# Stephanie Mills marries Shalamar's Daniels

By Ida Peters

Biggest news of the week, besides Richard Pryor's fight for life, is the surprise marriage of Stephanie Mills of Broadway "Wiz" fame and Jeffrey Daniels of the group Shalamar.

Daniels, 24 and Stephanie 23, who have only known each other for three months, were married quietly (during intermission of a choir concert) by gospel singer, Rev. James Cleveland on the West Coast.

According to the New York Daily News and Jet, Stephanie's parents were upset because "they weren't invited to the wedding."

Stephanie Mills and new hubby Jeffery Daniels of singing group Shalamar.

Alberta Hunter, the 85-year-old jazz and blues singer, suffered a broken hip in Chicago at the start of a two-week engagement at George's and the kick-off a nation-wide tour.

Michael Reese Hospital reports the singer in good spirits where she is expected to be hospitalized for a couple of weeks following surgery.

Redd Foxx was seen holding hands with his estranged wife Yun Chi (Joi) when Sammy Davis Jr. was honored for 50 years of work and service by Tel Aviv University at the Centruy Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles.

Dionne Warwick was mistress of ceremony and also in attendance were Altovise Davis, Sammy's wife who was in D.C. last week to promote her new movie "Stop the Music" with the Village People.

Bill Lane from Hollywood reports as follows:

Weddings are as a rule happy occasions, and the only time anything unusual gets a chance to erupt is when the person reading the marital text intones about anybody objecting to the marriage should "speak now or forever hold his peace."

But in the case of the wedding uniting in wholly matrimony singer Stephanie Mills and Shalamar entertainer Jeffrey Daniels it was something else again.

Not that the marriage did not take place. It did. But all the rigamarole surrounding the ceremony left a lot of people in Hollywood rubbing their eyes.

It was reported that the two newlyweds met several weeks ago in New York at that big party tossed for the Solar Galaxy of Stars, at which were present Stephanie and Jeffrey. A few days ago, when Stephanie was in Hollywood and while Shalamar was appearing at Disneyland somebody said "Let's get married." Sounded good to the two main parties.

But reports flared that it did not sound too good to some other persons rather close to the Mills faction. One youtid lady is said to have leaped atop the hood of the Mills limousine in a frantic effort to halt the projected proceedings, sparking a mixup with the limo chauffeur who was batted about the head with the ripped - off car antennae, eyewitnesses say. The limo sped off, to the church here of the Rev. James Cleveland, who has long been known as a godfather to singer Daniels.

Services, regular ones, were in progress at the church. But the minister hurriedly made a "space" in the services for the sudden wedding ceremony, to the heartfelt delight of the assemblage. And then they were wed.

JET photog Ike Sutton was on the scene with his camera, as if by magic. So it was when New York reps of Miss Mills learned of the event they first didn't want to believe it. But when they realized it had happened they frantically began seeking photos of the ceremonies, finally in desperation contacting Sutton who told them his art work had been done exclusively for his news magazine. The New York screams could be heard all the way to Hollywood.

## Sidney Poitier

COMING UP — The AFRO will start a three-part series next week talking about Sidney Poitier's new autobiography "This Life" published by Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 1980, $12.95.

The AFRO thinks this book is so important to young film makers that they are devoting three issues to tell you about the life and loves of America's super-stud who rose from the youngest of seven children in poverty on Cat Island in the Bahamas to producer and director of the recently completed $10 million movie "Stir Crazy" starring Richard Pryor.

Frankly, the AFRO has had four opportunities to interview Sidney Poitier ... in his office at First Artists in Hollywood; in New York for "Let's Do It Again" and "Uptown Saturday Night" and in a prearranged one-on-one in his hotel room arranged by Vincent Tubbs, old AFRO news buddie and Warner Brothers vice-president.

If you've watched Sidney on TV talking about this past week about his life, you only hear what he wants you to hear. His book "This Life" brings it all down front. His relationship to Diahann Carroll, his first wife, Jaunita and his present wife, Joanna Shimkus, and his six daughters.

One thing for sure, he has sure blown Diahann Carroll's cover but then maybe he has the memories and Diahann went on to something else.

Many a true word is spoken in a jest. One Father's Day a group of journalists were sitting around listening to Sidney Poitier brag about his six daughters. This reporter asked the question everybody wanted to ask. "When are you going to marry Joanna?" Sidney rose, patted my hand, bent over, smiled and said, "When she gives me a boy!"

Sidney Poitier's new book "This Life" is set in Electra type by the Maryland Linotype Composition Company of Baltimore. The typeface was designed by William Addison Dwiggins for the Mergenthaler Linotype Company (for whom Mergenthaler High School is named.)

