Bill Lane in Hollywood

Vernel Bagneris is all amazed at the topper of a success his musical "One Mo' Time" is turning in here at the Aquarius Theatre. Although the music of the show is from the Twenties, the nostalgia buffs are packin' the place nightly. But Bagneris is not just settling for his own show's success. As did Nell Carter, during the run of her show starrer, "Ain't Misbehavin'" at the Aquarius, Bagneris is getting moonlight jobs in movies. After all, this is the movie center. Nell Carter got movies and television. Bagneris has signed to co-star with Steve Martin in the film "Pennies From Heaven."

AND speaking of nostalgia, over in New York they are getting set for a look at "Sophisticated Ladies," a musical based on the life and music of Duke Ellington. Included in the cast are Judith Jamison, Gregory Hines and Phyllis Hyman. Miss Hyman's new record album, produced by Norman Connors, just may be released around February 22, at the time the musical opens at the Lunt-Fontaine Theatre on Broadway in Gotham.

AND Aretha Franklin is also now readying to begin rehersals to star in her first Broadway musical.

And speaking of Duke Ellington. Leonard Feather, the jazz author and music critic of the L. A. Times syndicate, is set for honors on January 4 here at the Coconut Grove of the Ambassador Hotel on a gala evening celebrating the music of the Duke. Peggy Lee, Sarah Vaughan, Joe Williams and bandleader Tommy Newsom are among music's greats who are slated to be on hand. They are all dedicated to setting up a Leonard Feather Scholarship at the Duke Ellington School of Arts in Washington, D.C.

AND speaking of honors, music's Kenny Gamble was awarded the ARC Cancer Research humanitarian kude in NYC the other night, the event at the Hilton highlighting the urgent need for support of cancer research. More black people reportedly die form causes due to cancer than do whites in these United States.

THE recording group Tierra is out with a new album which features eight songs, seven of which were written by a member and producer of the group Tierra. The eighth song was written by Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff, and titled "Together." Which song has suddenly become a radio hit for the group. You guessed it, "Together."

BERNIE Hamilton, the top cop in the "Starsky and Hutch" series, has a brand new gig going for him on the side these days. It's his own recording company, Inculcation, located in Hollywood. And two of the firm's first albums are out, "The Blues Songs of Floyd Dixon" and "Capt. Dobey Blows His Cover," the latter featuring Bernie himself. He's wild on one track titled "Cop and Blow." Ha!

MICHAEL Henderson exploded a whole tableau of his splendid music here the other night at the Roxy, a few nights before the Stevie Wonder concerts opened at the Forum. The audiences especially loved his in person rendition of his hit song, "Wide Receiver." And just to think, Henderson was playing bass violin with the Stevie Wonder group when he was only thirteen. And at fifteen he was fiddling with the Miles Davis unit, and stayed with Miles to the ripe "old" age of 22.

LITTLE Arthur Matthews, HNIC here at Ernie France's busy Parisian Room where Earl "Fatha" Hines has been holding forth in musical elegance at age 75, says he's going to put a permanent "cutoff" on his spirits doled to house comic Reynaldo Roy if Roy does not include his hilarious joke "Democracy" in each of his show stands at the nightery. The club is now awaiting arrival of the Arthur Prysock revue.

Woody Strode guest stars as a clergyman who helps get the Hazzard children into the Christmas mood, on "The Dukes of Hazzard," Friday, Dec. 19 on CBS.

NATALIE Cole and Lou Rawls heading up Kwanza's 8th Annual Holiday Celebration here Monday night at the Variety Arts Center, with Robert Guillaume as host. Actor Roger Mosley carded us from Honolulu where he's been filming his helicopter-pilot role in TV's series "Magnum P. I." Says the fresh air is matchless. Douglas Johnson, the black man who found and turned in a bag containing 240 G's here some years back, died of a heart stricture in L. A. the other day. Burial was in Salem, Ohio. The Jones Girls in the East, promoting their newest album. And Betty Wright, the "Cleanup Woman," has a new Epic album featuring a song, "What Are You Gonna Do With It" written by Stevie Wonder who also performs on the Wright album. Most beautiful album cover out is the one for Bobby Blue Bland's "Sweet Vibrations," on MCA Records. And E. Rodney Jones was abruptly given his walking papers at 20th Century Records here. And another (black) bites the dust.

