TV Watching

Singer Deniece Williams, boxing, drama and more highlight this week

By Vanessa Johnson
Friday

Evening Magazine: An interview with actor Gary Coleman of "Diff'rent Strokes." 7:30-8:00 p.m.-Channel 13.

Diff'rent Strokes: The cast of "Hello Larry" visits New York when Drummond insists that Larry audition as a TV talk show host. Starring Todd Bridges and Gary Coleman. 8:00-8:30 p.m.-Channel 11.

Boxing: Making his fourth title defense, Larry Holmes, (31-0) risks his WBC heavyweight crown against top-rated challenger Earnie Shavers (58-7-1) in a scheduled 15-round bout telecast live from Las Vegas. Sugar Ray Leonard (24-0) defends his North American Boxing Federation welterweight title in a scheduled 12-round bout against Andy Price (26-6-3). 8:00-11:00 p.m.-Channel 13.

Merv Griffin: From Las Vegas guests include Bob Hope, Wayne Newton, Gloria Gaynor and the Lido show girls. 9:00-10:00 p.m.-Channel 5.

Soap Factory: Musical highlights by Enchantment who sings "Like An Eagle." 11:00-11:30 p.m.-Channel 45.

Johnny Carson: Scheduled guests are Lola Falana, David Steinberg and writer Calvin Trillin. 11:30-1:00 a.m.-Channel 11

Saturday

Juke Box: Guests are Rose Royce, Boomtown Rats, and Peaches And Herb. 10:30-11:00 a.m.-Channel 5.

Soul Train: Guests are Deniece Williams, who sings "I've Got The Next Dance" and the Soul Train Gang. 1:00-2:00 p.m.-Channel 11

Movie: "Lost in the Stars," a black South African pastor's search for his murderer son. Starring Brock Peters, Melba Moore, Clifton Davis, Raymond St. Jacques. 8:00-10:00 p.m.-Channel 20.

Bad News Bears: Turner won't allow his daughter Wendi to go to a party with Regi, so the Bears lay plans to sneak her out of her house. Starring Christoff St. John. 8:30-9:00 p.m.-Channel 2.

Merv Griffin: From Las Vegas guests are Shecky Greene, disco group the Jones Girls, New Jersey Gov. Brendan Byrne. 8:30-10:00 p.m.-Channel 5.

Paris: James Earl Joaes stars as Woodrow "Woddy" Paris, a police detective captain who teaches criminology on the side. His first case is the death of a councilman's wife, apparently murdered by a burglar she caught in the act. 10:00-11:00 p.m.-Channel 2.

Man Called Sloane: Sloane tracks a brainwashing team that is turning top military men into saboteurs. Starring Ji-Tu Cumbuka. 10:00-11:00 p.m.-Channel 11.

Movie: "Duel At Diablo," violent tale about a scout who seeks to avenge his Indian wife's murder Starring Sidney Poitier. 11:30-1:30 a.m.-Channel 5.

Sunday

Kids Are People Too: Guests are Tonly Orlando, actor Carl Weathers of "Rocky" and "Rocky 2". 10:00-11:30 a.m.-Channel 13.

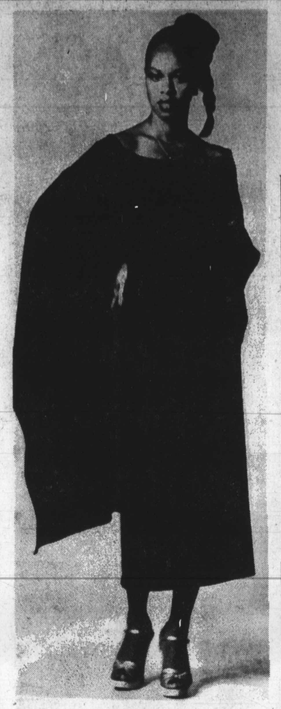
Detective School: A wealthy widow hires Nick and the gang to guard the priceless diamond she's wearing to a chic dinner party Starring LaWanda Page. 5:30-6:00 p.m.-Channel 13.

