AREA ENTERTAINMENT

COMING EVENTS

Hall of Famer **Smokey Robinson** will be in concert at Wolf Trap's Filene Center Thursday, June 7 at 8:15 p.m.

Smokey is one of the most prolific songwriters around, and is credited with writing more than 4,000 songs over the past 25 years. Further information: (202) 432-0200.

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Center Stage, which has been honored as the State Theatre of Maryland presents Re: Discovery 90, Friday and Saturday, June 1, 2. "The Making of Americans," an opera based on the novel by Gertrude Stein.

Saturday's performances are of "Beckett: Short Works" which comprises five pieces of drama by Nobel laureate Samuel Beckett. Further information: 685-3200.

Bill Cosby

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Ruby Dee comes to the Smithsonian for a reading of her personal poetry on Friday June 15, 7:30 p.m. in Baird Auditorium of the Natural History Building.

It is a part of the Afro-American Studies Lecture series of the Resident Associates of the museum.

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Baltimore Arena Players announce summer productions, which include:

Summer readers theatre series, Tuesdays, July 10, 14, Aug. 7 nd 21.

Coppin State College Players, "The Colored Museum" July 13 - 15;

Robert Chew and Co., "A Black from the Past" July 27-29;

Youtheatre production, Aug. 3-5;

Young Directors showcase, Aug. 10 - 12, and New Playwrights Production, Aug. 24-26.

Theatre is at 301 McCulloh St., off MLK Blvd.

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Sequel to "Mama I Want To Sing," plays a two-week engagement at the Morris Mechanic Theatre July 5-17. Part II of the Vy Higgensen - Ken Wydro musical is at Baltimore Center for the Performing Arts Production.

Additional information: (301) 625-1400.

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Dance Mania, a concert is scheduled for Saturday, June 16, from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Owings Mills Jewish Community Center, 3506 Gwynbrook Avenue. The event is open to all members of the public over age 21.

Music will be provided by The Sentries, an eight-piece band specializing in Top 40 and Oldies dance music.

Tickets are available at the front desks of both area Jewish Community Centers. Advance purchase tickets are $12 for JCC members and $15 for nonmembers, while tickets bought at the door will cost $16. The cost of admission includes free food and a few surprises. There will be a cash bar.

Umoja Sasal, storytellers who will play the BAUHOUSE June 9 and 10.

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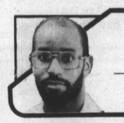


SOUNDS

By Carl Matthews

AUDIO TWO
"I Don't Care" (First Priority Music)

19-year-old Milk Dee and 21-year-old Gizmo return with their follow-up to "What More Can I Say?" (1988).

Audio Two's show business roots run deep. "Our grandfather, Leslie Walters, was an entertainer," explains Gizmo. "He worked in vaudeville with Nipsey Russell and appeared on 'The Tonight Show,' We had family talent shows where he would play the piano and we'd dance and sing. That was our initial exposure to entertaining.'

Audio Two was formed in 1986, and the following year their first hit single for First Priority, "Top- Billin," became the #1 requested rap track on New York radio.

The hard-working rappers toured in support of their "What More Can I Say" album, and were the first rappers to play Carnegie Hall.

The duo has also produced tracks for MC Lyte, and worked on remixes of hits by Sinead O'Connor and AfterShock.

On their latest cassette, Audio Two get things cooking with "On The Road Again," and one can't help notice the Public Enemy influence on their style of delivery here.

"Crack is wack, in fact, a monkey on your back" raps Milk Dee on "Get Your Mother Off The Crack." Although at first this cut sounds like a mere put-down song, Milk explains: "You know how much people like to dis each other, but the song is still programming their heads with the message that parents have to get off drugs if they want to see their kids get off drugs. I think that this really is a positive song."

Label-mates Positive K and MC Lyte make a guest appearance on "Start It Up Y'All."

BELL BIV DEVOE
"Poison" (MCA)

This is what the kids are listening to today. Haven't met a kid yet who doesn't recognize the title track of this hot new album by three members of New Edition.

Ricardo Bell, Michael Bivins and Ronnie DeVoe were about 15 when, as part of New Edition, hit the charts with such tunes as "Candy Girl," "Popcorn Love," and "This Is The End" back in 1983.