RICHARD Pryor, who is a fun delight with Gene Wilder in "Stir Crazy" with George Standord Brown and Franklyn Ajaye, is now filming final scenes in Universal's "Family Dreams," the movie he was making, by the hardest, with Cicely Tyson when his terrible accident came. The first film opening this month around the nation, and "Family Dreams" the movie he was making, by the hardest, with Cicely Tyson when his terrible accident came. The first film opening this month around the nation, and "Family Dreams" opening in April.

ALICE Wilson, the Hollywood news gal, moonlighting as a travel agency clerk, now with the lafexy Travel firm on Santa Monica in Hollywood, while Lin Hilburn is racking up accelades and good commissions as a mortgage lender with the Castagna Realtors here, despite the high interest rates. Hilburn, who says he is still a Democrat despite his "I told you so" shortings after the GOP victory, says he's astounded at how there are many, many borrowers even at interest rates of twenty and thirty percent. Well, there's many a black preacher in the United States who years ago got their churches started by borrowing money from private lenders who charged them from 25 to 35 cents on the dollar.

Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids help out a family in need, celebrating Christmas in a most meaningful way in the animated holiday special, "The Fat Albert Christmas Special," to be rebroadcast Wednesday, Dec. 24.

Vernon Jordan, executive director of the National Urban League, and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Wilkinson, Jr., vice - president, American Express.

Some 800 packed Columbia University's McMillin Theatre recently for a forum on "Black Literature in the 80s" and heard Toni Morrison, author and senior editor at Random House; James Baldwin, the novelist and essayist, and Amiri Baraka, the poet and playwright. It was a most enlightening evening with Clayton Riley, the critic and writer as moderator.

Jesse Walker's New York

NEW YORK — Among the latest features of "Big Blue Marble", the award - winning TV show for youngsters sponsored by ITT, is a visit to an Indonesian youngster who is studying Pancak Silat, an ancient form of self - defense. Thirteen - year - old Dewa Ayu of Java demonstrates some of the techniques of this martial arts system that blends idea from India and China to achieve harmony of mind and body.

The Back Street Flyers, a group of Harlem acrobats, ranging from ages 13 to 21, won the second prize at the International Circus School competition in Paris. The group that competed against others from all over the world, received their training at the N.Y. School for Circus Arts, which received a grant from a foundation to send the group of youngsters to Paris.

Blacks were well represented at that party philanthropist Brooke Astor threw at her Park Avenue duplex for President - elect Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy. Among the group of elite New Yorkers were Franklin Thomas, president, Ford Foundation; Arthur Barnes, president, New York Coalition of the 100 Black Men; Jewell Jackson McCabe, president of the Coalition of 100 Black Women and her husband, Eugene; Mr. and Mrs.

Free events for children

Mon., Dec. 22

Northwood Branch: Preschool films — "Feliz Navidad" and "Cosmic Christmas," 10 a.m.

Edmondson Avenue Branch: Tree trimming and storytelling, 2 p.m.

Waverly Branch: Film — "Cosmic Christmas," 3 p.m.

Pennsylvania Avenue Branch: Kwanza Celebration, 6 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 23

Patterson Park Branch: Film — "The Christmas Tree," 3 p.m.

Highlandtown Center: Films — "Cosmic Christmas" and "Trouble at Number Thirty - two; Paddington and the Christmas Shopping; Christmas," 3:30 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 24

Edmondson Avenue Branch: Films — "The Christmas Deer: A Legend Retold" and "Christmas Rhapsody," 1 p.m.

Broadway Branch: Films — "The Story of Christmas," "Thank You, M'am," and "The Spirit of Christmas," 2 p.m.

Waverly Branch: Film — "A Christmas Carol with Mr. Magoo," 3 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 26

Waverly Branch: Film — "The Christmas Tree," 3 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 27

Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium: Film — "King Kong," 2 p.m.

Free films

Admission to all film programs is free.

A special documentary narrated by Cliff Robertson, "A Place of Dreams," which describes the unmatched collection of aircraft and spacecraft at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, will be screened at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Central Library, 400 Cathedral St.

The original 1933 version of "King Kong," in which a giant ape falls in love with a beautiful young girl, will be screened at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 27, at the Central Library, 400 Cathedral Street.

