

# Talk Tent — a success story with a bundle of laughs

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TONY THOMPSON and Victor Clifford are two good reasons to never stay home and watch Oliver-At-Large.

And after you see Thompson and Clifford in Talk Tent '89, you'll wonder why CBC-TV bothers with some of the programmes which are aired, when the far finer talent is found right here in Bim.

This is not to imply that Talk Tent '89 is a success just because of Thompson and Clifford — but they are certainly the stars and the tie that binds this zany, sentimental collage of comedic snippets and stories.

The first-ever merger of entertainers from Pinelands Creative Workshop and Stage One Theatre, Talk Tent has more laughs per minute than the ever-popular, Laff It Off. And the bonus is that Talk Tent is suitable for children — completely suitable, even if a little longish. The two segments run about 90 minutes each.

The plot, if you can call it that, centres around a fictional broadcast day on station A-Big WC, complete with station identification singers, armed with chamber pots.

And, as promised, most of the material comes off the

front pages of newspapers. Sandwiched in are snippets and pieces from the works of Paul Keens-Douglas, Anthony Hinkson, Una Marson, V.S. Naipaul, Eintou Springer, Bruce St. John, Luther Bourne, Stella St. John and Flora Squires.

We really can't tell you about the best pieces of the show since those pieces are the punchlines and why ruin the jokes?

But there are performances, besides Thompson's and Clifford's, that stand out:

Watch the wine party segment with Annette Lowe who, with near perfect diction even though laced with dialect, emotes clear to the back row.

Look for Ian Walcott's incredibly smooth ability to story-tell. He is a pure joy just to listen to.

And check out John Collymore. According to the bio printed in the programmes, Collymore often helps out backstage. But after you see his outrageous characterisation of a bus driver, complete with engine noise, you'll want him out front forevermore.

The Pinelands Dancers are a joy to behold in their colourful costumes and make two appearances at just the right

places in Talk Tent.

There are nine remaining performances of Talk Tent '89, all at 8 p.m. at Combermere.

The play runs tonight and

Aug. 3, 5, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 and 20. Tickets are available at the door, at CS Pharmacy, Nicks Pharmacy, Holetown; and Edghill's Pharmacy, Oistins.

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## Another new dessert from Colombo...

THE COMPANY that brought frozen yogurt to Barbados is now working to bring in a fruit-based, zero-fat, sugarless frozen dessert.

"We've had diabetics calling every day and we realise there is a need," said Gayle Ross of Tropical Trading Incorporated, agents for Colombo frozen yogurt.

She said the company also plans to introduce frozen yogurt to other islands in the Eastern Caribbean: "St. Lucia, Antigua, Grenada and Trinidad by this fall".

Frozen yogurt has become a fast favourite here since it was introduced to Barbadians at B'MEX 1989, with sales having exceeded agent's expectations.

Colombo frozen yogurt became available at six more locations in the last week and is now sold at about 30 restaurants, hotels and supermarkets, and will also be available in the new Sheraton Centre mall, soon opening in the old Intel building, Christ Church.

Colombo frozen yogurt, available in Canada and the United States, is owned by a French company, which is moving its frozen desserts into England and plans to enter the entire European market.

Ross explained that this could boost sales locally as more tourists would be familiar with the product.

She doesn't think the introduction of another brand of frozen yogurt would hurt Colombo's sales "because it's recognised as the best yogurt in the world".

Frozen yogurt, which has captured about one-third of the ice cream market in the United States, is a preferred dessert among health-conscious people because, although it tastes like ice cream, it contains only one-third of the fat and calories of most premium ice creams.

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