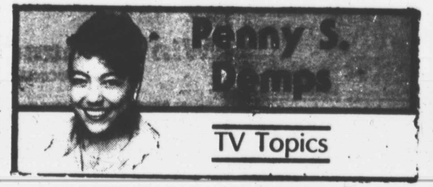


TV Topics

I noticed something quite unusual the other day as I glanced through the press releases announcing upcoming April specials. Maybe unusual is the wrong word (too misleading), "disappointing" describes the situation in a nutshell.

NBC will air the third annual THE TELEVISION ACADEMY HALL OF FAME special on Monday, April 21 at 9 p.m. During this two-hour extravaganza, Steve Allen, Fred Coe, Walt Disney, Jackie Gleason, Mary Tyler Moore, Frank Stanton and Burr Tillstrom will be officially inducted into TV's prestigious "Hall of Fame".

Now listen closely viewers - Participating as segment narrators and presenters are Ed Asner, Patty Duke, Jim Henson, David Letterman, Audrey Meadows, Diane Sawyer, and Dick Van Dyke.

Also appearing are Dayton Allen, Bil Baird, Bill Dana, Milton Berle, John Candy, Gabe Dell, James Farentinõ, Valerie Harper, Pat Harrington, Richard Hunt, Ted Knight, Don Knotts, Cloris Leachman, Michele Lee, Shari Lewis, Gavin McLeod, Audrey Meadows, Louis Nye, Frank Oz, Tom Poston, Gene Rayburn, Carl Reiner, Bob Smith, and Betty White.

That wrapped up the list of participating stars at press time. A question stands as my temperature rises. Where is Cosby, Poitier, or Belafonte? How about Ruby Dee, Ossie Davis, Diahann Carroll and Sammy Davis, Jr.? Certainly these entertainers have been around long enough, to earn respect and a coveted spot among the "greats".

This is another obvious example of Hollywood's blatant denial of blacks in the industry. There has been much controversy over a statement by Whoopi Goldberg not long ago. She said, that she wanted to be perceived as "colorless". To many this was interpreted as a racial remark, however there's always two sides to every issue.

To be truly "colorless" in the entertainment world would mean to be able to be considered for all roles, and any part, or any character that fits your talent - not skin color.

To be "colorless" in the industry would also mean that you are recognized as an accomplished actor or actress, plain and simple, not by the descriptive term "black actor" or "black actress".

Consider this: James Cagney died this week, and after all the due praise and glory, will you hear them once refer to him as "a great white actor" or even "one of the best Irish actors in America?" I doubt it, and only when they read his biography, would that ancestral fact be mentioned, maybe.

Is the Television Academy as racially prejudiced as the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences appears to be? Is this Hollywood's under-handed way of quietly "black-listing" our entertainers (in the truest form of the word)?

And just to add flame to the fire, that national actor par-excellence, President Ronald Reagan will participate in the NBC ceremony via a pre-taped message! I'm impressed among many other verbs.

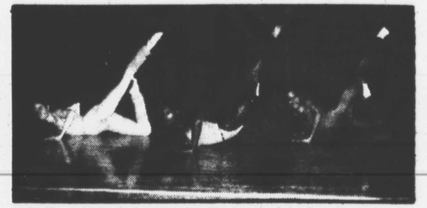
Just for the sake of enlightenment, the previous Hall of Famers are Lucille Ball, Milton Berle, Carol Burnett, Sid Caesar, Paddy Chayefsky, Walter Cronkite, Joyce Hall, Norman Lear, Edward R. Murrow, William S. Paley, David Sarnoff, Rod Sterling, Ed Sullivan and Sylvester L. (Pat) Weaver. Get the picture?

It has occurred to me that if Tinsel-Town's writers "forget" to write in any parts specifically designated for "black" actors, and Hollywood "chooses" not to consider them as competitors for the vast multitude of "regular" parts, where does that leve us - and our actors?

Well, for what it's worth, it looks like there won't even be any Ben Vereen (s) to tap (or shuffle) into the hearts of TeeVee Land on April 21. And actors like James Earl Jones or the late Paul Robeson, who had thrilled audiences near and far for years, are once again relegated to the dank recesses of forgotten achievements.

