

On Tour

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Entertainment Editor

THE A's (Ripley Music Hall, December 23) — Since leaving Arista Records, The A's have been making more money by being able to play what they want where they want. Their new EP, "Four Dances," has been getting a lot of air play, and the four songs on the EP ("Painting By Numbers," "Do the Dance," "Ain't No Secret," "I are better than most of the songs on their two Arista albums. If you miss The A's at the Ripley, you may be able to catch them at the Chestnut Cabaret on December 29.

ALAN MANN BAND (Filly's, December 23) — Another local band on the way up. "It Ain't Easy Being Hard" has also been getting radio air play.

MISSING PERSONS (Ripley Music Hall, December 26) — Dale Bozzio has got to be seen to be believed. Yes, her hair really is white (with blue and pink streaks), and yes, her outfits are made out of such things as plastic and coconuts.

However, she does have a fine voice, and backed by Terry Bozzio's harmonies, this band features strong vocals to go along with a solid background in musical fundamentals.

BOW WOW WOW (Holloran Ballroom, December 30) — Can a 17-year-old girl with a mohawk haircut make it big in the music business? So far, the answer has been yes, and thanks to the success of "I Want Candy," the band has established some credibility. Opening up for Bow Wow Wow will be the Producers, an Atlanta-based band whose biggest claim to fame is a keyboardist named Wayne Famous.

ROBERT HAZARD AND THE HEROES (Brandywine Club, January 22) — Since signing a recording contract with RCA, Hazard has fired two of the Heroes and remixed his popular EP. The remixed version of "Escalator of Life" is not nearly as good as the original. A full-length album should be out sometime next year.



Back in 1939, Channel 3 didn't have studios but televised regular programs from its laboratory at the Philco plant, Tioga and C Streets. At left, a group of TV pioneers telecast an outdoor program from the roof of the plant. It isn't raining — the umbrellas were used for shading.

Channel 3 Celebrates 50th Anniversary

KYW-TV, Philadelphia's Channel 3, celebrates its 50th anniversary this month. It was granted permission to operate as an experimental station, W3XE, in 1932.

Channel 3 was founded by the Philco Corporation, and began operations in the Philco company plant at C and Tioga Streets. Originally, only company employees could receive broadcast signals. Early broadcasts consisted of company talent shows and travelogues. Then, in 1939, W3XE broadcast the first college night football game, Temple vs. Kansas. The following year, W3XE began television home games of the University of Pennsylvania. The station also became NBC's first affiliate that year.

Also in 1940, Channel 3 broadcast 60 hours of the Republican National Convention, the first time any political

convention was broadcast anywhere.

In 1941, Channel 3 became WPTZ-TV, the first commercial television station to be licensed in Pennsylvania by the Federal Communications Commission and the second in the nation. Also in 1941, the station televised live the annual Mummers' Parade for the first time.

In 1942, Channel 3 produced and broadcast the first soap opera nationally, "Last Year's Nest." It starred and was directed by Leonard Valenta, the current director of CBS's "Guiding Light."

The Atlantic Refining Company (known today as ARCO) became Channel 3's first commercial sponsor in 1946. In 1947, Philadelphia Electric sponsored "TV Kitchen," a cooking show that lasted 23 years.

Ernie Kovacks, TV's first celebrity, got his start on Channel 3 in 1951. "It's Time for Ernie," broadcast nationally by NBC, originated from WPTZ's Philadelphia studios.

Westinghouse Radio Station,

Inc. (known today as Group W) bought WPTZ-TV in June, 1953. On December 18 of that year, WPTZ broadcast the first color commercial television program in the Philadelphia area, clips from Walt Disney's "Living Desert" and "Ben and Me." About 20 homes in the area were equipped to receive color broadcasts.

NBC took over ownership of Channel 3 in January 1956 and changed the call letters from WPTZ to WRCV. NBC owned the station for nine years until Group W regained ownership in 1965. The call letters were changed from WRCV to KYW, and "The Mike Douglass Show" became the first live syndicated program to originate from Philadelphia.

"Eyewitness News" debuted in 1968, and revolutionized TV news by allowing reporters deliver their own stories, instead of just having the anchor person read all the stories.

Today, Channel 3 is located on Independence Mall, and reaches over five million homes.

"War Game" Comes to Penn State Jan. 10

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"The War Game," a movie about a futuristic nuclear war, will be shown in Room 101-M on January 10, 1983. It is another film being sponsored by the S.A.C., and no admission will be charged.

"The War Game" postulates a day when diplomacy fails, nations are backed into corners, and bluffs are called. In newsreel fashion, the film depicts the grim effects of a

nuclear attack on Great Britain. The attack is based on information supplied by experts in nuclear defense, economics, and medicine.

The S.A.C. will also present "The Halfback of Notre Dame" on January 19. The black and white film is a college comedy with slapstick and special filming techniques used for comic visuals. Also being shown with "The Halfback of Notre Dame" is "Rikki-Tikki-Tavi."

"Lion in Winter" at Hedgerow

James Goldman's "The Lion in Winter" will be presented at the Hedgerow Theater December 27-January 1. Uneasy is the head that wears the crown and uneasy is the truce between a matchless king and queen. This rollicking comedy deals with Henry II, Eleanor of Aquitaine and their feuding offspring, as with wit and humor they each try to determine who shall be Henry's heir. As the New York Times stated, "it is a work of intelligence, astringent wit, and much theatrical skill."

Showtime for the "The Lion in Winter" is 8 PM for all shows. Tickets cost \$7, with a \$1 discount for students and senior citizens. After January 1, "The Lion in Winter" will be presented on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays through January. Tickets for these performances are \$5 on Thursdays, \$6 on Fridays, and \$7 on Saturdays. Once again the \$1 discount for students and senior citizens applies. The Hedgerow Theater is located on Rose Valley Road in Moylan.

A Retraction

In the last issue of the *Lion's Eye*, a poem entitled "Dawn" was credited as being written by John David "Dreamer" Smith. The poem was, in fact, written by Langston Hughes. This plagiarism was not discovered until the day after the issue came out. The *Lion's Eye* apologizes to the Hughes' Estate, and hopes that they won't find out about this and sue us. The poetry column should be back next issue.

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