Newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hopewell are congratulated after they were married in Philadelphia, Pa., by singer Teddy Pendergrass. The bride, Kim, is a member of the popular Sister Sledge quartet whose album, "We Are Family" is #1 on the nation's best seller list.

Joey Travolta visits for 'Sunnyside'

By Ida Peters

Joey Travolta, who has two hit singles, "I Don't Want To Go" and "If This Is Love" was in town last week for lunch with the press and talk about his new gang movie, "Sunnyside", opening area threatres this week.

He was dressed in mismatched suit, wine open - collared shirt and was soft spoken and clean cut looking robustly healthy with all of his 6 - foot, 180 pounds.

He came to Baltimore the Friday before the Preakness and spent the night before at Charles Town where he says "they have the worst horses in the world". He commented he won a little bit of change.

Joey Travolta

About his movie. It may be another gang quickie following the trend and is not too different in action from the "Blackploitation" movies we had a few years ago, except the roles are reversed with white actors.

Robert L. Schaffel who directs, also did "Gordon's War" with Paul Winfield.

"Sunnyside" is that section of Queens, N.Y. just across the East River from Manhattan, a conglomeration of tenements, factories and relatively new low - cost housing. The area's residents are a mixed bag of white of Irish and Italian extraction, blacks and Puerto Ricans.

Eric Laneuville plays Gearbox, the mascot of the gang and E. Lamont Johnson has role of Rage.

One of the key scenes in the movie takes place in a carnival where by means of rigged games and hoaxes people in the neighborhood are being ripped off. Travolta organizes a mass holdup of the concession stands.

Travolta says "Sunnyside" is not a glorified gang pix but it's about a young man's struggle out of the ghetto. He's real disappointed about the 'R' rating.

As to being compared to his younger brother, John Travolta, Joey says "when you have talent (yourself) it's nothing to worry about".

Joey has earned a degree from a New Jersey college and has spent three years teaching emotionally disturbed and mentally retarded children in an orphanage.

To the ladies working in the Provident Hospital Development Fund - Raising Program. Joey and the Black - eyed Susan this reporter was wearing . . . and to end the story . . . he left Baltimore wearing one reading "Wear A Susan for Provident Hospital".

Police parade at ZOO

"Baltimore Police on Parade at the Baltimore Zoo" on Sunday, May 27, will feature talent and equipment from the Police Department staged throughout the Zoo grounds from 1 p.m. to 4:30. Officer Friendly will entertain in the Children's Zoo area. A helicopter will be open for inspection on the Mammal House lawn, and water rescue demonstrations are planned in the former seal pool.

Hot new flash from up Philly way has vocalist Teddy Pendergrass buying Mike Douglas' Gladwyne, Pa. home for $600,000.

Coming up

Coming up — The Black Music Association bash, June 7, at the White House in D.C. features Ella Fitzgerald, Ashford and Simpson and Chuck Berry.

The Jacksons with Sister Sledge June 8, Coliseum, Charlotte, N.C.; June 9, Capitol Center, D.C.; June 10, Colseum, Greensboro, N.C.

Patti Labelle, May 25 - 26, Academy of Music, Philly.

Today, friday, Family and Children's Society, Project SAGA holds a "Saga Fashion Extravaganza" at the Oliver Multi - Purpose Center, 1400 E. Federal St., from 1 to 3 p.m.

Willa Bland's Flair Studio Student Dance Recital is Sunday, June 3 at 3 p.m. in the Little Theatre of Morgan State University.

Ed Heath's Showcase featuring the Ed Heath Band and Singers in "We Just Come To Tell A Story" at the University of Baltimore, June 2, the performance will be sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Back River, Shining Star Baptist of Chase, Md., Women of Bethel AME, York, Pa. and the Hughes Gospel Singers.

Bruce Lee's last flick

Bruce Lee's last flick, "Game of Death" opens this week and has as special guest star, Kareem Abdul - Jabbar as Hakim, the gigantic bodyguard of Dr. Land.

In real life, Jabbar is a real life martial artist and his instructor was the late Bruce Lee.

