'For Us, The Living' on PBS

"For Us, The living," the story of Medgar Evers, the Field Secretary for the NAACP in Mississippi written by his widow Myrlie B. Evers in 1967 with William Peters and published by Doubleday and Company, has been made into a PBS special.

It will be broadcast over stations of the Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting on March 22 at 9 p.m. Stars will be Baltimore's Howard Rollins as Medgar Evers and Irene Cara, as Myrlie.

The film for TV was filmed by Atlanta, Ga. by Charles Fries Production of Studio City, Calif. and directed by Michael Schultz of "Car Wash" fame.

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In talking with Mrs. Medgar Evers in California this week where she is Director of Consumer Affairs for Atlantic-Richfield Corp., she said she selected Howard Rollins for the part of Evers. "I think he is just wonderful," she said.

"I saw him as Coalhoue Walker in "Ragtime" and told myself he just must play Medgar. He has the strength and dignity and while he does not look like Medgar, he has that certain quality.

The TV film covers 10 years of Medgar Evers life from Mount Bayou, Miss. 1953-63 to the time he was shot down as Field Secretary of the Mississippi NAACP.

Medgar and Myrlie Evers shown together during one of the last NAACP meetings in the Mississippi Field Secretary's career.

In Mississippi, Evers and other black citizens were systematically harassed, intimidated, threatened and even murdered if they attempted to exercise their constitutional right to vote or integrate the public school system.

The film does not touch on Evers early childhood and college said Mrs. Evers.

Evers was the son of hardworking Mississippi farmers, James and Jessie Evers. They lived in a small frame house on the edge of Decatur, Miss. The family kept cows, pigs, chickens and grew vegtables for the table and cotton for cash.

The Evers pushed their children in to stay in school. His sister Elizabeth had some high school before she married; Mary Ruth finished high school and Medgar and his brother, Charles, who later became Mayor both finished college.

When the United States entered World War II, Medgar quit school at 16 and followed his brother Charles into the Army serving in a segregated port battalion in England and after the Normandy invasion at Le Harve, Liege, Antwerp and Cherborg.

After the war he entered Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College majoring in business administration. He was a member of the debating team, the college choir, the football and track teams; edited the year book and worked with the campus YMCA.

He met his wife-to-be, Myrlie Beasley on campus 1950 and they were married Christmas Eve., 1951. Of this marriage they had three children; Darrell, Reena and Van. He graduated from Alcorn in 1952 and went to work for Magnolia Mutual Life Insurance in Mound Bayou, Miss. an all-black town.

One of his first acts was to organize an economic boycott against gas stations who refused to let blacks use their rest rooms. He sent bumper stickers all over the state. He organized two NAACP chapters and attempted to arouse blacks to register and vote.

He was then asked to become the first NAACP field secretary and he went to work full time. "A Negro cannot live here or die here in peace as long as things remain as they are."

In Mississippi blacks were forced to use separate rest rooms, sit in sections of public transportation and were not allowed to vote. Black patients were treated in basements and hospitals.

Local newspapers refused to print atrocities involving blacks. He personally investigated and alerted the New York office which in turn involved the black press of the nation. The Emmitt Till murder involving a 14-year-old Chicato boy who allegedly looked at a white woman, was a case in point.

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Tension began in the spring of 1963. It was nine years since the Supreme Court has decreed separate schools unequal; eight years after the South had been told to desegregate with all deliberate speed and James Meredith and U.S. troops has desegregated Ole Miss.

Then, their house with three sleeping children and Myrlie Evers was firebombed.

On June 11, 1963 Medgar Evers was shot to death by an assasin at his front door and in view of his wife and children.

Cliff Trenier dead of Cancer

Cliff Trenier, 63, twin brother of Claude Trenier, leaders of the singing musical act famous as the Treniers died March 2 in Las Vegas after a long bout with cancer.