NBC Movie: "The Kid From Left Field," at press time baseball's San Diego Padres were battling to stay out of the cellar in the National League West. In this 1979 TV movie, however, the Padres are contending for the World Championship. Credit the turnaround to two loyal fans, a widowed ex infielder, now a stadium vendor and his son, whose guts and guile win him a job as a San Diego bat boy. Starring Robert Guillaume and Gary Coleman. 8:00-10:00 p.m.-Channel 11.

The Jeffersons: George gloats over an award from the small businessmen's association, but the honor pressed enough to consider leaving Carver High. Starring Kevin Hooks. 8:00-9:00 p.m.-Channel 2.

Monday

Captain Kangaroo: Actress Debby Allen of Broadway's "Ain't Misbehavin." 8:00-9:00 a.m.-Channel 2.



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Jesse Walker in New York

The latest from the Big Apple

Host and hostess for last Thursday night's Roast - Reception for veteran newsman Jimmy Hicks were Dave (Our World, Amsterdam News) Hepburn, now an exec with WNEW-TV, and Evelyn (Pittsburgh Courier) Cunningham, now with the Rockefeller interests. Friends packed the Queen of Sheba Room of the New Smalls Paradise for the hilarious roasting.

Blacks continue to move onto the nation's corporate boards. Lisle C. Carter Jr., president of the University of the District of Columbia and a former assistant secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, has been nominated to be a director of Heublein Inc

In Winston - Salem, N.C., Mutter Evans, 26, who started five years ago as parttime news reporter for WAAA-Radio has bought the station from Media Broadcasting Corp. for $1,040,000. She has been general manager of WAAA and an executive vice president of Media Broadcasting. She arranged financing from two banks, with help from the U.S. Small Business Administration. The 1,000 - watt station is geared to the black community and was the first black - operated station in the state when it went on the air Oct. 28, 1950.

When Dr. Harry Edwards, the former Olympic track star and now a sociologist who teaches at UCLA, asked freshman and sophomore students in his sociology of sports class if they ever heard of Jimmy Brown, he was shocked at the result. "Only two of the 750 students know that he was one of the greatest running backs in the history of football," he said. "And these two were football players."

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Bill Lane in Hollywood

Tantalizing tidbits from Tinsel Town

THE inside talk is that chances are very strong that singer Marvin Gaye may just rejoin marital issues with his former wife Anna Gordy, to whom he dedicated his last record album, "Here, My Dear."

The current Mrs. Gaye, who now has Marvin in divorce court, could very well, however, leave the famed singer up the well-known creek if she wins the settlement she is seeking in her divorce complaint—a little bit of a $5-million manse, a yacht, a speedboat, several cars

Robert Guillaume

and property in Tahoe, Jamaica and Palm Springs. Who was that who said Marvin Gaye was broke?

ANOTHER singer, James Brown, has become a spokesman singer. Witness what he was quoted as saying recently to the Soho Weekly News:

"I know a lot of black people don't want to hear this, but they might as well hear the truth. Can you tell me a day when blacks will be as well-educated as whites? Jewish people have been more helpful because they taught blacks about their rights. The Anglo-Saxon, or whatever you call them, didn't teach the blacks no rights.

"What has to happen—bad as we hate to say it—is you got to open up the farms again and put black people back to work with what they can work with—their hands. What else he gonna do? What else are we going to do? Be stupid and then walk around and tear up the town? Stay in the country and leave society alone. Take what we need in society to get out of it."

ANOTHER singer, Al Green, has been recovering in Methodist Hospital in Memphis and at his home after sustaining painful back injuries in a 12-foot fall from the Palace Theatre stage in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Said Green's music conductor Fred Green: "The pit had no lighting and the stage was painted black as you couldn't see where the end was."