You cannot help but feel awed when standing next to Kareem Abdul - Jabbar even if it's by his towering height alone. But there is something else there, a presence.

Jabbar was born April 16, 1947 in New York City where he grew up and attended Power Memorial High School and later college at UCLA where he graduated in 1969. While there he guided the Bruins to a combined record of 88 - 2 and three NCAA championships . . . and, all three years he was selected the school's all - time leading scorer and the first player selected in the 1969 College Draft, where he was taken by Milwaukee.

For the record, in his NBA career he has been voted the Most Valuable Player five of the last eight seasons. Along with Bill Russell, he is the only player in the [illegible] to win the award five times. The records go on but they all lead to one conclusion, he's an all - star.

Recently, Jabbar has become involved in some off - court action of his own by making a guest appearance in "The Man From Atlantis" and "The Fish That Saved Pittsburgh," for Lorimar Productions.

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Is there a divorce in Ali's future?

Bill Lane in Hollywood

BIG question in Hollywood: Will Veronica Porche end up with the million - dollar Fremont Park manse and other memorabilia accoutrements if, I imagine! People already talking about a possible divorce, again in the Muhammad Ali life style, in view of that story out of Pennsylvania about the pregnant beauty with the $50,000 gift home. All we can say is Ali will probably be the only boxing champion ever to retire with so many minor dependents.

ALAS, boxing promoter Don King has donned a new hair style. No longer does his head strands strain wildly for the heavens like he's just touched the wrong end of a live TV picture tube. King showed off his new look at the recent Ron Lyle - Scott LeDoux bout he staged at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas and over ABC. It's a high natural, but curbed downwards at the ends.

SO much, however, for hair styles. But since we're writing about Las Vegas it's in order that mention is made of a former Vegas citizen who was popular there and elsewhere as one of the world's top comics — George Kirby, who is now a resident with a longtime mortgage at the Federal penal institution in Lompoc, California. Kirby wants all his friends to know that laughs don't come easy in durance vile, and he needs letters to cheer him up. Sure to please him and bolster his happier memories of show business are action photos of some of his former fellow performers. As soon the round and jolly Kirby will be staging a big variety stage show for his fellow sojourners in Lompoc. Address all letters and photos to George Kirby, 20288-148, Unit J., P.O. Box W, Lompoc, CA. 93436.

People still discussing the bizarre slaying of jazz singer Eddie Jefferson in Detroit, just after the singer had closed a concert at Concerts By The Sea here. Reports said Jefferson had just walked out of Cornelius Watts' Club Monambiance in the Motor City when some man driving a dark, late-model Lincoln blasted him and sped away. An eerie circumstance of the incident was that Jefferson had been accompanied back to Detroit by Rodney Hicks, his bassist at Concerts By The Sea. Hicks was returning to his hometown where a brother had not long ago been slain and where news had also come not long ago that two of his sisters had died in Jonestown.

OUT of 9000 United States communities receiving cable - TV services currently, only eleven are served by minority - owned cable systems. And if the pending communications bill gets passed by Congress higher franchise fees will make it still harder for blacks to obtain cable franchises.

Audition

Children's Theatre Association, an adult Equity acting company, is offering Baltimore students the opportunity to act with a professional company. Performances will be held throughout August.

Applicans should prepare a one to three minute selection from a play, bring a photograph and written information about your background and interest in theatre.

Auditions are Sat., June 2, from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m. at CTA Studios, 225 West 28th Street. For further information call 889 - 1234, Monday through Friday, 9 - 4.

Stan Shaw in 'Buffalo Soldiers'

Stan Shaw (co - star of "Roots II") stars as the master sergeant of a small but sturdy troop of black horse - soldiers — the 10th Cavalry of the U.S. Army — who draw the dirty, thankless assignment of chasing down a marauding Comanche band during the Civil War, in "The Buffalo Soldiers," a rousing drama on NBC - TV Sat., May 26.