One of the most dynamic acts in showbiz, the Treniers were separated last November at the terminal stage of Cliff's illness, with Claude continuing the act with another brother, Buddy, and newphew, Skip, surrounded by musicians that had been together for years. Cliff started the clowing with Claude in Mobile, Ala., during high-school years with no musical training. Later, while Claude was touring the country with Jimmy Lunceford's band as vocalist, Cliff was in Pittsburgh, working at the Celebrity Club.

He then took Claude's berth with the Lunceford band as Claude was called into the Army in 1944, having been exempted due to a physical disability. When Claude was released from the service two years later, the twins sang with the band. It was at the Apollo Theatre in Harlem that Lunceford tried out the twin act with result that the Treniers stopped the show cold. When the band played Los Angeles, Cliff returned to Mobile while Claude worked as a single, later persuading Cliff to join him. The twin act then started swinging jam sessions in the Los Angeles area, but landed their first regular engagement at the Cotton Club on the Sunset Strip in 1946. From there they moved to Billie Berg's, Cricket Club, Swanee Inn, Tuttie House, Morocco Club, along with theatre dates at the Lincoln, Million Dollar and Orpheum.

The first extended engagement, an entire year, was at the Melodee Club in Los Angeles followed by U.S. tours and Ciro's in Miami Beach in 1952 for the winter season.

They opened in New York at Cafe Society and played their first Las Vegas date at the Riviera. Following this, there were many club appearances, tv commitments and the San Souci in Havana, their first engagement outside the U.S.

Under personal management of Dick Gabbe-Seymour Heller Inc., The Treniers made recordings and ventured into Europe and Great Britain, later toured Australia and the Far East.

One of their biggest hits in the 1940s included "Go!' Go! Go!", which sold more than 200,000 copies. Their other hits included "Ball Head" (Looka there, she ain't got no hair) and "Buzz, Buzz".

The surviving Treniers recently signed a long-term concert with Resorts International Hotel Casino in Atlantic City.

Survivors include wife, Bedez, a daughter, Lorell, brothers Maurice, Eddie and Harold, all of Los Angeles, and Milt of Chicago, and two sisters, Antoinette of Tacoma, Wash. and Jestina of Los Angeles.

1949's AFRO file photo of Treniers at the Dunbar Hotel in DC's Club 2011. In photo Cliff (R) and from (L) Claude with a Mr. Warwick, owner of the DC Dunbar Hotel; Herbie Fields and a Mr. Gough, manager of the club.

AFRO talks with Bess Armstrong

"High Road to China" the $20 million dollar Warner Bros.' action film made in Yugoslavia opening in nationwide on March 18th stars Tom Selleck the hot, hot, hot star of "Magnum P.I." and Baltimore born Bess Armstrong.

Selleck and Armstrong have been on press tours this month and the AFRO joined her and other members of the Baltimore press at a screening for lunch in D.C. a week ago.

"High Road to China" is supposed to be in Istanbul, 1920 after World War I. Armstrong plays Eve Tozer, a flapper who employs Selleck, a boozing down-and-out air ace to help her find her father who disappeared five years ago and save her inheritance from an evil partner of her father's.

Bess Armstrong

Their flight path, across two continents, six countries and the Himalayas, leads them to a savage Afghanistani outpost, a Nepalese Shangri - la and a climactic confrontation with a sadistic Chinese.

"High Road to China" is sort of like "It Happened One Night in Airplanes;" with plenty of unexplained circumstances; unnecessary mass killings. Watching it "gave me a feeling of watching ugly Americans and Englishmen taking advantage of little people all over the world.

Bess Armstrong is the daughter of Alexander Armstrong who taught English at Gilman School and her mother is Dr. Louise Allen Armstrong who taught classics at Bryn Mawr. She got interested in drama as a little girl watching her father direct plays at Gilman.

Blacks on TV

II "The James Brown Story".

By Vanessa Johnson

Editor's Note: Mrs. Vanessa Johnon is out ill. During her absence her column will be handled by Mrs. Darren Bell.

