Welcome Morgan alumni ... ... Preakness fans!

Y'all have a good time...you hear!

By Ida Peters

recording and concert star Joey Travolta, star of the new movie "Sunnyside" is in town for press interviews. He has been peered on this press tour because everyone asks him about his famous brother, John, star of the hit "Saturday Night Fever."

"Sunnyside" has some outstanding actors including Eric Laneuville, E. Lamont Johnson and Heshimu Cumbuka.

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Tonight (Friday) Bob Hope, the dean of comics is at the Civic Center. Was chided by some co-workers about my headline in Tuesday's AFRO, "I talked to Bob Hope. . . and I blew it."

Well frankly, I really didn't expect to get a call from Bob Hope. And. . . I expect the reason Bob Hope has so many friends in the press is that he takes the time before he goes to any city to talk to the entire press. Many events coming to this 60-perccent black town ignore the black market, fail to advertise in the AFRO, then take a beating at the box office.

I remember when Hope came to Painters Mill a few years back, the AFRO was invited to Philly to meet him when the late President Eisenhower gave him an Award.

Have to admit I got more thrills when Teddy Pendergrass put his arm around me; Sammy Davis Jr. grabbed me by the neck and planted a good buss or when Sidney Poitier gave me a hug.

Everybody gets turned on by somebody. My No. 1 grandson gets turned on by Miss Piggy of the Muppets.

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Did you know Mabel Smith Hatfield who dropped dead on her front steps a week ago on N. Carey Street?

Charles Greene who used to work with her at Gamby's on Pennsylvania Avenue along with Flink Johnson remembers her as a real nice singer but he hasn't seen her since 1959.

He was upset with the story in the local daily. This column believes the story overstepped the bounds of decency and the poor woman should have been allowed to die in peace.

AFRO files, January 5, 1946 reported that Mabel Smith was the singing "Find" of the year. The blues and sweet singer is reported to have come to Baltimore from Raleigh, N.C. The story also reported she was a discovery of William B. Dixon who was directing her destiny.

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Dee Dee Bridgewater

Mabel Smith Hatfield, in the 1946 AFRO file photo was named the singing find of the year when she worked at Gamby's night club on Pennsylvania Avenue. She died a tragic death on her front steps last week on Carey Street, alone and friendless.

was honored by Electra-Asylum Records at a press party at The Last Hurrah in D.C. this past Wednesday to introduce her new album, "Bad For Me."

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Coming-UP- The Baltimore Theatre president; Mrs. Philathea Hall, chairperson. Dr. Beryl Williams is secretary. Members working include Dr. Walter Carr, Mrs. Jean Turner, Ms. Dorothy Brown, Mesdames Langley, Mesdames Alice Pinderhighes, Amy Weaver, Mabel Grant, Ida Peters, Rubye Gill, Pearl Cole Brackett.

Citizens are being asked to lend memorbilia are early principals and teachers, yearbooks, posters, programs and other artifacts. Call Mrs. Jackson 448-0446 if you will lend materials.

Dolphin play raising

Dolphin Club, based at Bridge Marina, Hanover Street Bridge composed of 97 mates, captains, and family and 30 boats ranging from 17 feet to 46 feet held their Flag Raising Ceremonies, last Sunday.

Commodores Charles Howard was M.C. and the fleet was blessed by the Rev. Hunt. Guest speaker was Dr. Emerson Julian who talked on boat safety.

The flag raising ceremony held in the Inner Harbor signaled the opening of the group's boating season. Highlights of the season this year include trips to Hampton, Va.; camping out and cruises up and down the Chesapeake Bay.

Manning the host boat, Capt. Ed Collic of the Van Dora served a lucious afternoon repast.

Arena Players Hansberry award

Arena Players, Inc. held auditions for the annual Lorraine Hansberry Scholarship Award at the Arena Playhouse. The Lorraine Hansberry Scholarship Award commemorates Lorraine Hansberry, author of "Raisin in the Sun" and encourages a graduating high school senior to pursue his or her study and efforts in theatre.

Janet Anita Hamlett of Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, Bernadette A. Lewis of Walbrook Senior High School and Rhonda Lynch of Northwestern High School were the finalists who auditioned for this coveted award.

Black History exhibits

Citizens for black History met at the Peale Museum recently to plan for an exhibit, "Memorabilia of Colored Schools in Baltimore from 1915-1954."

Mrs. Viola Jackson is

Company held a champagne reception Thursday night to open David Rabe's "Streamers" now playing at Christ Church Hall, St. Paul and Centre Streets.

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Provident Hospital will dedicate their new Community Health Center, Wednesday, May 23 at 2 p.m. on the Provident Hospital parking complex.

