Shari hopes to share her singing with dad

By Cindy Adams

Shari Belafonte-Harper isn't satisfied being **Harry Belafonte's** daughter or a model (**Calvin Klein** jeans) or an actress ("Hotel"). She now wants to be a singer, and has decided to go larynx-to-larynx with her ol' pa. Says Shari, who has a recording contract in Europe: "I called Dad and asked him 'What do you think if I go for a new style of singing? What if I go for Calypso?' He said he'd be very interested in hearing me. Maybe dad and I might do something together."

Shari Belafonte-Harper

Parker Stevenson, who's long past the "Hardy Boys" days, brings a truckful of history to his role as Billy Hazard in "North and South: Book II." The sprawling miniseries airs this week on ABC. Parker's great-great-great granddaddy is **General George Meade,** who led the Battle of Gettysburg. Parker is a history buff, and he researched all the battles in which his great-great-great grandpappy fought. Old generals never die. They come back on TV.

Nobody makes a monkey out of producer **Dino De Laurentiis.** His upcoming film **"King Kong Lives"** features a 60-foot mechanical monkey. . . . Does anyone know that **Margaret Stanziale,** the composer of **Madonna's** "Like a Virgin," is the daughter of **Rep. Peter Rodino,** chairman of the House Judiciary Committee? Does anyone care? . . . **Jesse White,** TV's Maytag repairman, lives dangerously. He consumed two cream sodas at New York City's Carnegie Deli.

Spring performances at School of the Arts

The Baltimore School For The Arts will present The Spring Fever performances April 29 through May 28. These performances and exhibitions in theatre, dance, music, and visual arts culminate the year's work by the students.

The Theatre Department will present Lysistrata, Aristophanes timeless satire of war-making and love-making. The play deals with how the women of Athens confront their men in a daring plan to end the conflict with Sparta.

This production will also provide the audience with an elaborate set design including a moat filled with water, allowing the cast to enter by boat. Lysistrata will run from Tuesday, April 29 through Sunday, May 4.

The Dance Department will present a program of classical ballet, modern, and jazz dance with works that include Fokine's Les Sylphides, a classical ballet staged by Sylvester Campbell and the premiere of a new work by Ron Cunningham created especially for the Spring Fever Performances. The dance presentations will run from Thursday, May 15 through Sunday, May 18.

The Music Department will present a series of concerts with highlights including a joint concert by The Annapolis Brass Quintet and School For The Arts Brass Quintet, a Choral and Jazz Ensemble, and The Honors Recital. The music performances will begin April 30 with the Joint Concert and will conclude on May 28 with The Honors Recital.

The Visual Arts Department will hold two exhibitions, "Style and Context" from April 29 through May 4 and "Senior Exhibition," a collection of the best of the Class of 1986, juried and installed by the students and will be on display from May 9 through June 6 in the Alcazar Gallery.

Tickets for The Spring Fever Performances Support the School's Visiting Artist and Production and Exhibition Programs and are available at The Baltimore School For The Arts Ticket Office. For further information contact 396-1185.

All the info fans hope for on Durham

By Kimberly Redmond

What can you tell me about Lane Davies, the actor who portrays Mason Capwell on "Santa Barbara"? Please don't tell me he's married! — C.P., Bloomington, Ind.

Don't fret, C.P. — Davies is single. The actor comes from a show business family who singlehandedly saved the Dalton, Ga. Little Theater from extinction in their hometown. Still, Davies admits he was the last family member to join show business professionally. While attending Middle Tennessee State University, Davies sandwiched professional acting jobs between his classes and summer vacations. He has appeared on such nighttime series as "Dallas" and "CHiPs." He later appeared briefly on "The Young and the Restless" and as the evil Dr. Evan Whyland on "Days of Our Lives," before he joined "SB." When Davies isn't working, he likes to spend time at his secluded mountain cabin philosophizing and fishing.

My sister and I have been arguing whether or not someone other than Brenda Dickson has portrayed the role of Jill Abbott on "The Young and the Restless." I insist there was another actress in the role just a few years ago. — T.K., Gastonia, N.C.

Although Miss Dickson originated the role of Jill when the CBS soap premiered in 1973, she did leave the show for a period of several years. During this time, her character was portrayed by Deborah Adair, who later co-starred in the 1984 TV series "Finder of Lost Loves."

Q: I think Christopher Durham, who plays Dakota Smith on "Ryan's Hope," is dreamy. Can you give me some background on him? — S.G., Jamestown, N.Y.

A: Durham's first recurring daytime role was that of football hero Matt McCandless on "Capitol." While creating the role of Matt, Durham got the chance to show off his abilities as a gymnast.

Born in Hopewell, Va., the actor is a graduate of William and Mary College. Durham moved to New York upon graduation. While working as a lifeguard in a posh hotel, he was spotted by a talent agent. Durham has appeared in several off-Broadway theater productions, and hopes, one day, to appear in a Broadway play.

