

# ENTERTAINMENT

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA.--The Stevie Wonder go at the Cow Palace was an altogether wonderful, San Francisco treat. The event for the Journalism Scholarship of the National Newspaper Publishers Ass'n, NNPA attracted more than 11,000 youngsters who perhaps had never heard of the NNPA before, but know where its coming from now. Stevie was 'bad' for this special fling. He was so happy about the size and response of the audience he unloaded such a wide variety of talent he stayed on stage one and a half hour beyond his usual time. This was the biggest gathering in the 35 year history of the NNPA and it attracted chiefs of industry and politics. Its membership was stunned and stimulated by the cannonading candor of California's chief executive, Gov. Jerry Brown Jr., who looks and sounds like a fella headed towards the national political arena. He's one of the few politicians who seems to be aware of where Dr. Carlton Goodlett is coming from and honest enough to deal with his sharp rebuffs. Ken Drew, N.Y. Voice pub., started the ground-swell which resulted in the re-election of Dr. Goodlett for an unprecedented third presidential term of the NNPA. The election hall was the only hot spot in Frisco, but the young turks moved the old guards to the side of their wisdom and once again denied the too spot to Howard B. Woods the pub. of the St. Louis Sentinel who graciously took on a third veepee term. In the behind the scene struggle the lovely Ophelia DeVore, pub. of one of the 4-Black dailies in the nation, lost her spot on the board. John Procope, pub.-prez, Am News and Jack Saunders, pub.-prez, the Philly Trib, were the only new members added to the board...Dr. Gloria E.A. Toote, the darling of the org., was forced to miss the event when her lawnman

### 'The Hero' In action



HERO--Fred Williamson (Johnnie Barrows, The Hero) registers pain from a karate chop delivered by Aaron Banks (Armor) in an action scene from the motion picture "The Hero."

### FREE CONCERT VEGAS STYLE

You've heard of free rock concerts in Golden Gate Park and Central Park, but a free rock concert in a Las Vegas Strip Hotel? That's just what happened last week when the Berkeley-based rock group "Tower of Power" did two free shows in the Sahara Hotel Space Center. Rather than refund money when top-billed act Z.Z. Top was forced to cancel due to an injury, the Sahara and promoter Gary Naseef let everyone in free to see "Tower of Power" and told them their ticket would be good for a make-up date with Z.Z. Top in early July.

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cousin was gunned down in NYC. Enroute Steve Locket, the booze exec., had to have his coat pulled by API exec., Ethel Moore who discovered him riding in 'cabin class' with a first class ticket. The happiest non-member attending the conclave seem to be Stan Scott, the presidential ass't, Chrysler's AlDunmore and Best Foods Herman Smith who shared a suite where there was no sleepin', General Foods' Lee Archer, Continental Baking's Bill Towles, Philip Morris' Herb Wright, Joe Rollins of A.D. Little, Brenda Joyce, happier because of pounds off and her new assignment as DeeCee oil lobbyist for Gulf, P.R. guys Fred Weaver, Jimmy Booker and Warner Bros Vincent Tubbs who would rather be a producer, and may be soon. The most professional presentation was that of Onesta Procope to set the org up for group insurance. Motown's after the Stevie Wonder concert, Leroy Jeffries' United Air, MGM's "The Wind and the Lion," and the Sacramento Observer Bill Lee, fashioned the best bashes for those TCB interludes. George Jackson worked overtime talking about AAir's starlined tennis bash while D. Park Gibson just made the scene. Andy Hatcher was selling a cultural festival in Africa while Mel Patrick made all the scenes to capture pics for his next convention mag. Sadness and near tragedy struck, Garth Reeves, the death of his sister in Fla. cut short his stay, and Bob Johnson whose son was hospitalized with a severed artery. All together it was a memorable event fashioned by persons with a purpose and their imagination running toward the future. Dr. Goodlett calls Frisco the air conditioned city, but to us easterners, it's just cold and damp. Its only plus is the warmth of its natives' hearts.

WRITE AROUND HOME--If you haven't heard of Grady O'Cummings III you may soon. He has informed us that he has raised the 18G's to make a run for it in the Demo-party presidential primaries in '76. His info sheet said he did it first in '64, was a candidate for Fun City mayor in '73 and lost a bid for the Assembly in '59...Ruth Bowen, Queen-B of QBC, the booking agency of the stars, has developed an ulcer dealing with the temperments of the supers. Ronny Holly, who said his posh boutique was washed down the drain by the bro., will attempt a theatre career in an effort to make enough loot to get back into the dress'up biz...Lena Horne did it again; this time with Alan King, she electrified the habitues of the W'chester Premier Thea....When Sammy Davis, Jr. make the scene next month he will be made an honorary mayor of New Rochelle and sheriff of W'chester County. What is this about Tony Brown's Black Journal

having been cancelled for next season. How could they?...Would you believe that Marion Rogers had another fall and had to make her datter's wed' day in a wheelchair with Roosevelt Zander pushing...Talk is that Redd Foxx's jokes has touched more than Selbra Hayes' funny-bone and she's laughin' out loud on the Westcoast. Lady Sarah Carter is dealing with a 'bug' in London and had to postpone her trip to the States. Erroll Garner celebrated his b'day and his 25th. ann'y as a concert artist earlier this month. To mark the latter, Columbia Records has released a retrospective collection of his works circa 1950-56 to mark the 25th. year he first recorded with that wax works...Billy Jackson, who made his musical mark creating and directing product for supers like Aretha Franklin, has inked a co-publishing and administration agreement with the Cahppell Music Co...To make sure all its member turned out for its final summer meeting the 100-Black Men offered an exclusive showing of the controversial Swedish film, "Harlem: Voices and Faces." Made for educational teevee the opus was canned when the Black community raised its voice in protest.

Senators Alan Cranston (D., Calif.) and Edward Brooke (R., Mass) have urged Pres Ford to release some \$2 billion in unused housing funds to stimulate construction...Atlantic recording super Charles Mingus is off for a sound through Europe concert tour that will keep him out of the country until August. Atlantic Records has also put its Job Hunting Service into operation for the third consecutive year in a search for radio posts for 200 college grads...A gala supper dance honored the Bee Gee's 20th. ann'y in the outdoor promenade of Rockefeller Center. The bash coincided with the release of the group's new album, "Main Course."...Demorah Allen, ingenue lead in the B'way hit musical, "Raisin" was married to CBS record praise agent Win Wilford in Houston, Texas just in time to make the June bride deadline....STAY LOOSE.

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