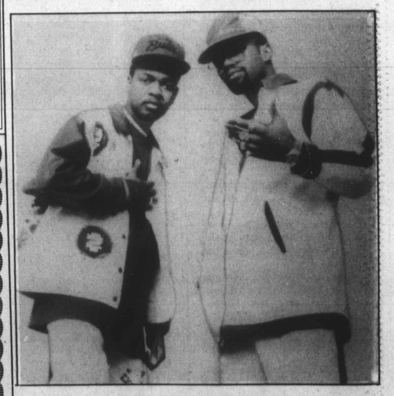
1985 was also a good year for New Edition. Their second album, "New Edition," went platinum, and the singles "Cool It Now" and "Mr. Telephone Man" were top -15 hits on the pop charts. In 1988. "If It Isn't Love" was a top-10 single.

Now what about such new tracks as "Dope!" 'B.B.D. (I Thought It Was Me)?" and "Do Me!"? Well, as it clearly states on the front cover of the vinyl album, "Our music is mentally hip-hop, smoothed out on the R&R tip with a pop appeal to it."

Couldn't have said it better myself. If by chance you haven't the foggiest notion of what that quite means, you're reading the wrong record review.

Most of side one is considerably funkier than what you'd likely get on a New Edition album. However, nothing on the first side is really as catchy as the hit single "Position," which begins side two.

Although 80 percent of the album is uptempo, don't underestimate BBD's ability to perform ballads. "When Will I See You Smile Again?" and "I Do Need You," the two ballads here, are in my opinion, two of the best cuts on the entire album. These guys have come a long way from "Is This The End."



Audio 2

BUSINESS PULSE

■ Career Corner C4
■ Sports C5

KRAFT GENERAL FOODS EXECUTIVES urged African American business students to prepare for careers. Pictured here are the executive task force – Dr. Clinton J. Bristow, dean of the College of Business and Administration, Chicago State University, second from left, welcomes executives to the campus where they conducted a half-day seminar on "Preparing Today for Tomorrow's Busines Opportunities." They are L. Don Brown, vice president for Consumer Affairs, General Foods USA, Ellis H. Reynolds, vice president Sales, Kraft Frozen Foods Division and Charles L. Reid, III, director Urban Affairs and Equal Opportunity, Kraft.

PACK YOUR BAGS

Conference Update

CARIBBEAN TASK FORCE

The Caribbean Action Task Force on Drug and Money laundering will hold a press meeting in Oranjestad, Aruba on June 8-10, 1990. A newsroom will be located at the Golden Tulip,June 7-10.

Facilities will include telephones, typewriters, telex and facsimile machines. For broadcast news media, mobile satellite uplink capability will be provided from the hotel site. For more information contact Jacque Boyd or Helen Peterson on (703)-734-3300. For reservations call (800)-333-1212.

COALITION OF BLACKS

The national coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America, Inc. has called a National Conference on Reparations to be held at Howard University on June 15th, 16th and 17th, 1990.

The conference convenes at 7pm, Friday June 15th in the Banquet Room of the Howard Inn and continues on Saturday and Sunday at the School of Social Work. Saturday evening's session will be held at Lincoln Temple Congregational Church, 11th and R Streets, N.W. The sessions are entitled:History of Reparations, Legislative Initiatives to Win Reparations,Forms of Reparations, the Politics of Reparations and Organizing for Reparations. For more information call (202)635-6272.

MINORITY CONTRACTORS

The National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC), will hold its 21st Annual Convention from Jun 20-24, 1990 at the Allis Plaza Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Convention will feature workshops and seminars which will focus on issues critical to the survival of minority contractors in today's construction industry.

The workshops will address three main areas of concern: 1) current legal and legislative developments affecting minority contractors; 2) contract opportunities for minority contractors in the public and private sectors; and 3) management and technical skills training for minority construction firm owners. For more information contact Ralph Thomas on 202/347-8259.

Mingo group establishes new minority division

JOAN LOGUE-KINDER

The Mingo Group, one of the country's top Black-owned and operated communications companies, has established a new division, The Mingo Group/Plus, Inc., to offer public relations services targeted toward Black and Hispanic consumers.

In making the announcement, President Samuel J. Chisholm said, "We believe that in order to provide full-service communications for our clients and to expand our business base, it is to our advantage to offer public relations and promotions capabilities, an increasingly important marketing tool.

"In today's competitive, segmented and highly sensitive market environment, public image and media merchandising are extremely important," he said.