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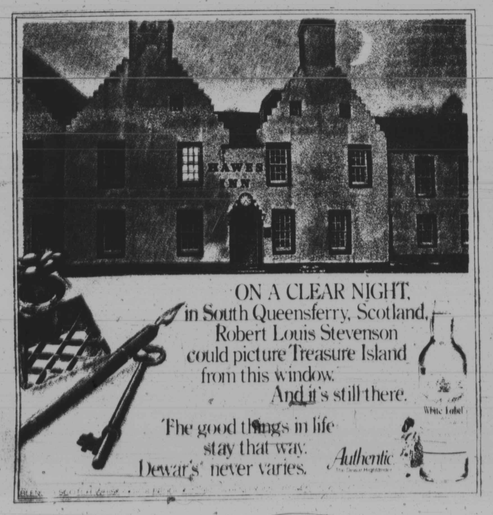


# 'Blues Brothers'...tribute to black music

New Universal movie, "The Blues Brothers," starring John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd with Ray Charles, James Brown, Aretha Franklin and Cab Calloway now showing at local theatres.

"The Blues Brothers," a large-scale musical comedy, is the movie debut of Jake and Elwood Blues, John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd, whose first Atlantic record album, "A Briefcase Full of Blues", sold over two-and-a-half million units.

Belushi and Aykroyd, who created the Blues Brothers, star in the Universal Picture with James Brown, Cab Calloway, Ray Charles, Carrie Fisher, Aretha Franklin, Henry Gibson, and The Blues Brothers Band.

The Blues Brothers is a true musical comedy. People burst into song and dance just as they do in the original American form invented on Broadway and glorified in Hollywood. But the story, the musical numbers, and the comedy all have a very realistic look. The film is designed for music and is very stylized.

Belushi calls the film "a tribute to black American music." The score, featuring no original songs, showcases music of the past four decades and some of its greatest performers. They all play characters who are integral to the story.

The score contains blues, rock and roll, soul and rhythm and blues, as well as some country-Western, pop, Latin and classical.

The story's action includes the leaping of an opening swing bridge over the river; the slam-bang, three-car demolition of an indoor shopping mall; a 106-mile, all-night pursuit from a small town into the center of Chicago, multi-car chases and a pileup under the el tracks; a mid-air mir backflip by the elusive Bluesmobile; a police car flying into the side of a moving semi; an out-of-control Winnebago crashing through a warehouse and flying into a river and many zany happenings.

"The Blues Brothers" is now showing at area theatres.

## More happening

The Baltimore City Police Department presents a free band concert today (Friday) at 12 Noon at War Memorial Plaza.

Lenny Moore, Baltimore Colts PR, is chairman of the Edith Rosen Strauss Bowl - A - Thon being held this Saturday, 7 - 11 p.m. at Fair Lanes, Pikesville. All proceeds will benefit the Ronald McDonald House and anybody can register and bowl (Call 922 - 1490) to help this worthy cause. Lenny Moore and the Colts have set Aug. 9 and Aug. 22 as the dates when AFRO Clean Blockers will attend Colt exhibition games.

The second annual Catonsville Community Festival will be held at Catonsville Community College, Saturday and Sunday with opening festivities slated for Saturday at noon.

This year's theme, "Wheelin' Into the '80s" has a very special antique vehicle exhibit, pony rides, book sales, flea markets, arts and crafts vendors, children's carnival and sports activities.

BIG DADDY'S — Most spectacular event in town this Monday, June 30, will be the opening of George Mitchell's Big Daddy's at 5509 Reistertown Road. A new experience in dining and entertainment, this minority business will feature valet parking, complete dining, live entertainment and dancing.

SOUND SCULPTURE at the Baltimore Museum of Art features Nancy Allison, dancer and choreographer, Sunday, June 29 at 3 p.m. in a mixed media event which integrates sculptural forms for functional and decorative effect. Event is free and open to public on first served, first come basis.

## D.C. events

The Black Music Association meeting at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in D.C. for their Second Annual Conference June 26 - 30 will honor Ewart Abner, consultant and advisor to Stevie Wonder with their First Annual Award for Excellence and Leadership in the Entertainment, Arts Industry.

Calvin Lockhart and Marjorie Barnes in Niozake Shange's "boogie woogie landscapes" in the Terrace Theatre of the Kennedy Center. Dr. Samuel Hay, special AFRO reviewer and chairman, Dept. of Communication and Theatre Arts, Morgan State University says the play is a dream play that creates images which provoke thoughts and serious questions about values, politics and images themselves.