The Provident Hospital Development Fund committee planning for Prividnt Day in Mondawmin on May 26 is selling Susans for Provident for $1. Mrs. Vashti Christmas is chairman.

That very dedicated committee you saw in Provident Hospital lobby making the more than 2,000 Susans to raise $2,000 was headed by Mrs. Ida Peters and included Mesdames Sadie Givens, Esther Middleton, Maggie Quille, Vanessa Johnson, Rev. Antoinette Phillips and Mother Eleanor Powell.

'Chorus Line' auditions here

If you are a dancer and can execute a double pirouette and a time step. . and if you have always wanted to be in a Broadway Show. . . the New York Shakespeare Festival is holding open auditions for "A Chorus Line."

No appointment is necessary and interested performers must also be able to sing, know the key they sing in, must bring their own music and be prepared to dance.

Auditions will be on the stage of the Mechanic Theatre, Thursday, June 17. Girls, promptly at 10 a.m. and boys, 2 p.m.

The auditions will be under the direction of Joseph Nelson of the Michael Bennett organization, assisted by Tobert Kellogg, Morris Freed and Tom Hancock of the national company of "A Chorus Line."

New Movies

Laura Antonelli is the beauteous sensuous wife in Visconti's Italian movie "The Innocent" now playing at area theatres. Innocent, she ain't.

Headed by Mrs. Christine J. Moore, who currently is Dean of Admissions and Registration at the Community College of Baltimore and an Arena Player, the Lorraine Hansberry Scholarship Award Committee will present the award at the Arena Players Fourteenth Annual Awards Banquet on Friday, June 8.

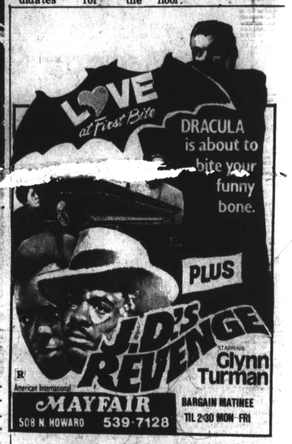
Diane Lane and Thelonius Bernard are a pair of gifted teenagers who turn their mathematical wizandry at the races into an impulsive wizandry at the races into an impulsive trip to Venice in "A Little Romance" now playing at area theatres.

Erroll Garner scholarships

The Erroll Garner Memorial Foundation has been established for the purpose of presenting scholarships and conerts of the late pianist-composer's works.

The first scholarship of $1500.00 will be awarded to an instrumental music student in Pittsburgh, which was Garner's birth place. Subsequent scholarships will be awarded annually to students from anywhere in the United States and Canada.

Involved in selecting the first winner in 1979 are Linton Garner (also a pianist, and brother of Erroll), Roy Kohler and Carl McVicker of Pittsburgh, and Martha Glaser, Garner's long-time manager. Candidates for the scholraship will be judged on the basis of talent, need, and the desire to continue their education. To apply write 521 5th Ave., N.Y. 10017, 17th floor.



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DIONNE

Too often, record albums are called "events," until the word ceases to have real meaning. With equally casual disregard for accuracy, singers of all stripes are called "artists."

Sometimes, however, the terms apply, and this is one of those times: "Dionne" is a very special event by a woman who truly makes singing an art. Since the moment years ago when "Don't Make Me Over" hit the airwaves, the name Dionne Warwick has been synonymous with taste, quality and unparalled musical ability; more than forty (!) of her singles have made the national pop charts, and more than tow dozen albums, surely an umatched record for a solo female vocalist.

That's quite a career behind her, a career that can be judged by number of awards, sold-out concerts, television appearances, gold discs, but more important is the artistry in evidence on "Dionne" her debut album for Arista Records, produced by Barry Manilow.

The collaboration is inspired, the songs are fully worthy of her peerless voice, and the project begins yet another inspirational chapter in The Dionne Warwick Story.

After such successful records as "Promises Promises," "This Girl's In Love With You," "I'll Never Fall In Love Again," and impressive honors such as being invited to the Apollo 11 astronauts' celebration in Houston, being the first singer ever to be named "Woman of the Year" by Harvard's Hasty Pudding Club, another Grammy, an NAACP Image Award, Dionne spent 1972-1977 as a recording artist for Warner Brothers.

During this tenure she cut albums with such excellent producers as Burt Bacharach, Thom Bell and Steve Barri & Michael Omartian.

"Then Came You," a single she made with vocal group The Spinners, was a Gold No. 1 and Grammy - nominated song, and a collaborative "A Man And A Woman" tour with Isaac Hayes was a tremendous success as well.