Meanwhile, the company also announced the appointment of Joan Logue-Kinder, as senior vice president and head of the new Mingo Group/Plus Inc.

Ms. Logue-Kinder was former corporate vice president with National Black Networking Broadcasting, Inc. Her professional and civic affiliations include Women in Communications, Advertising Women of New York, 100 Black Women and the Girl Scout Council of Greater New York, where she has been a board member since 1985.

The Mingo Group/Plus Inc., is headquartered in Manhattan, New York.

Rice named Prudential Insurance vice president

Booker Rice Jr., has been named vice president and career marketing development officer for The Prudential Insurance Company.

In his new position, Mr. Rice will support Prudential's District and Ordinary Agencies Departments by evaluating career programs and developing training and support programs for minorities and women.

A graduate of Notre Dame University and The Management Institute of Northwestern University, Mr. Rice joined The Prudential in 1964 as a Special Agent in Chicago, Ill.

In 1984, he was named Vice President for Ordinary Agencies.

Mr. Rice is married and lives with his wife Carolyn in Morris Township, NJ.

BOOKER RICE JR.

TOP ATTORNEY Sandra H. Robinson accepts the award for outstanding service to minority women lawyers from The National Association of Black Women Attorneys on behalf of Washington malpractice lawyer [Jack Olender]. He was cited for his financial support of scholarships for minority students in law schools and for support of NABWA national and local programs.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

POLITICAL TRAINING SEMINAR

A Campaign 1990 Political Training Seminar for those who need a more detailed understanding of the dynamics involved in electoral campaigns including fundraisers, election day coordinators, field operatives,press aides, organizers and schedulers will be held Saturday, June 9 at the Belvedere Hotel, Charles and Chase Sts, Baltimore.

Conducted by Arthur W. Murphy and Associates, the seminar is designed for both volunteers and professionals. For information call 301-377-9621

DISCOUNT AMUSEMENT TICKETS

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission will again offer discount tickets to Kings Dominion, Busch Gardens, Wild World, Hershey Park Sesame Place and Dorney Park.

For information call 301-495-2525 or 301-972-6581.

NEW CONDOS NEAR JACKSON HOME

A new condominium project in the LeDroit Park Community at 512-514 U Street NW, Washington, DC was opened recently by the Peoples Involvement Corporation (PIC). The project is within one block of Howard University. It is also two blocks from the future home of the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the present home of former District Mayor Walter Washington. For information call 202-797-3900.

VIDEO TEACHES BUSINESS SKILLS

Small business owners can now learn marketing, selling and financing strategies at home from a new video library created by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Two tapes are available: Marketing: Winning Customers with a Workable Plan and The Business Plan: Your Road Map for Success each is priced at $30. Write: U.S. SBA, Dept. A., P.O. Box 30, Denver, Colo. 80201-0030.

VA. LAWYERS TO MEET

A program detailing opportunities for women and minorities in the corporate legal field will be held during the 52nd annual meeting of the Virginia State Bar, June 15 in Virginia Beach. For information contact Caroline Bolte, (804)786-2061.

NEW NBN PRESIDENT

Jack Bryant, former senior vice president, has been named president of the National Black Network (NBN), the nation's first Black-owned and controlled radio network. NBN is a 24-hour satellite delivered network which produces 125 hourly newscasts and such other programs as *Night Talk*, the only national call-in program targeted to African-Americans.

Mr. Bryant, has spent more than 10 years with NBN. He received his B.S.degree from the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore and his MBA in marketing from Baruch College in New York City.

3 GUILTY OF INSURANCE FRAUD

Three Maryland residents in separate cases have been convicted of insurance fraud, for working while they were collecting unemployment compensation, according to the Recoveries and Claims Investigation Unit of the Maryland Department of Economic and Employment Development. They are Bernard Davenport, David Jackson and Michael Taylor.

Crossmatch, a computerized system, compares benefits paid to claimants with employer wage reports made to DEED. For more information call the Unemployment Insurance Fraud Hotline at 1-800-492-6804.

APPRAISERS SOUGHT

The Maryland Historical Trust, an agency of the Department of Housing and Community Development, is seeking appraisers who are familiar with protective covenants/preservation easements.

Those who wish their names included on an updated list should call Catherine Adams Masek,, 301-974-5007 by June 30.