Q: I heard that "The Young and the Restless" is going to write off Tracey E. Bregman's Lauren Williams. Is that true? — M.A., Ashville, N.Y.

A: As far as we know there are no plans to write Bregman out of the CBS soap. Her story line may have slowed down in the last few weeks, but Lauren is still in the foreground.

Q: What happened to the character of Beth Raines on "The Guiding Light?" I haven't seen Judi Evans on the show for some time now. — S.M., Icard, N.C.

A: Judi Evans, the actress who portrays Beth, took some time off after her on-screen husband was killed, but she has since returned. The news around the "GL" set is that Evans plans on leaving the show when her contract comes up for renewal this fall.

(Have a question about soap operas? Write Kimberly Redmond at 200 Park Ave., Room 602, New York, NY 10166. Questions cannot be answered personally, but those of general interest will be answered in future columns.)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Preakness Frog Hop

Applications are currently being accepted for the annual Preakness Frog Hop. The event will be held in War Memorial Plaza on Wednesday, May 14 beginning at 12 noon. Frog owners of all ages are invited to enter. For more information, call 396-4891.

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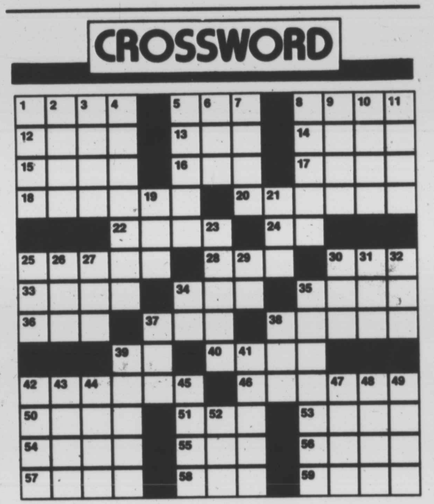

By DANIEL M. MARVIN

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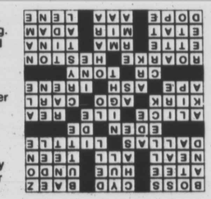


Black Champions On MPT

Jesse Owens, Jackie Robinson, Floyd Patterson, Althea Gibson, Willie Mays, Muhammad Ali. For sports fans the world over, these names evoke vivid memories of remarkable accomplishments.

Maryland Public Television (MPT) celebrates the triumphs both on and off the field of these talented and courageous athletes in BLACK CHAMPIONS, a three-part series premiering Wednesday, May 14 at 9:00 p.m. on TV 22, 28, 31, 36, 62 and 67.

The series premiere, "To Be Champions," explores how outstanding black athletes affected the climate of their times, often providing positive black images and reducing tense relationships between blacks and whites.

On Wednesday, May 21 at 9:00 p.m., BLACK CHAMPIONS explores the segregated world at sports on Negro college campuses and on Wednesday, May 28 at 9:00 p.m., the series concludes with a look at the special pressures and rewards of contemporary sports competition.

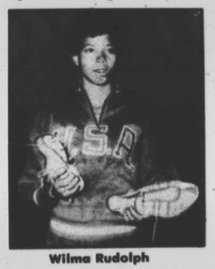
BLACK CHAMPIONS was produced by WNET, New York and award-winning filmmaker William Miles. Funding was provided by Maryland National Bank and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Another special highlighting the achievements of black Americans is PASSION AND MEMORY airing on MPT Wednesday, May 14 at 10:00 p.m.

PASSION AND MEMORY is a one-hour documentary, hosted by Robert Guillaume, profiling the professional and personal lives of black entertainers, including Stephen Fetchit, Hattie McDaniel, Bill Robinson, Dorothy Dandridge and Sidney Poitier.

Featuring sequences from landmark films such as "Birth of a Nation," "The Jazz Singer," "Gone with the Wind" and "Imitation of Life" along with rare Academy Award clips, PASSION AND MEMORY offers interviews with friends and co-workers of these stars, and with black actors who owe their careers to the groundwork laid by these performers.

PASSION AND MEMORY was produced, directed and co-written by Roy Campanella, Jr. Funding was provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.



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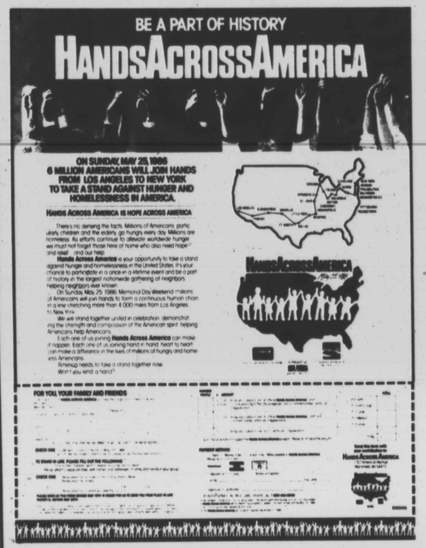

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