As the 1970s come to a close, Dionne Warwick has come full circle to a new record label, class A material and a producer who knows how to combine melody and voice.

The album is simply called "Dionne," and in a way it is a re-introduction to a spectacular talent. Composers such as Manilow, Rupert Holmes, Isaac Hayes, Richard Kerr and Casey Houston are represented by some of their best songs ("I'll Never Love This Way Again," "In Your Eyes," "Who, What, When, Where, Why"), there's a discreetly disco'd version of The Box Tops' "The Letter," and more surprises from an extraordinary woman who deserves to be ranked in the pantheon of singers and who will be making great music for decades to come.

Jesse Walker New York

'Eubie' cops three Tony nominations

Gregory Hines received Tony nomination for "Eubie."

NEW YORK — Union Square will be a midday festival of music and dance twice a week starting May 16 when the third annual SWEET 14 free concert series opens. The series runs through October. It's sponsored by the 14th Street-Union Square Project (SWEET 14) in cooperation with the Cultural Council Foundation Artists Projects. SWEET 14, a unique government-business-community coalition to improve the neighborhood, was spearheaded three years ago by its co-chairmen, Charles F. Luce, Con Edison's Board Chairman, and John R. Everett, President of the New School for Social Research. The concert series will feature dance on Mondays, music and theatre on Wednesday, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Charlie and Addie Penny area Senior Citizen couple now showing their art in an exhibit now at the 138th Street Office of The New York Bank For Savings. Both retired, they signed up for art class at the A. Philip Randolph Senior Citizen Center. The exhibit consists of copies of landscapes, seascapes, portraits, still life and the animals. There are a few originals, and all are in oils. The exhibit runs through June 28.

The musical "Eubie" copped three nominations for a Tony Award. The music of Eubie Blake was nominaitd for Best Musical Score, Gregory Hines was named for Outstanding Featured Actor in a Musical and Henry LeTang and Billy Wilson were nominated for Outstanding Choreography. A surprise nomination was that of the old Loch Lomond girl, Maxine Sullivan who is appearing in "My Old Friends" and was named as Outstanding Featured Actress in a Musical. Awards will be made June 3 on CBS-TV special.

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Movie fans of Ron O'Neal, who haven't seen him on screen for some time, will have a chance to see him in "A Force of One," due for release soon. It's a suspense thriller including the only full contact karate bouts ever brought to the screen in a major motion picture. Jennifer O'Neill stars with six-time undefeated World Karate Champion Church Norris.

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Warner Bros.' revival of "Blazing Saddles" the comedy in which Cleavon Little stars, has settled in third place in the week's list of "50 Top-Crossing Films." "Richard Pryor Live in Concert" has slipped to No. 23, and another reissue, "Blacula," with William Marshall ranks in the No. 50 spot.

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Baseball's Reggie Jackson and football's Gene Washington are partners in Cardinal Communications Corp. a proposed buyer of KFOG-FM in San Francisco. Third partner is Thomas N. Williams, a Stanford U. like Washington and an executive recruiter.

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Election results of American Cencer Society for Athlete of the Decade 1969-1979 have been announced. 1. Jack Nichlaus, 2. Rod Carew, 3. O.J. Simpson, 4. Bobby Orr, 5. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, 6. Chris Evert, 7. Bruce Jenner, 8. Willie Shoemaker, 9. Jimmy Conners and 10. Mark Spitz. Voters were 424 sportwriters, editors and broadcasters.

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Ray Charles coming into the Copacabana with his own show, June 18,23, with two shows nightly at a price scale and from $17.50 to $21.50. He'll bring in a 21-piece orchestra and the singing Raelets and takes the whole gate. The Copa makes its through the two drink minimum.

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Dobie Gray going on a promotional tour of Germany, France, England, Holland, Sweden, Australia, South Africa and Italy to plug his "Midnite Diamond" on Infinity label. He'll later perform in those countries.

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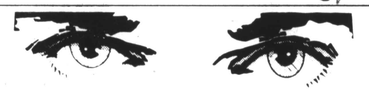

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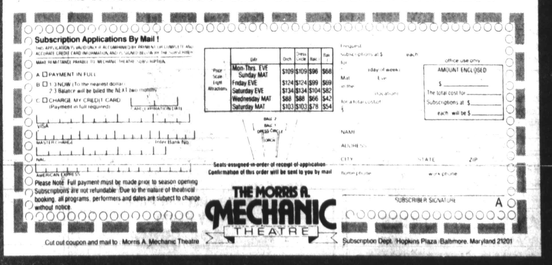
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