WBAL-TV Ch 11- Saturday, March 19, 7:30 p.m. **"Black Horizons"** hosted by Dwayne Wickham featuring AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers. An interview with John J. Oliver Jr., Chairman of the Board of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers. Also, interviews with two local black psychiatrists on the health problems facing blacks today.

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WBAL-TV Ch 11- Sunday, March 20, 8 a.m. **"Gospel Variations'** hosted by Rev. Naomi Durant featuring Singing Disciples and Ms. Albertina Walker. Interview segment spotlights Ms. Jocelyn Whtifield.

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WJZ-TV Ch. 13- Sunday, March 20, 12 Noon **"City Line".** Topics "Help for Widows" and CPR Demonstrations. Guest speakers include Miss Sheila Little, who will elaborate on what help is available for widows. Barry Morgan, State Chairman of CPR Projects will demonstraie how, when, where and why CPR should be administrated. Tim Watts will feature Hall and Oates in musical segment and Tea Montier will give national news.

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WMAR-TV Ch. 2- Sunday, March 20, 2 p.m. **"Say Baltimore"** hosted by Les Parson talking about Consumers & Economic Hardships. Featuring Attorney General Steven Sachs. Interview segment Part

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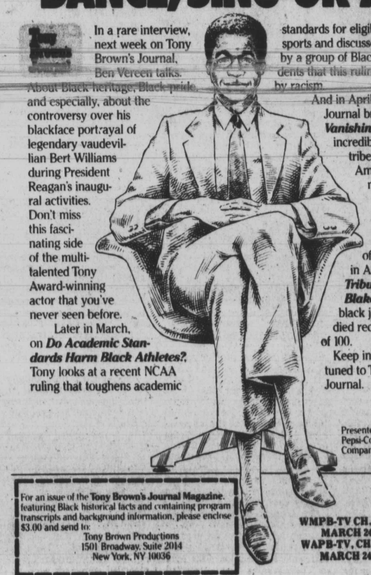

In a rare interview, next week on Tony Brown's Journal, Ben Vereen talks About Black heritage, Black pride and especially, about the controversy over his blackface portrayal of legendary vaudevilian Bert Williams during President Reagan's inaugural activities. Don't miss this fascinating side of the multi-talented Tony Award-winning actor that you've never seen before.

Later in March, on *Do Academic Standards Harm Black Athletes?*, Tony looks at a recent NCAA ruling that toughens academic standards for eligibility in college sports and discusses the charge by a group of Black college presidents that this ruling was motivated by racism.

And in April, Tony Brown's Journal brings you *The Vanishing Tribe*, the incredible saga of a tribe of Afro-South Americans that has maintained a perfectly pure African culture for 300 years in the jungles of Surinam. Also in April will be *A Tribute To Eubie Blake*, the legendary black jazz musician who died recently at the age of 100.

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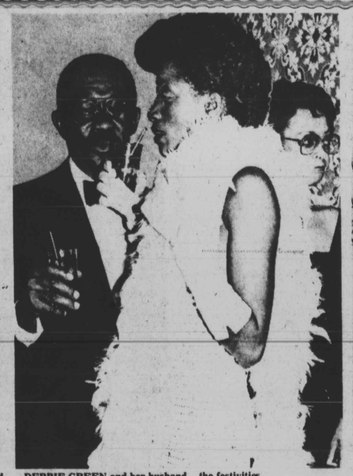
The AFRO goes to the Kappas' 'Night in Las Vegas'

PLACING BETS for guests during the annual 'Night in Las Vegas' hosted by Kappa Alpha Psi Friday, March 4 at Martin's West is Renaud Covington.



DEBBIE GREEN and her husband, Nick, take a pause to refresh during the festivities.

DECKED OUT in their finery, Nadine Doxey and Brenda Lewis AFRO Photos by Val Smith-Madden share a happy moment.