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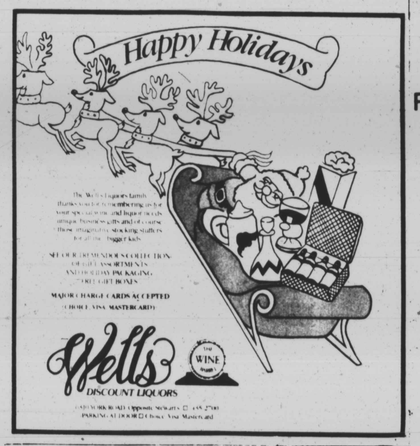

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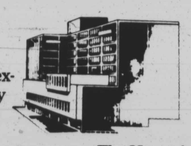

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GRAND OPENING — Kenneth Bryant (second from R) receives congratulations at the grand opening of his second Soul Shack Restaurant located at 500 W. Lexington St. in the International Bazaar section of the Lexington Market in downtown Baltimore. Extending best wishes are (from L): Henry Parks, board chairman, Parks Sausage Co.; Raymond V. Haysbert, president, Parks Sausage Co.; Mayor William Donald Schaefer and William O. Franz, manager, Lexington Market Authority; In second photo (R), Bryant stands in soul food kitchen which specializes in chitterlings, fried fish and barbecue. Bryant's new restaurant at the market seats 150 persons and provides cafeteria and dining room service. Bryant's other soul shack is located at 228 N. Monroe St.

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Red Cross extends blood donor period

Red Cross Blood Donor Center will have extended hours during the holiday period to help insure that blood supplies will be adequate to meet patient needs.

The Donor Center, located at Charles and 27th Street, will be open as follows:

Tuesday, December 23, 9 a.m. - 8:15 p.m.;

Wednesday, December 24, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.;

Friday, December 26, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.;

Saturday, December 27, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.;

Monday, December 29, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.;

Tuesday, December 30, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, December 31, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.;

Friday, January 2, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.;

Saturday, January 3, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.;

Healthy people between the ages of 17 and 66 years, weighing at least 110 pounds, are eligible to donate blood.

Red Cross urges healthy members of the community to give the gift of life this holiday season. For more information or to make an appointment, call Red Cross at 467-9905.

Lutheran offers foot check-ups

The podiatry department of Lutheran Hospital offers free foot examinations to the general public on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:30 to 11 a.m. in the outpatient care center at Rayner Ave. and Ashburton St.

Individuals of all ages will be seen on a walk-in basis, or appointments may be made by calling 945-1600, ext. 2267.

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Political Periscope

Dig foundations, not holes

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

In the wake of the Reagan ascendancy, many blacks are advocating digging holes and going underground.

However, digging foundations and not holes may be the wiser strategy for us to follow.

When Samuel Yette came to town several months ago to speak at the NAACP annual banquet, he emphatically declared that those who are the consumers of the earth would be those most liable to be excluded from sharing in the diminishing resources of the world.

Those who depend on federal assistance may find themselves torn away from the breast of public aid and forced to fend for themselves in the very near future.

When money is tight, those without financial resources will find it harder and harder to persuade government or private agencies to subsidize their existence.

A current example of this phenomenom is the recent decision by Secretary of Human Resources Kalman Hettleman to trim $1.2 million from his budget.

Thousands of city residents who depend on funds from the department will soon be forced to find other means of making do, and those without the resiliency to adapt will obviously suffer.

Although scores of those affected by the budget cuts may demonstrate and demonstrate, what may be required in the end is a realization that government subsidies, while nice, are means to an end and not the end itself.

This may be time for us to turn into ourselves, turn into our community to find the sustenance we need to survive this era of economic uncertainty which nourishes an attitude of government non - intervention.

There once was a time when working mothers housed their offspring with family members, when old people were cared for by their descendants, when the corner stores of our community thrived as we lived a more insular life based on the community.

Nobody likes to go backward, but a walk backwards toward economic and social self - sufficiency will mean progress for us as a people.

Let's become producers, not consumers.

Otherwise, we will continue to leave our destiny in the hands of others, whose interests just might not coincide with ours.

Medical center for foster children opens

A medical center for foster children has opened at Cylburn, 2201 W. Coldspring Lane, adjacent to the Cylburn Home for foster children.

The medical center is a joint project of the Baltimore City Department of Social Services and the Chesapeake Physicians Professional Association (CPPA), the multispecialty group of physicians who are based at Baltimore City Hospitals.

Physical examinations and sick care will be provided for foster children from infancy to the age of 21, Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is also a 24-hour emergency line, to provide access to health care 7 days-a-week, 24-hours-a-day.

For additional information foster parents

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