for. Owned by Donny Brock, Saturday Night Live?...

Last Saturday, a high school chum, Regina Green, came back after a long absence. She brought her beautiful one-yearold daughter Tiffany with her.

Along with neighbor and friend, Janice Lewis, the three of us decided to paint the town red

Having traveled to numerous night spots over the last year, I picked three that I thought would be a representative sample of night life in Baltimore.

Since we decided to eat before we really got started, I recommended the New Point After. This Monroe Street bistro has gone through numerous changes in the last 10 years. Under the

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By Bonnie Matthews Butler guidance and built from the ground by the late Ambrose

> Upon his death, Lydell Mitstar, bought the business and changed the name to the Point

> Lydell, embroiled in a battle with Robert Irsay, left town to display his talents with a professional football team in California and his business venture suffered. The Point After scored no touchdowns.

Under new ownership, more money was invested in the nitery into a Las Vegas mode. A bizarre series of events led to the death of the new architect.

to Club Etc.

tridge and his daughter Karen. wouldn't be far behind.

This will be a top attraction in

trekked over to Castros. Formerly the Club Riviera, this owners seemingly have become

over-30 crowd has been looking ridor coming February 8.

 Michael Baldwin and Dr. Charles Shelton, this spot also has the potential as a top bistro in 1985.

On this Saturday, the place had group. The music was blasting, a ly, East Indian cuisine. charge was asked at the door, and the place was so packed you couldn't breathe.

definitely has the flavor the over enjoyable. 30's contingent has been search-

us to boogie at O'Delis, the Five of "delicious." Mile House, Classique, Sportsmen's Lounge or any of the fulfilling to know that the club

Keep an eye out for a special creates the type of ambiance the the Baltimore/Washington cor-

Alfred McEwen to perform at St. John's College

will perform in recital at Key Falconieri, Handel, Schubert. Auditorium, St. John's College, at Aria from the opera Don Carlo. 4:00 p.m. February 10. The His repertoire will also include benefit recital will aid the ARC songs from Brodaway and Enterprises training and employ- selected spirituals. tarded and disabled adults.

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Col. McEwen is a graduate of Xavier University of Louisiana (Continued on page 6)

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By C.T. Goodman

Maybe it's me: I guess I'm just a plain ole meat and potatoes side) kind of gal, but exotic food just doesn't do it for me. Special-

In a weak moment, I was persuaded to try something different for lunch a few days back and typical of the clubs in Baltimore stopped in at Akbar Restaurant, who cater to the under-30 age 823 N. Charles Street. A small, intimate dining spot with native I understand that the normal at- decor, Akbar's atmosphere is a mosphere and happy hour time subtle pleasure, quiet and

Now, given my aforementioned prejudice, which I only your usual fare, keep driving 'til Wanting to stay in the area, we realized I had after I ate in the you reach a Rustler's. headed over to the "granddaddy" restaurant, an act which came of inner city bistros. The Sphinx only after I decided to write this Club. It was business as usual review, it is only fair to say that there. On a recent visit there, I I do not like Indian food. I do not was delighted to see the new like to put things in my mouth plan is back on target, with plans Egyptian Room open under the that not only sound unappetizing to change the name of the place auspices of Norman Patterson. (items baked in yogurt...), but My favorite bartender, Danny. look it. I cannot find adventure in One request for the new was at the helm and it looked convincing my external senses owners, the Robinson family, be like the crowd that usually into tricking my internal ones; sure to keep Chef Henry Par- follows Norman and Danny the taste of food is total to me. The crab cakes alone are worth Although time wouldn't allow all combine to make for the state

Now, none of this is to say that you won't like Indian food. My companion, as a matter of fact, was in seventh heaven through-6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight nitery, located on McKean and aware that those old enough to to the same establishment when it was under different ownership

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"Mac" Brockington,

and called Vishnu's and says he can detect a difference in the preparation of the food although it is still good. I suppose his taste buds are just a little more liberated than mine.

Realize that as a restaurant reviewer I am not obliged to love all kinds of foods, just to give readers an objective account as to what is available. Abkar's is a moderately priced, attractive East Indian restaurant with pleasant service and delicious extras - stuffed vegetable kebobs, baked breads, salads. If you like Indian food (the operative word here is "you"). stop by. If steak and potatoes are

