Bob Matthews

NIGHT SCENE SEEN

Well, it's official. The Left Bank Jazz Society will officially open its Fall - Winter season on October 28.

The opening act will be a quartet composed of Bobby Watson, alto; Curtis Lundy, bass; Mulgrew Miller, piano, and Kenny Washington, drums.

All of these artists are quite familiar in the Baltimore jazz circles, especially since all but Kenny were former members of the Art Blakey Jazz Messengers.

We are particularly delighted for LBJS to get started, and as you may or maynot know, the concerts will be held in a different location this season.

Pascals, in Park Circle is the location, off Druid Park Drive, a place which was formerly a disco. It will be changed somewhat in order for LBJS to continue its cabaret - concert format.

Naturally, the first question we asked was: "What about the concessions usually available at LBJS concerts."

We were assured that Chef Willis will be on hand, providing those chicken - rib - chitterling dinners; and Ms. Gladys will be there with her toothsome array of cakes and pies.

We hereby serve notice on Ms. Gladys that although there is a new location, we still hope that our piece of apple pie is still reserved — we'll be there.

There is a big plus to this location — parking. There is room for a plethora of cars in the area, and the hall will seat bout 800 for concerts, which compares favorably with the Famous Ballroom, the former site.

Am told that the BYOP (Bring your own bottle) will still be in effect at the new location, although there will be drinks and beer available at the hall.

Kickoff time is the same, 5 p.m., ending at 9 p.m., with a three - set format the standard. Since LBJS has its own sound system, dare say the audio will be magnificent.

Haven't seen a lineup for the entire season yet, suspect it has not yet been firmed up. After all, LBJS has to tread easy until the site and its acceptance is in place.

But, we hear good things are in store — to which we simply say: Whew! . . . at last!

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For those who can't wait until the 28th to satisfy their craving for live jazz, the Central Pennsylvania Friends of Jazz is kicking off its season on October 21.

On tap will be a concert headedup by trombonist Curtis Fuller, and included are these giants of jazz:

Art Farmer, flugelhorn; Benny Colson, tenor sax; Mickey Tucker, piano; Tootie Heath, drums, and Rufus Reid, bass. This has got to be one of the swingingest sets around.

CPFJ too is undergoing a change of location. Usually, their concerts are held in the Harrisburg, PA Convention Center, but the date was unavailable this time.

And the only date this group had open was the 21st, ergo: The concerts will be held in the Sheraton Hotel in Harrisburg West.

To get there, you go out I-83 towards York, Pa., and get off Exit 18A to Harrisburg. The set begins at 5 p.m., and goes until 9 p.m.

Their second concert, the November one, will probably have Sir Roland Hanna, piano; George Mraz, bass, and Frank Wess, reeds, among its participants — but more about this at a later date.

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James Booker's New York

NEW YORK, NY — **Top Draw Stuff:** Defrocked former Miss America **Vanessa Williams** spent last week modeling silk blouses and dresses for a catalog clothier . . . The slowness of major financial commitments and the critical illness of his mother-in-law were the key reasons why former Secretary of State **Basil A. Paterson** refused to throw his hat into the ring for the 1985 mayoralty race . . . Yankee baseball star **Dave Winfield** to appear at a major GOP rally with President Reagan, while Mets star **Dwight Gooden** will be spending his fall weeks working on a book tentatively titled, "Journal of a Rookie Year" . . . Civil Court Justice **Thomas V. Sinclair** on the critical list at Presbyterian Hospital, while veteran newsman **Al Duckett** seriously ailing in Chicago . . . **Mrs. Myrlie Evers**, widow of the late NAACP crusader Medgar Evers, and television commentators **Tony Brown** among key speakers at the state NAACP convention in Uniondale, L.I.

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Around Town: Much credit due to **Prince Hall Masons** Solomon Wallace, Bill Richardson, Fritz Devonish and L. Joseph Overton is getting the $5.1 million loan for new housing next to their temple on 155th Street which was announced by HUD Secretary **Sam Pierce** last week. It was a fifteen-year struggle . . . Harlemites happy, but saddened, by the AME Church's elevation of popular **Rev. Simon Bouie**, of the Metropolitan AME Church, to pastor at the denomination's founding church, Bethel AME in Philadelphia . . . **Modeen and George Brown** househunting in Washington, D.C., with his new promotion by Grumman. He's former Lieutenant Governor of Colorado . . . The Christmas Tree in Harlem Committee launching its fall series of fun and fund-raising parties at the Mark IV, 146th St. and St. Nicholas.

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Show Biz: **Demond Wilson**, who starred with Redd Foxx in the comedy series, is the latest show biz figure to add the title Reverend . . . **Geri Kennedy** reminds us that **Swinging Seniors** will be bringing their all-star revue into Small's Paradise for three weekends, beginning Oct. 5, and a Sunday matinee . . . Casablanca's co-owner, Fred Murrell, feted by fellow Georgetonians and friends at the popular Lenox Avenue nightspot . . . **Honi Coles, Roscoe Lee Browne** and other stars of "My One and Only" scheduled to be leaving the Broadway show by the end of the month . . . Few people realize that **Billy Dee Williams**, who stars in Dynasty's new Wednesday night series with **Diahann Carroll**, were high school chums . . . Newly-completed interior decorations have made the La Famille, at 125th and Fifth, one of the most attractive dining spots in the city. Credit Mrs. Ben James.

Late Ticker: The new municipal office building at 14th and U Streets in Washington, D.C. has been named by the City Council in honor of the late **Frank D. Reeves**, prominent NAACP attorney and one-time top Democratic politico and White House assistant . . . The Harlem YWCA's Cecelia Cabiness Saunders awards luncheon at the Waldorf last week was a moving tribute honoring such stalwart women as Con Ed's Leandra Abbott, Alice Dear, Juanita Simmons Haas, Deputy Police Comm. Wilhelmina Holliday-Hayes, newscaster Carol Jenkins, Rev. Suzan Johnson, CCHR Chairman Dr. Marcella Mazwell, beauty specialist Bernice Nelson, Denyse E. Thompson, and Terrie M. Williams.

Halloween happenings at the zoo

The Baltimore Zoo will host its annual Halloween Happenings on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 1 to 4 at the Zoo. Wear a costume, and get in free (kids and adults), and take part in this year's exciting events! You may enter the costume contest or pie-eating contest (with ten delicious pies furnished by Ms. Desserts!), or roam the beautiful Zoo grounds, while you learn a little something about animals during a scavenger hunt.

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