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Women's Editor

Once again the game wheels were spinning, the dance floor rocking with dance steps done to the tunes of The Commissioners of Washington, D.C.

The party patter was constant and visits to the bar and soul - food buffet numerous.

The occasion — None other than the annual 'Night in Las Vegas' hosted at Martin's West by the Baltimore Alumni Chapter Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Friday, March 4.

Kappas and their guests were 1,400 strong and the gala evening, with its effervescent ambience under the four glittering chandeliers (reminiscent of Las Vegas) started at 9:30 p.m. and lasted until 3 a.m.

Ttillating entertainment during the affair was provided by a group of female strippers who did their shenanigans to mixed emotions from the crowd.

Kappa brothers were busy circulating, being the ever - gracious hosts, and many were busy manning the game wheels.

Assisting them were their hostesses — youthful, vivacious young ladies clad in lovely outfits of red and white (Kappa colors).

There were many delighted winners throughout the evening's festivities.

Super highlight of the affair was the Kappa's super raffle prize — a 1983 Chevrolet Chevette, won by an ecstatic Doris McCleary, who went into happy hysterics when her name was called and actuelly swooned.

Second prize, $1,000, was garnered by Morris Kapian and third prize (choice of a 25" color television or $500) won by Ted McLaughlin.

It was a fantastic evening from start to finish — and much less expensive than going all the way to Las Vegas.

Chair for the affair was David Bowie. Serving on his committee were Kappas brothers Stanley Mitchell, Floyd Taliaferro, Alfred Smith, chair of the Raffle Committee and Lloyd Mitchner, co - chair for same. Donald Rigby is Polemarch for the Kappa's Baltimore Alumni Chapter.

MOSES LAKE and his daughter, Mabel Lake confer on a point.

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By Pattie Hodges, AFRO Women's Editor

SWEET SIXTEEN PARTY

It was a gala evening when Cheryl D. Johnson and her guests arrived at the Coldspring Newton party room recently for Cheryl's Sweet Sixteen Birthday Party.

Many of the young ladies were dressed in their beautiful evening wear and many of the young men were also similarly garbed.

The party was hosted by Dr. and Mrs. James Johnson (Cheryl's parents).

Tables were gaily decorated with pink satin skirts trimmed in lavender. (Cheryl's favorite colors).

Party fare included delectable hors d'oeuvres, punch and munchies.

Music was by disco d j. Adam Scott and Mark Lewis of Triangle Productions.

Nearly 125 youthful guests came out to celebrate with Cheryl, a junior at Western High School, who was thrilled by it all

A large lavender and pink banner which bore the message "Happy Birthday to a Sweet 16" was on display at the front of the dance floor, and honoree and guests danced and chatted the evening away.

The birthday cake, also in lavender and pink, was an eye catcher. At 11:30 p.m. Cheryl strolled across the room graciously to cut it for her guests, who sang 'Happy Birthday' and extended congratulations to her.

She received many, many lovely gifts and cards.

Party guests included Darryl A. Ford, Lynette Anise Ricks, Jollenta Daniel Street, Diana Owens, Denise D. Chamblee, Lisa D. Martin, Tracey Holley, Adrienne Hall, Sharron Buckson, Edward Tisdale, Davida Jones, Terrence Marcus, Kimberly Nicholsonne;

Also Tonia Johnson, Daphine Robins, Shana Kroiz, Devy Patterson, Jeff A. Russell, Byron C. Desbordes, Eric Bell, Maria Boston, Angela Anderson, Ronda Langley, Tonya Ellis, Bernard Bell, Tanya L. Roney, James Tanner, Veronica Owens;

Also Jason Hillen, Kenneth Barret, Vincent Waters, Melinda Cooke, Tracey Gibbs, Bert Abe, Winfred Ford, Healey LeCator, Brock Lindsay, Gregory Tildon, Michele Wise, Valencia G. Hernandez, Joe Boston,

Also Anthony Torrence, Jeffrey Givens, Kris Fickling, Gregory Amos, Lisa Dungee, Jacqueline Fleming, Gina Brown, Leslie Dungee, Donna Nichols, Kimberly Brook Mohamed, Vernon and Kevin Marrow, Felicia Hill, Gregory L. Sears, Derrick T. Woodson, Brett Bolling.

