the opening at the National Theatre in D.C....the hit play "Norman Is That You?" starring Billy Daniels.

Preview nights are July 3-8. See ticket information in our ad columns.

A fresh, new version of Cole Porter's "Anything Goes" is coming to Painters Mill Music Fair Tuesday, June 26 and runs through July 1. The new Lee Guber/Shelley Gross production stars the mellifluous Edie Adams, the whimsical Jack Gilford and trumpeter Pete Candoli.

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The musical comedy is based on a story by Guy Bolton and P. G. Wodehouse about, oddly enough, a ship wreck at sea which after 420 performances on Broadway and a long and successful tour was made into a movie extravaganza with Bing Crosby, Ethel Merman, Charlie Ruggles and Ida Lupino.

SLAMS

Wendell Tucker, wide receiver for the Super Bowl Champion Miami Dolphins, has been signed to make his motion picture debut in Penelope Productions' action-drama "Slams," starring Jim Brown.

"Slams," co-starring Judy Pace and Frank De Kova, is being directed by Jonathan Kaplan from a screenplay by Richard L. Adams. The film, which is being shot entirely on locations around Los Angeles, also features Bob Harris and Ted Cassidy in major roles.

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WAR, National Attractions Corporation, Tues., July 3, 1973, 8 p.m.-11 p.m.

BRIDGE TOURNAMENT, Middle Atlantic Bridge Association, Wed., July 4, 1973, 9 a.m.; Thurs., July 5, 1973, 9 a.m.

ROLLER GAMES, Thurs., July 5, 8 p.m.

BRIDGE TOURNAMENT, Middle Atlantic Bridge Association, Fri., July 6, 1973, 9 a.m.

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COMING EVENTS
(Week of July 1-July 7)
MONDAY, JULY 2

"America, I know You," "The Flutterbye" and "Replay," films at the Pratt Library's Edmondson Avenue Branch, 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 3

"Ghosts and Ghoulies," "The Lorax" and "The Story About Ping," films at the main Pratt Library, Wheeler Auditorium, 2:00 p.m.

"The Lorax," film at the Pratt Library's Gorsuch Avenue Library Center, 2:00 p.m.

"The Magic Horse" and "Rosie's Walk," films at the Pratt Library's Hollins-Payson Branch, 2:00 p.m.

"The Cat in the Hat" and "Pets: A Boy and His Dog," films at the Pratt Library's Keyworth Avenue Library Center, 2:00 p.m.

"Ten Days That Shook the World," film at the [illegible] Wavelly [illegible] 2 p.m.

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Bill Withers on "Soul Train this week-end.

TV NOTES

"BLACK OMNIBUS"

Willie Bobo and his Afro-Latin jazz group will be playing their hit instrumental, a latinized version of "2001: A Space Odyssey," on WBAL-TV's "Black Omnibus," Sunday, July 1, at 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Alex Haley, co-author of The Autobiography of Malcolm X, will be telling host James Earl Jones of his recent search for historical family roots.

Haley's fascinating quest took him to the African village from which his ancestor was captured over 300 years ago.

A young dancer from the Inner City Renetory Dance Company, Michele Simmons, will perform a segment from "Songs For the Disinherited."

Black musical heritage will be examined with Oscar Brown Jr. singing "40 Acres and a Mule," oldtimers Sonny Terry and Brownie McGhee doing "Stranger Blues" and Kwasi Badu, Ashanti royal drummer from Ghana, demonstrating the talking drums assisted by two of his American students.

SOUL TRAIN

Bill Withers, popular recording star will headline Soul Train, the hour-long, TV dance show for teenagers, this coming weekend. Also visiting the set is Steve Manning, president of the Jackson Five Fan Club of New York. Don Cornelius is host and producer of the show.

Bill, who has been in the industry for less than five years, will sing his latest hits, "Kissin' My Love," "I Can't Write Left Handed" and "Friend of Mine." Although, his act includes, just a guitar and the short stool he sits on, "Still Bill" gives the Soul Train gang some great songs to dance to.

In addition to singing, Bill is also a writer and producer with more than twenty songs to his credit. He has also made two albums, "Still Bill" and "Still Bill Alive" which are very hot items on the charts.

Bill will really give the Soul Train gang something to talk about on the question and answer period. He will be asked about his career, with the most popular question being, "How did you get started in show business?"

Steve Manning, president of the Jackson Five Fan Club of New York, will present host Don Cornelius with a plaque, honoring Soul Train as the hottest television show for 1973.

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WBAL RADIO

WBAL Radio 11 listeners will hear a live recorded NBC broadcast of the Newport Jazz Festival, scheduled to be heard on Saturday and Sunday, June 30th and July 1st from 7:05 until 8:30 p.m.

DISNEY PIXS

Two of Walt Disney's most successful motion pictures are being billed together for the first time in an all Disney package of solid good family entertainment.

"The Aristocats" is a full length animated feature dealing with an eccentric Parisian lady in 1910, who leaves a fortune to her beloved cats. Upon their deaths, the estate is supposed to revert to the butler...a catnapping complicates things, but a Don Juan alley cat comes to the rescue.

"Song of the South", a combination of live-action and animation, portrays Uncle Remus as a man of dignity, and understanding as he introduces the adventures of Brer Rabbit and his friends. Based on the stories of Joel Chandler Harris and featuring such delightful songs as "Zip-A-Dee-Do-Dah," "Sooner or Later," and "Everybody's Got a Laughing Place."

ART EXHIBITS

July 27-July 6 — Orchestral caricatures and political cartoons (Pulitzer Prize winner Jeff MacNelly), UMBC Library Gallery, Regular Library Hours, Free.

For more information call: 455-2901

UPCOMING MUSIC

Celebrating Independence Day, the concert of patriotic American music will feature pianist Daniel Abrams, associate professor of music at Goucher and The Johns Hopkins University, in a performance of Chopin's "Second Piano Concerto."

Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, 12 year old prize-winning violinist, twice winner of the Young Soloists Competition of the Philadelphia Orchestra, will play the "Bruch Violin Concerto" and soprano Mary Kay de Matteis, a recent Goucher graduate, will perform sonits by Gershwin and Cole Porter.

The orchestra, composed of musicians from the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and conducted and founded by Elliott W. Galkin, professor and chairman of the department of music at Goucher, will also perform Morton Gould's "An American Salute."

Tickets for the event will be on sale at the Dulaney Valley Road entrance of the Goucher campus beginning at 5 p.m. on July 3.

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