Bruce Springsteen has made a mint on his recording "Born In America". The clothing industry is making a super comeback (along with the auto industry) with the slogan "Made In America". WE helped BUILD America, so why hasn't it worked for us?

Hey Tinsel-Town, just remember one thing: We don't discourage easily and we'll be back in full force one day to stay. Now that will be a horse of a different color!



(L-R) Shawn Ward, Antoinette Booker and Andrea Pearson are among the dancers performing at the Coppin Dancers' 6th Annual Spring Performance April 10-13 at the James Weldon Johnson Auditorium. For more information call 383-3323 or 383-3327.

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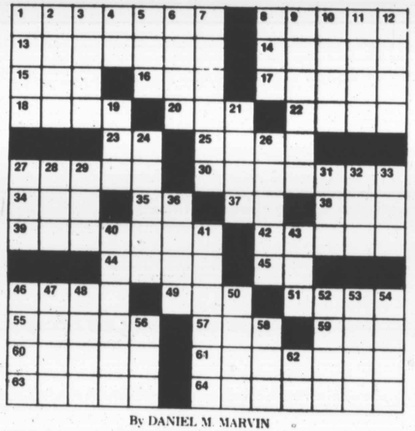

By DANIEL M. MARVIN

ACROSS
1 Wheel of —
8 Austin or Grassie
13 Carroll —
14 Likeness
15 Greek letter
16 One Scot
17 Radio, TV, e.g.
18 — Goodman
20 Mr. Buttons
22 Half an hour, on shipboard
23 Hypothetical force
25 Hindu garment
27 Mills or Pescow
30 Fooled
34 Hockey great
35 Family member
37 Inits. for Conway
38 Historical period
39 Audrey or Jayne
42 Singer Rogers
44 Soon!
45 Yukon Terr.
46 Orson —
49 Mauna —
51 Abnormal skin spot
55 Deborah —
57 Result of three strikes
59 Edible tuber
60 Alarm signal
61 Comedian Gary —
63 Ship bottoms
64 Length measure

DOWN
1 Singer Ernie —
2 Eight: Sp.
3 Cross
4 Wt. unit
5 Miss Merkel
6 Black: Fr.
7 Mr. Borgnine
8 Fields or Novak
9 Kind of dysentery
10 Afraid: Scot
11 Norse mythological hero
12 Patricia —
19 Distant
21 Move suddenly and fast
24 Cathryn —
26 Singer Skaggs
27 Mr. DeLuise
28 Raw metal
29 Depression-era agcy.
31 Berry or Swofford
32 Sea bird
33 Doris —
36 Taking French leave
40 Mr. Travanti
41 — Lanson
43 And so forth
46 Lie in the sun
47 Actress Adams
48 Swiss river
50 Atmosphere
52 Hindu health discipline
53 After part of a keel
54 Biblical weed
56 Hosp. workers
58 Rocky crag
62 Mr. McMahon

SOAP OPERA WEEK

By Kimberly Redmond

Q: I'm a great admirer of Michael Wilding, the actor who plays Jackson Fremont on "The Guiding Light." What can you tell me about him? — A.R., Tower City, N.D.

A: Wilding, who is the son of Elizabeth Taylor and actor Michael Wilding, has appeared in the miniseries "A.D." He's also co-starred in the film "Blame It On the Night."

Wilding has extensive theatrical credits; while living in London, he appeared in productions of Harold Pinter's "Betrayal," Sam Shepard's "Cowboy Mouth" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." In Los Angeles, he has appeared in productions of "La Ronde" and "Crisis in the Bedroom."

Wilding is currently moonlighting: Along with his role on "GL," he's appearing at New York's Riverwest Theater in the suspense thriller "Dead Wrong."

Q: I'm positive that the "Young and the Restless" character Liz Foster had two sons, but the only one I can remember is Snapper. Can you tell me the name of the second son? — K.F., Madison, Ga.

A: The name of Liz's second, and younger son, was Greg.