Cab Calloway in "Bubbling Brown Sugar" at the Warner Theatre July 1 - 20; Fats Waller's "Ain't Misbehavin'" at the National Theatre, July 8 - 27.

Saturday, the Warner Theatre presents Little Anthony, Mary Wells, the Chiffons and the Velons. Sunday, June 29, Angela Bofill and Al Johnson at Carter Barron Amphitheatre.

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# If you ask me....

By Bettye Moss
Guest Columnist

Joy and pride are words which will describe the atmosphere at 1100 Wicomico St., in downtown Baltimore on Tuesday afternoon. Mayor Schaefer cut the ribbon for the recently renovated, (at a $7 million), structure known as the Raleigh Industrial Center.

But for those of us who are black, there was special pride in the open house ceremonies hosted by Howard Security Services Inc., which moved its corporate offices from Columbia to the second and fourth floors of the Raleigh Center. Mayor Shchaefer was at the reception to congratulate Howard Security president, Melvin Bilal, (pronounced Bil-laa), his employees and their families and friends.

Howard Security's move came on the seventh anniversary of its founding by Mr. Bilal (formerly Blanheim). When he began the firm, there were only 9 employees. Today the number has increased to nearly 400.

Among features Howard Security has available in its new site: modern communications system, covered loading docks and parking for armored cars, plus modern offices and meeting rooms for seminars and training sessions, and a gym and exercise room for employees.

Relatives of owners and employees present included, Mrs. Bilal, (Pamela), a picture in simple, purple frock, who was accompanied by their two children, Akobi, 6; and Nneka, 3. Mr. Bilal's mother, Mrs. Beatrice Blanheim; and an aunt, Mrs. Anne Myers, came from White Pains, N.Y.

Other out of towners there were, Claudette and Ronnie McGuire of Dayton, Ohio, where he owns and operates his own plant protection firm. He revealed he got his start at Howard Security. His wife is a Baltimorean, daughter of Gertrude and John McFadden.

Also spied in the crowd: Robert Clay, the contractor; Paula A. Cullings, coordinator for marketing with the Greater Baltimore Minority Purchasing Council, and her new marketing specialist, Morgan grad, Martin Phillips.

Busy as a bee was Karen Spencer, vice president of the Washington - based marketing firm. She's Howard U. trained. She helped design the logos and other pertinent public relations material for the ceremonies.

About Bequests

Three organizations to which the late Dr. and Mrs. Louis E. Harmon, (Marguerite), gave many hours of volunteer service, benefitted under her will, according to records filed in Orphan's Court.

Baltimore Urban Legue received $3,197.78. A similar bequest went to the Baltimore NAACP.

The Madison Ave. YWCA received $6,395.55.

On the Courthouse steps on Tuesday, we spotted Supreme Bench Judge Solomon Liss, who reminded us it has been 10 years since Isidor Feldman established the fund to provide scholarships to deserving black high school grads desirous of pursuing higher education ($300 annually).

Judge Liss, AFRO sports editor Sam Lacy and this writer, have been co - trustees ever since the trust's creation. We were glad to share with Judge Liss good news about the 1976 winner, Sharon Jordan.

She was graduated last month, magna cum laude (with great honor), and from Va. State University, is already enrolled in a master's degree program. Her parents Bertha and Randolph Jordan of Baltimore, are proud that she has selected as her field special education for emotional disturbed and Learning disabled students.

Cuff note: Isidor Feldman owned and operated an appliance store in the 800 block of W. Baltimore St., for many years. Many of his customers were black and he desired, Judge Liss recalls, to put something back into the community. Hence the Isidor Feldman Scholarship Fund.

New Citizens

The Benjamin Lewis Kings, Jr. (Roxanne) recently welcomed a second child. Erica Nicole, weighted in at 6 lbs., 7 oz., on June 6 at Sinai, but were just released last week. Dad is the chief finance officer for the Legal Aid Bureau.

Baby is second grandchild for Mrs. King's parents. Ronald and Mary Marshall of Greensboro, N.C., and for the Benjamin Kings Sr. (Gloria), of Baltimore. Oldest grandchild is 21 month old Benjamin 3rd.

Allen AME Church family has not had a baby born to the pastor and his wife since the early 1950's. So there is great joy at the 77-year-old West Baltimore church.

And there is great joy for the two families of Rev. Ronald E. Braxton, Allen pastor, and his wife, Marie Elizabeth Murphy Phillips Braxton, associate pastor.

Their first baby arrived June 20, weighing in at 6 lbs. 14 ozs. at Sinai. Baby has been named Shannon Elizabeth Murphy Braxton. She is a first grandchild for Mrs. Virgie Braxton and John H. Braxton of Norfolk; and another great grandchild for Mrs. Mozella Braxton, also of Norfolk.