FAMILY Circle magazine says TV star Gary Coleman is not a midget, but that because of a rare kidney disease and a kidney transplant his growth became stunted.

Now 11, he will be about five feet tall when he's fully grown. But being small does not faze him—it got him a starring TV role.

EXPECT soon Rufus and Chaka Khan's new Quincy Jones - produced album, "Masterjam," with a single from the album already out—"Do You Love What You Feel?"

DETROIT social scribe Isola Graham all praises about the clear air and filled hotels in Las Vegas. While in the desert spa she toured the new home of ex-Motor Citian Paul Whit.

Some well - known performers live in Las Vegas — Marlena Shaw, B. B. King, Redd Foxx, The Mills Brothers, Monk Higgins and singer Joe Williams.

Sue Dodds, a Detroit transplant to Washington, D.C., was in L.A. recently visiting her son, a computer manufacturer. Told us she and her spouse are debating whether to retire in Las Vegas or "somewhere in Arizona."

PAUL GARDNER, former Universal Studios publicist, now heading his own multi - service promotions and TV commercial production firm, IV-G Communications Corporation here.

BILLY DAVIS, longtime executive with Motown, having a hilarious time with his new Hollywood bistro, the First Hollywood Saloon, which is located smack dab on restaurant row, LaCienega Boulevard. And his pal George Pryce is now private secretary to singer Diana Ross.

DISCO DOGS are what you get from too much disco dancing, according to the American Podiatry people, who explain that slippery dance floors, odd shoes and a failure to do pre-dancing warmup exercises can produce "Disco Foot."

WHEN "Benson" actor Robert Guillaume taped a guest shot on Mike Douglas' show the other day he sang. He surprised a lot of people who did not know he could burst forth a la Pavarotti with classics like "O Solo Mio." And Oct. 8 the same show will sparkle with the likes of Lola Falana and a leggy chorus line from the Las Vegas Hilton.

THE NEW Report of The American Assembly says this on Youth Employment: "The school system is the key public institution in our society responsible for preparing youth with both basic skills and with knowledge of and readiness for work. The schools should be held accountable for effectively performing these roles, particularly for those youth who will not go on to higher education."

JOYCE Vincent - Wilson, one of the two young ladies who comprised (with Thelma Hopkins) the backup singing duo of Dawn for Tony Orlando, is now all set to make her debut as a solo singer. She opens her act at Studio One the night of Oct. 5.

AND on Oct. 13 the Thalians, headed by actresses Debbie Reynolds and Rata Lee, kick off their 24th annual ball here at the Hollywood Palladium, with plans to present Jack Lemmon theee big "Mr. Wonderful" award, the show that night to be produced by Jack Haley Jr.

"A CHORUS LINE" returning to Hollywood Oct. 10 for alimited stay.

Dionne Warwick will appear (and sing) with Kenny Rogers on the Mac Davis Christmas Special comes the season of Santa and Rudolph, and specially the night of Dec. 21, on the NBC-TV

NEW ALBUM — Rufus featuring Chaka Khan have a new release. See Bill Lane in Hollywood.

Will B.B. King visit China?

Blues great B. B. King is the current favorite goodwill ambassador of the U.S. State Department. They are negotiating with the Peoples Republic of China to send King on a goodwill tour of the Chinese mainland.

This would make the Mississippi born artist the first American performer to tour China since the Communist takeover more than three decades ago.

King recently returned from a tour of Russa, again on behalf of the State Department. In Russia King played to audiences as large as 100,000 people and was invited to visit a collective farm.

"The farm," sayd King, "was actually like the plantation which I grew up on in Mississippi. We had a chance to meet some of the workers there and learned quite a bit from them because they are a very proud people—proud of whatever they are doing."

King said that he saw only 13 blacks in all of Russia but the all - white audiences proved an easy chore.

"Like Louis Armstrong said, 'Music is an universal language,'" King said.

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