Q: What happened to Patty Weaver, the actress who used to portray Trish Clayton on "Days of Our Lives?" I always enjoyed her acting and singing on the show. — P.M., Belmont, N.C.

A: Miss Weaver left the NBC soap when her character was sent out of town. She currently portrays Gina Roma on "The Young and the Restless," and since Gina owns a nightclub, Miss Weaver gets to sing periodically on the soap.

(Have a question about soap operas? Write Kimberly Redmond at 200 Park Ave., Room 602, New York, NY 10166. Questions cannot be answered personally, but those of general interest will be answered in future columns.)

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TV program guide
Friday, April 11, 1986 to Thursday, April 17, 1986
WEEKDAY DAYTIME REGULARS

FRIDAY APRIL 11, 1986

	WMAR 🅜	WRC ④	WTTG ⑤	WJLA ⑦	WDVM ⑨	WBAL 🅜	WJZ 🅜	WDCA ㉑	WETA ㉖	WHMM 🅜	WBFF 🅜	WMPB 🅜	HBO
7:00	Today	Today	Sp. Coaster Joyce	Good Morning America	CBS Morning News	CBS Morning News	Good Morning America	Woody Jetsons			Insp. Gadget Transformers	Marketing Sesame Street	George Fraggle Rock
7:30	"	"	Fat Albert Flintstones	"	"	"	"	Meatballs Bugs Bunny	Body Electric		GoBots Fat Albert	Mister Rogers	Movie: "Zulu Dawn"
8:00	Donahue	Love Conn. Password	I Love Lucy Andy Griffith	People's Court Liliasjas	Donahue	Divorce Court Break Bank	People Are Talking	Gilligan W.O.W.!	Sesame Street	Jazzercise Secret City	Ernest Angley	Secret City Educational	"
8:30	"	"	Jeannie Bewitched	Make A Deal Headline Ch.	"	"	"	700 Club	"	"	"	"	"
9:00	Family Ties Good Times	Family Ties Sale Of Cent.	Make A Deal Price Is Right	Price Is Right	C. Randolph S.J. Raphael	Pyramid Make A Deal	Hour Magazine	"	Sesame Street	Special 3-2-1 Contact	Brady Bunch Andy Griffith	Programming	Movie: "Moving
9:30	Wheel Fortune Alice	Wheel Fortune Scrabble	Love Boat	Price Is Right	"	"	"	Eye On Wash.	3-2-1 Contact	Mister Rogers Anzes Briggs	"	Alice's	Violations" Video Jukebox
10:00	News Search Tom.	Here's Lucy Search Tom.	Panorama	News Loving	News Young And	News Young And	News Loving	Movie: "Return Of	Write Course Mach. Univ.	MacNeil / Lehrer	Quincy	Adventures Educational	Movie: "Benji"
10:30	Days Of Our Lives	Days Of Our Lives	Movie: "Massacre At	All My Children	The Restless As The World	The Restless As The World	All My Children	The Tower"	Mod. Maturity All About TV	Evening Exchange	Movie: "They Call Me	Programming I	Movie:
11:00	Another World	Another World	Fort Holmen"	One Life To Live	Turns Capital	Turns Capital	One Life To Live	Fish Gilligan	Shakespeare Hour	Witness War So. Africa	Mr. Tibbet"	We're Cooking	"Roller Boogie"
11:30	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	ThunderCats She-Ra	General Hospital	Guiding Light	Guiding Light	General Hospital	Voltron M.A.S.K.	Mister Rogers Reading	Mod. Maturity Gary Jenkins	Scooby Doo She-Ra	Sesame Street	R. Bradbury
12:00	Love Conn. People's Court	Hart To Hart	He-Man G.I. Joe	$1 Mil. Chance Sale Of Cent.	Hour Magazine	Sanford Jeffersons	Hawaii Five-0	GoBots Transformers	Sesame Street	Star Perf. Peter Gunn	He-Man ThunderCats	Mister Rogers Special	Movie: "Isaac
12:30	News	News	Defenders Of The Earth	News	News	Barney Miller News	Gill. Strokes Tom	Diff. Strokes W. Happening	Sesame Street	I Spy	G.I. Joe Brady Bunch	Leslie Colorsounds	Littlefeathers"
1:00	News NBC News	News	Gimme Break Too Close	News ABC News	News	News CBS News	News	Jeffersons Jeffersons	3-2-1 Contact Business Rpt.	MacNeil / Lehrer	Star Trek	MacNeil / Lehrer	Video Jukebox Movie:
1:30	Wheel Fortune Jeopardy	NBC News Newlyweds	3's Company M*A*S*H	Jeopardy Ent. Tonight	CBS News Wheel Fortune	Newlyweds Price Is Right	ABC News Dating Mag.	Benson Sanford	MacNeil / Lehrer	Evening Exchange	Mork & Mindy All In Family	Alive Animals	"Johnny Dangerously"
2:00	Riptide	Riptide	Phil Magazine Carol Burnett	Webster Mr. Belvedere	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	Webster Mr. Belvedere	Talos NBA	Wash. Week Wall St. Wk.	Enterprise Wall St. Wk.	Movie: "Hawaii"	Wash. Week Wall St. Wk.	Movie: "Moving
2:30	Last Precinct	Last Precinct	Dynasty	Mr. Sunshine Joe Bash	Dallas	Dallas	Mr. Sunshine Joe Bash	Basketball Washington	Great Performances	Mystery!	"	Great Performances	Violations" R. Bradbury
3:00	Miami Vice	Miami Vice	News	Fall Guy	Falcon Crest	Falcon Crest	Fall Guy	Bullets at Chicago Bulls	"Elektra"	Farlinghetti's Male Model	Trapper John, M.D.	"Elektra"	Movie: "Hot Resort"
3:30	News Benson	News Best Of	WKRP Aerobic	News Highline	News Highlights	News M*A*S*H	Sixty Ent. Tonight	Benny Hill Wrestling	" Metro Week	Star Perf. Peter Gunn	Too Close Best Of	Secret Agent	" Richard Belzer
4:00	WKRP Friday Videos	Carson Friday Videos	Championship Star Search	News Nightline	Music Video Connection	Magnum, P.I.	Matlock Solid Gold	Jim & Tammy		Business Rpt.	Carson Ind. News	"	In Concert Movie