And Keith Neale, Anthony Williams, Denene Snowden, Chris A. Heidelberg, John A. Holmes, Robert A. Holmes, Robert C. Hubbard, Gregory Pendleton, Ellis J. Lanbot, Rolonda Wilson, Wanda Valentine, Tehera Valentine, Rod Foster;

And Rodney Valentine, Denny Brice, Luther Jackson, Adam Scott, Mark Davis, Jean Bell, Dale Wallace, Clarence Single, Nicole Benton, Pam Adderly, Kim Jackson and Reagan Smith.

SURPRISE FETE

Isoline Crowner, a well known civic worker in the Baltimore Metropolitan area was caught by surprise recently when her friends feted her natal day with a glamorous birthday party. Isoline was totally surprised!

Early during that day, she was whisked off to breakfast followed by lunch with Shep and Myrtle Burge of Cherry Hill (life-long friends) and off to the movies after that. Of-course these plans were designed to keep Isoline away from home.

By the time she found herself back home she had no place to park. Of-course that Dennly Road neighborhood is always crowded with folk having meetings and social gatherings—so that did not distract her.

As she entered her home, a crowd of well wishers greeted her. The table of tasty attractive foods was an eye catcher!

Coordinators of the affair were John McDonald and Mrs. Mary Fields (her Sorority Sister) Isoline was even more thrilled when her friends garnered to wish her well as she opened her beautiful gifts.

Later friends played games, cards, listened to music and chatted late into the evening.

Those around to wish her Happy Birthday were: M's Mary Fields, Mrs. Belle Campbell, M's Allona K. Thompson, (Lambertville, N.J.) Mrs. Mary E. Robinson, M's Natalie West, Mrs. Bessie Womack, Mrs. Christine Ward, Mrs. Althea Cornish, Mrs. Juliett Braggs, Mrs. Ruth Caldwell, M's Angie McClaine, Mrs. Ann Moreland M's Adrienne West, Mrs. Beatrice Hall M's Ada Veney;

Also Mrs. Emma Dudley, Mrs. May Pinkett, Mr. and Mrs. Jereleigh Archer, Mr. and Mrs. Larry West, Mr. & Mrs. McKinley McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Council, Mr. and Mrs. Ellihu Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Revels, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Corbin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ampney, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd Burge, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heaggans;

Also Mr. and Mrs. William Ferrell, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Malone, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. James Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Sherrard, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thomas, Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Peakes, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Smith, Mrs. Evelyn McIntosh, Mrs. Irene Chisholm, John McDonald (host), Larry Driscoe, Gus White, Charles Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. George Roberts.

AKAS CALLED TO ACTION

Delta Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the undergraduate chapter, Alpha Omicron of University of Maryland Eastern Shore, celebrated Founders' Day on March 6.

The affair began with a luncheon in the Delmarva Room of the Holiday

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AT SWEET SIXTEEN PARTY hosted for Cheryl D. Johnson recently at Coldspring Newtown are (Kneeling, from left): Devy Patterson, Jeffrey Russell, Dale Wallace, Terence Marcus, Tracey Holley; (Standing, from left): Bernard Bell, Byron Desbordes, Tonia Johnson, Eric Bell, Diana Owens, Lisa Martin, Cheryl Johnson (birthday honoree); Kim Nicholsonne, Jollenta Street, Adrienne Hall, Eugene Bell, Lynette Ricks, Sharon Buckson, Denise Chamblee, Darryl Ford, Daphne Robins, Maria Boston, Chana Kroiz, Rhonda Langley and Tonya Ellis.