And she's a first grandchild in the family of the late Frank W. Phillips Jr., and for Mr. and Mrs. A. Paul Moss (Elizabeth Murphy Moss).

More new citizens: Dr. and Mrs. William M. Hall (Linda), he's the baby doctor and gynecologist, named their first born, Kristy Lynn.

She topped the scales at 7 pounds and 9 ¼ oz., when she arrived on May 22.

Another arrival at Sinai last week (the 21st), was Erica Raynor Watson, who weighted 6 ½ pounds. Parents are Karen Ross Watson, the teacher and her dentist-husband, Dr. Terry Watson.

Maternal grandparents, Wellington (Ducky) Ross, and the late June Gwynn Ross. Paternal grands, the John Anthony Watsons, (Dorothy Woodlon).

Testimonials

Co-workers at Rosewood State Hospital honored Mrs. Helen Lee, the longtime supervisor, at a farewell dinner on Wednesday evening at Russo's in downtown Baltimore. She is one of Baltimore's kindest and most gracious ladies.

Similar honors will be given to Wilbert Walker, the author and State Department of Human Resources exec, on Sunday at the Pikesville Hilton.

One of the grandest salutes witnessed in many a day was the enthusiastic and well-attened testimonial on Friday the 13th, honoring Paul F. Scott. It was sponsored by the faculy and staff of Timber Grove Elementary School, where he was the principal, mentor and friend to so many.

Coming up, a dinner reception on July 19, honoring Dr. Eugene Stasley, retiring after 30 years in the State Department of Education. It will be on Morgan's campus in the McKeldin Center.

New AME Bishop

The African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME), concluded its two-week quadrennial conference in New Orleans on Thursday. Under the rotation of bishops policy (move every 8 years) the Rt. Rev. Henry J. Murph moves to the Texas District.

He has been in charge of the 2nd Episcopal District, covering churches in D.C., Va., N.C. and Md.

Moving to this district, which encompasses churches in Baltimore, is Bishop John Hurst Adams, whose last assignment was Texas, and who formerly served in California and Washington (Seattle). Those who know him describe how as one who is astute, well-organized...dynamic...

Similar references are made to his educator-wife, Delly. Bishop and and Mrs. Adams have three daughters, Gaye, Jan and Madeline. Alpha men: he's one of you. AKA ladies, she's one of you, and also a Link.

People Remembering

There was standing room only at the Redd Funeral Home on Sunday. Present were relatives and friends of Edward Alonso Moore, the longtime Baltimore-area businessman, who died on June 18, after what the family obituary described as, "a protracted illness (cancer)...his suffering was severe and intense..."

The large crowd, which filled every seat in the spacious chapel and spilled out into the long hallway, attested to the high regard in which Alonzo Moore was held. Many recalled his generosity in the early days when he ran the McCulloh Delicatessen, and later when he was associated with the Scarlett Country Club in Westminster, Md. He was 76.

He and his wife, Susie who survives, were co-owners of Plaza Manor, the Glen Burnie nursing home.

A number of relatives of the deceased came from his native Burlington, N.C., including sisters, Bronzela, Louise, Signora and Inez; and brothers, Brooks, Worth and George.

Also surviving, brother, David, Baltimore and adopted son, Frank Smith Moore.

Mrs. Moore's club members were out in full force, including members of the Martiniques, led by club president, Councilperson Victorine Q. Adams; members of the Bon Coeurs, led by president Leone Felton; and members of the Travel Club, headed by Hazel Spruill.

The Rev. Marion C. Bascom, Douglas Memorial and the Rev. Marshall Strickland, Pa. Ave. AME Zion Church, officiated. On the parking lot after the family hour, we overheard two persons commenting, "he was one nice man," to which the other responded, "he certainly was."

Recommended reading:

The beautiful Father's Day article in this newspaper by Tim Lacy, son of AFRO sports editor, Sam Lacy. If you missed it, do send for a back copy. It was beautifully done. Young Lacy manages a department store in Md. suburbas, but this article proves he has inherited his dad's talent for writing.

Youth Shrine

Yes, youngsters can shine when properly motivated and given an opportunity to display their talents.

This happened on Sunday afternoon at St. Mark's United Methodist Church on Garrison Blvd. A group of 15 and 16-year-olds presented a fashion show they entitled, "A Touch of Class."

And, it was just that — they modeled appared suitable for all occasions, ranging from swim attire to formal wear. It was professionally done, under the direction of talented and artistic Richard Owings, a 15 - year - old who declares he will become one of the nation's leading designers one of these days.

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