Shaw, who drew rave notices for his portrayal of the grandfather of "Roots" author Alex Haley, and Will Palmer also starred in the feature film, "The Boys in Company C." John Beck, who co - starred in "Rollerball" and starred in "The Other Side of Midnight," also stars as Colonel O'Connor, the hard - drinking, rebellious and maverick commanding officer.

Termed "buffalo soldiers" by opposing Indians because of the resemblance of their tightly curled hair to that of a buffalo's, the tiny, 25 - soldier unit relieves a white cavalry garrison just as a band of dangerous Comanches, Confederate soldiers and commancheros (bandits from Mexico) pillage the territory. Though they encounter the enmity and prejudice of the outpost's citizens, they are all that stand between order and lawlessness on the fringes of the frontier in 1884.

When pillagers overrun a railroad work camp and seize the survivors as hostages, Colonel O'Connor and Master Sergeant Haywood must rely on the black troops' professional dedication to soldiering to overcome their wounded pride as they pursue the wrongdoers — the former slave and friend, now a co - star of the enemy.

Calendar

Free listing-Write AFRO Entertainment- 628 N. Eutaw

Events Children

Mon., May 28
Canton Center: Feature - length Walt Disney film, 2 p.m.

Tues., May 29
Highlandtown Center: Puppet show presented by the Pratt Library's Travelling Troubadours, 3:30 p.m.

Reisterstown Road Branch: Films — "Palle Alone in the World" and "When Knights Were Bold," 3:30 p.m.

Films

Tuesday
George Plimpton, professional amateur and friend of the beautiful people, leads a guided tour of the New York where the extraordinary is commonplace in the last of a series on the world's major cities at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, at the central Pratt library, 400 Cathedral street.

Thursday
By excelling at skating a withdrawn teen-ager gains confidence and finds a new relationship with his father in "The Skating Rink," to which both parents and children are invited at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 31, at the Pratt library's Morrell Park center, 3446 Washington boulevard.

TV watching

By Vanessa Johnson

Friday

Dinah: Guests today are Glenda Jackson, Dionne Warwick, Lesley-Anne Down and Susan Ford. 4:00-5:30 p.m. - Channel 9.

Evening Magazine: A look at motorcycles on ice at the 1979 Invitational Ice Racing Championships and a profile of entertainer Earths Kitt. 7:30-8:00 p.m. - Channel 13.

Different Strokes: The boys cousin Muriel (LaWanda Page) arrives from Detroit — lovable, broke and very reluctant to leave. Starring Gary Coleman and Todd Bridges. 8:00-8:30 p.m. - Channel 11.

Welcome Back, Kotter: No sooner does Arnold make a marriage proposal than he is faced with moving to Atlantic City, where his mother has remarried and taken up residence. Starring Lawrence-Hilton Jacobs. 8:00-8:30 p.m. - Channel 13.

Soap Factory Disco: Musical highlights by Bunny Sigler and McFadden & Whitehead. 11:30-12:00 a.m. - Channel 45.

Johnny Carson: Guests tonight are Steve Lawrence, Dizzy Gillespie and David Horowitz. 11:30-1:00 a.m. - Channel 11.

Midnight Special: Hostess Sister Sledge are joined by the Village People, Olivia Newton-John and others. 1:00-2:30 a.m. - Channel 11.

Saturday

Fat Albert: The gang learns that hard work is the key to being good at sports. Starring Bill Cosby. 12:30-1:00 p.m. - Channel 2.

Soul Train: Guests today are the Jackson's who are celebrating their 10th anniversary. 1:00-2:00 p.m. - Channel 11.

Cheap Show: Eva Gabor and Robert Guillaume of "Soap" are the guests. 7:30-8:00 p.m. - Channel 2.

Bad News Bears: Amanda plays matchmaker when she tries to reunite her mother and Buttermaker. Starring Christeff St. John as Ahmad. 3:00-3:30 p.m. - Channel 2.

Love Boat: Aboard as himself is baseball's Reggie Jackson, who worries that fans will recognize him and ruin his vacation. Starring Ted Lange. 8:00-9:30 p.m. - Channel 13.

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