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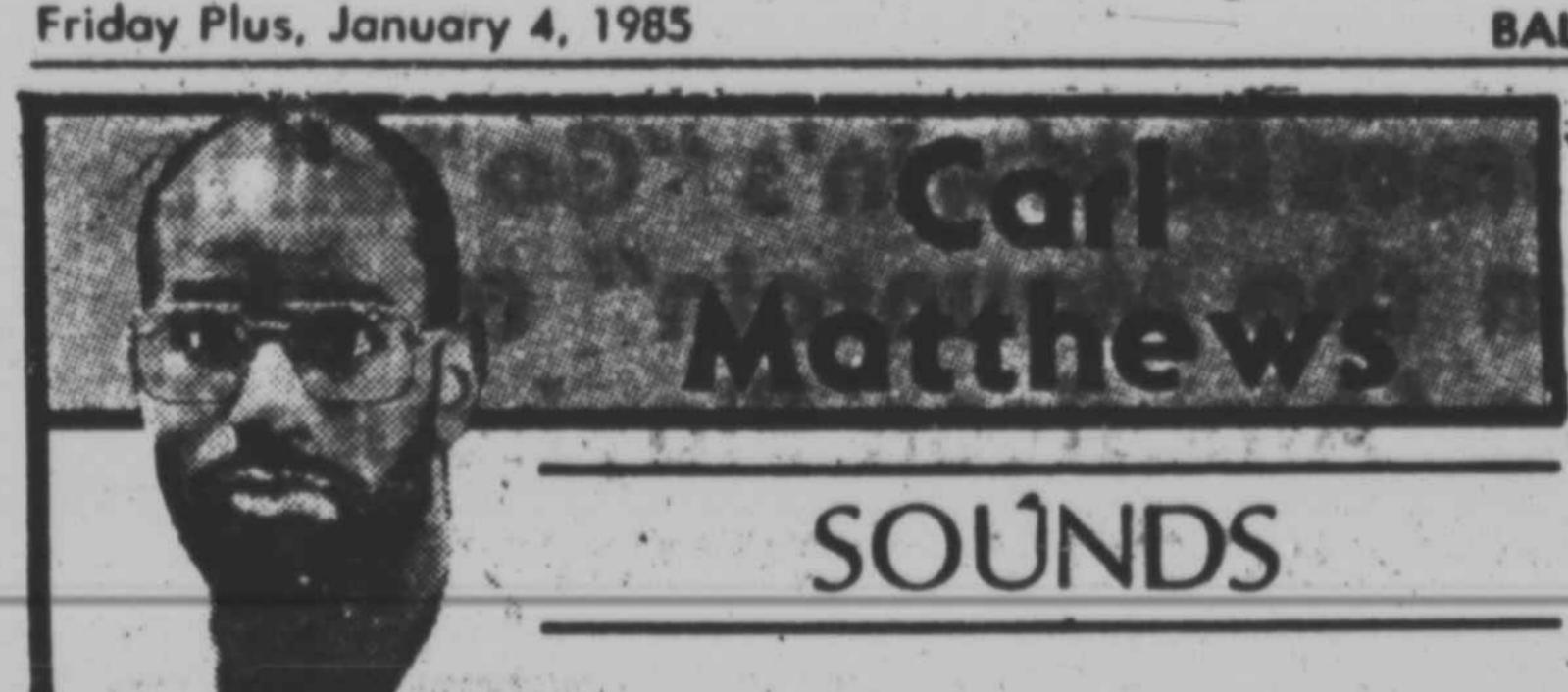
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MIDNIGHT STAR "Planetary Invasion" (Solar)

you are already grooving to their Kenneth Gant.

the hit singles "Freak-A-Zoid" and "Wet My Whistle."

A quick review of their members: look at the picture and thanks to the group whose latest you will see leader Reggie album, "Planetary Invasion," con- Calloway (top left), followed by tains another eight full-power Bobby Lovelace, Belinda cuts — the group is Midnight Lipscomb, William Simmons, Melvin Gentry and Bo Watson; in You music fans know what to the bottom row we find Jeffrey goes on and on. expect with this one — many of Cooper, Vincent Calloway, and

latest single: "Operator"; of The group was formed in 1976 course you remember their last on the campus of Kentucky State album, "No Parking On The University where its members Dance Floor," which contained were enrolled as students. The

FINE WINE & SPIRITS

group is now based in Cincinnati. Now let's talk about their fifth LP,

First of all, it contains the song "Operator," another song about the telephone, and there have been so many songs dealing with this theme I'm beginning to get sick of it.

Jim Croce and Manhattan Transfer have both had hit songs has "Mr. Telephone Man," "Meri Wilson had a hit called "Telephone Man," Electric Light Ord chestra had "Telephone Line," and then we've had "Don't Call Us, We'll Call You," "Request Line," "Obscene Phone Caller," more than half a dozen songs titled "Call Me," and this list just

However, the fact of the matter is that Midnight Star's latest song hit number one on the black singles chart. Number one. And all 7:30 of it is on this album.

As with their last album, the name of the album and the name of the group says it all. The acapella female vocal intro to "Body Snatchers" is worthy of nate if you're a Midnight Star fan. "Let's Celebrate" lets the fast dancers sit it out for about five minutes (or the slow dancers get

"Curious," "Planetary Invasion," "Today My Love," "Can You Stay

From the Carl Matthews Dook of Lists

Ever read one of those "books of lists," those humorous books with items like "10 Foods Named For Real People" and so forth? The end of the year is a great time for lists, especially those that review the year just passed. Every day my personal book of Ists gets bigger, and since I am privileged enough to have a k publication, I get a chance to share with you a few pages from

10 ALBUMS OF 1984

I've heard a lot of albums this than some others. They are in no particular order.

Go Insane - Lindsey Buckingham (Elektra) R Somebody's Watching Me --

Rockwell (Motown) Urban Dancefloor Guerillas -All Stars (CBS (Associated)

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₩ 90125 - Yes (Atco) (Continued on page 6)



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