SATURDAY APRIL 12, 1986

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7:00	Woody Woodpecker	Studio 4 3 Stories	Insight Veg. Soup	Kidsworld Weekend	Pole Position Get Along	Garden Living Look At It	Underdog Kids Battle	700 Club			Beaver Gilligan	Marketing From Socrates	Movie: "Bill Cosby,
7:30	Snorks Tom & Jerry	Snorks Gummi Bears	Newsbag Rainbow Brite	Pink Panther Littles	Bugs Bunny Wuzzles	Urban Scene Heads Up	Pink Panther Littles	Ernest Angley	Sesame Street		Your Service Black Forum	To Serve Society	Himself"
8:00	Smurfs	Smurfs	Popples Dynomite 31	Bugs Bunny	Muppets	Muppets	Bugs Bunny	Jim And Tammy	Sesame Street	Wash. Week Wall St. Wk.	James Kennedy	Society Schwinn	Revenge Of The Nerd
8:30	"	"	Star Trek	Leif-Lympics Smoke &	Hulk Hogan	Hulk Hogan	Leif-Lympics Evoke &	Happening Puttin' On	Mod. Maturity Wash. Week	Enterprise Motorweek	Movie: "Texas Across	Schwinn Write Course	Movie: "Tank"
9:00	Punky	Punky	"Lone Ranger And The Lost	Droids Super Powers	Richie Rich In Our Lives	Richie Rich It's Academic	Droids Super Powers	Wrestling	Metro Week Journal	Innovation Kitchen	The River"	Write Course Adult Years	"
9:30	Chipmunks Super Sat.	Chipmunks Kidd Video	Paradise	Up The Best American	Music City Hawaii Five-0	Solves Of Hazzard	Weekend Kids Battle	Movie: "Titanic"	Wall St. Wk. Am. Interests	Yan Can Cook Great Chefs	Movie: "Guns Of The	Humanities Rel. Quest	Movie: "Tex"
10:00	Mr. T In Baseball	Mr. T Spider-Man	City Of Gold"	Country Showcase	Sanford FTF	Sanford Essence	The Old Curiosity Shop	"	Money World Crime File	Gourmet Outdoors	Magnificent Seven"	Managing Nova	"
10:30	Baseball Toronto Blue	Baseball New York	Mets at Philadelphia	Parade	Hit City Making It All	Tennis WCT	Tennis WCT	Honeymooners	Write Course Mach. Univ.	Bodywatch Old House	Be Thinner Big Bud	Houseworks	Movie: "Rock & Rule"
11:00	"	Phillies	Movie: "Fantasy	PBA Bowling Long Island	semifinals PGA Golf	semifinals PGA Golf	PBA Bowling Long Island	"Miracle Of The Heart: A Boys Town Story"	Yan Can Cook Ft. Gardening	Oil Painting Painting	Soul Train	Old House Vict. Garden	Movie
11:30	Bats. Legend Lits. & Gibbsy	Tennis Family Circle	Island"	Open Wide World Of	Masters Tournament	Masters Tournament	Open Wide World Of	Star Games	Old House Bodywatch	Ceramics S. Previews	Wrestling	Cats & Dogs Oil Painting	"
12:00	Alice Good Times	Cup	Soul Train	Sports	"	"	Sports	Greatest American Hero	S. Previews Around Town	Matinee At The Bijou	Check It Out! It's A Living	Motorweek S. Previews	Tina Turner: Private Dancer
12:30	News Next Question	News NBC News	Fame	News ABC News	News CBS News	News Urban Scene	ABC News News	Small Wonder Happening	Masterpiece Theatre	" Newton	T. Knight Dance Fever	State Circle Lassie	Movie: "Bill Cosby,
1:00	Fame	Business McLaughlin	3's Company Ted Knight	Jeopardy Point To Point	Agronomy Wheel Fortune	Happening Small Wonder	At The Movies Square Off	Solid Gold	Nature	Dance Connection	Hee Haw	Pr. & Pauper Pr. & Pauper	Himself"
1:30	O's On Deck Baseball	Gimme Break Facts Of Life	Movie: "Ghost Story"	Redd Foxx Benson	Crazy Like A Fox	Crazy Like A Fox	Redd Foxx Benson	Tales Baseball	Nature Of Things	Wndr/Wks. "Konrad"	Lifestyles	Jacques Cousteau	Movie: "Cat's Eye"
2:00	Baltimore Orioles at	Golden Girls All Is Forgiven	"	Mr. And Mrs. Ryan	Movie: "A Touch Of	Movie: "A Touch Of	Mr. And Mrs. Ryan	Baltimore Orioles at	Tennessee Williams'	American Playhouse	Movie: "For A Few	Heart Of The Dragon	" Not News
2:30	Texas Rangers	Remington Steele	News	Love Boat	Scandal"	Scandal"	Love Boat	Texas Rangers	South Indian Artists	America's Music	Dollars More"	Bless Me Wodehouse	Movie: "Tank"
3:00	News Saturday	News Saturday	Movie: "Playing For	News ABC News	News Magnum, P.I.	News Wrestling	News Shake Down	Movie:	Mystery!	Saturday Nite Sing	" Dark Shadows	Austin City Limits	"
3:30	Night Live	Night Live	Time"	Entertainment This Week	McGarrett	Movie	Movie	"The Deadly Mantis"		Bobby Jones	"When Worlds Collide"	"	The Hitchhiker Movie

SUNDAY APRIL 13, 1986

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7:30	Jimmy Swaggart	3 Stories Video Game	Jerry Falwell	Peter Popoff Discovery	World Tom. Sunday Mass	Later Years Urban Scene	Real To Real Workshop	700 Club Jimmy			Kenneth Copeland	Business Fils Business Fils	"The Competition"
8:00	Lift Voice Oral Roberts	Voyagers	Frederick K. Price	Bauman Bible	Oral Roberts R. Schuller	Gospel Essence	Greatest American Hero	Swaggart Jackson Five	Sesame Street		Rocky Robotech	Management Management	Cont'd Movie: