

BILLY ROWE

FROM LETTER WRITERS---"Hi Billy: The producers of 'Coonskin' should applaud CORE for raising hell about this flick, as this is the only reason it's getting any attention. After viewing it, I'm wondering what all the screamin is about. It's a new form of movie making, both animated and live action, and the nothing theme is about 3-hood bros. who exodus from the deep south to Harlem. Natch they bust into the rackets and did one good thing, I think, CORE missed. One of their associates is wrapping heroin and the big boss comes in with, 'Didn't I tell you not to sell that stuff to my people, and take it downtown,' then proceeds to ice them. For that I say Hurrah. They also knock off a crooked 'whitey' cop and chill the Mafia boss who has 5-homosexual sons. Maybe some of the uptown Black Mafia could take a hint. In closing, I'm wondering if any of the protesters eared Richard Pryor's foul-mouth album, 'That Niggah is Crazy.' If so, how come no loud cries of outrage at the obscene words that are bound to pollute the minds of kids? The language in Coonskin, this alleged flick, is mild in comparsion. . .Your Note Book Fan," CARL WILSON.

"B.R. Baby, The Atlantic Records L.A. office's latest stroke of brilliance was taking around bowls and bowls filled with 'goldsharks' (and 'goldsharks' food) to promote the latest single by the Atlantic Ocean, 'Jaws.' Barry Freeman, Jerry Butler, and Bob Emmer visited KHJ, KGFJ (home of Lucy Pierre), KDAY, all the trades, and the RKO chain offices with the fishy wildlife. . .This week's comic-tragedy involves Paul Kossoff and the Back Street Crawlers; seems that Jim Delehant, Atlantic's A&R Director, travelled to London to meet Publicity staffer, Sue Patience, and the band members, to fly a venue in Brussels. Before they had a chance to settle down, up popped a telegram from Paul's mgr, Johnny Glover, that Paul would have to cancel the gig-he'd just checked into the hospital with his recurrent ulcer. The band, enraged and somewhat frustrated, proceeded to weak havoc on their hotel quarters. Sue, meanwhile, managed to contract a nasty case of food poisoning in Belgium, and was out of commission upon her return to London. Jim returned to N'York unscathed, smiling, lauding the praises of Kossoff nonetheless. . .Amy Goldstein, of our award-winning Art Department, joined the quarter-century club with no-holds barred b'day bash. . .The 'Spinners' designated week in N'York gave them VIP push for their W'chester Premiere Theatre appearance behind the streaking success of their single, 'Games People Play,' and their new album, 'Pick of the Litter,' both are literally burning up the R&B and pop charts. Luv ya"---BARBARA HARRIS.

"HI Y' ALL -We are going back to the Fantasy Land of Walt Disney with our annual tee to green scene this Feb. The tournament will be played over the green acres of Lake Buena Vista, the Palms and the Magnolia Golf Course. There will be the same beautiful accommodations to enjoy at the Royal Plaza Hotel. Check in time is Monday, Feb. 16th. and, 'one-for-the-road-time' will be the folowing Sunday. However, the time in between is where it's at, fun and games. A Find Old Friends Buffet will start the festivities at the Royal Plaza Tuesday nite; Wednesday nite there will be mote of the same. Thursday Non-Golfers and Golfers will have a chance to get more than their feet wet a sumptous Splash Party. To

add spice to the wooing, a House Party, that same nite, will honor Joe Williams. On Friday nite the dudes and dolls will take over Pioneer Hall for a Wild West hap'nin'. The Trophy Awards Ball, Saturday nite, will wrap up the doings. Come and join us we are going to have a helluva time in the real and unreal Disney World of Mickey Mouse." . .DAVE and MAYME BONDU.

WRITE AROUND ---The 4-star pinning ceremonies of General Chappie James, Jr. will hilite an ABC-TV documentary on the "Tuskegee Airman." Lee Archer, E/O d i r e c t o r Gen. Foods, aired to C o l o r a d o Springs in a corporate jet to asume a role at ABC's request, He's a retired Air Force Colonel and a chartered member of the winged group. . .Lovely Martha Lewis will up bed and board in N'York City for a pad in Albany when she is sworn in as Deputy Commish., The State Dept. of Social Services. It's first for a Black, well suited for the astute long time gov. worker. . .There is a rumor afloat that a bench warrant has allegedly been issued for Col. Hubert Julian. He is supposed to have informed the cops that he intends to "ice" a prominent lady lawyer. . .James H. Blair, filling the chair, formerly warmed by Dr. Gloria E. Toote, Ass't. Secy for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, is making reorg. waves. Phyliss Wiley has been named exec. Ass't to supervise a staff of special Ass'ts. to the Ass't Secy. . ."Let's Do It Again," Sidney Poitier's hilarious sequel to "Uptown Saturday Night," will world premiere in N'York City comes Oct. Atlanta, Los Angeles and San Francisco will follow. . .To keep up with Sammy Davis, Jr., who has three, Flip Wilson has bought an \$18,000 customized golf cart, complete with color TV, refreshment bar, quadrophonic FM-AM 8-track tape deck, loud speaker amplifier and 3-chrome Italian horns which sound off in harmony.

When "The Electric Company" opens its fifth season in Oct., the resident rock singing group, "Short Circus" will have four new members.

Lionel Hampton is off on a 2-month Eurpoean tour with a 10-piece band and vocalist Valerie Carr. . .RCA Victor Records will produce the pre-game spectacular for the 5th. Annual Whitney M. Young, Jr. Memorial Classic featuring Grambling College and Norfolk State College in Nov. . . Thanks to CORE's racist label and all the exploited controversy, "Coonskin" did nearly \$100,000 its 1st wk in 2-N'York theatres. The movie critics were split right down the middle on the flick--7-favoravle and 7-unfavorable. . .That American Supersports Show in Miami Beach, in which such top stars as Willie Mays, Ken Norton, Micky Mantle, Ben Jipcho and Gayle Sayers attracted only 3,000 spectators the 1st. 3-days and was shut down. Willie and some of the other more affluent athletes had to pay hotel bills and fare home for some of the younger and less monied athletes. . .STAY LOOSE.



Black filmmaker, ventriloquist/showman John Henry raps with host Lee Winston on '10 On the Black Side' Tuesday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 10. Henry started making films at 13 years of age and discusses his current ideas regarding the media.

Cal Howard, manager of the 'Monarchs,' local group of Blacks, tells Winston of the difficulty in booking groups locally and the reasons behind it. The 'Monarchs' will also present a number.

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There is no obligation for anyone to enter. Tickets are free just for the asking every day during our Fall Jamboree.

REMINDER FOR OUR DOUBLE YOUR PAYCHECK — Your chances to win doesn't stop with the wheel spin, to which a patron is entitled when cashing his or her paycheck. Your stub is placed into a ticket drum where it remains for the month and from which drawings are conducted for prizes twice a week, Wednesday and Sundays at 8:45 p.m. Thus you have up to 16 times the chance to win and not only once for the spin wheel as some patrons imagine. For these drawings, however, you must be present to win.



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