

**Black Movies, TV News Briefs**

# "Jock Jewelry" Is Newest Fad In Sports

The newest fad catching the eye of sports fans nowadays is the jewelry our baseball, basketball and tennis stars are wearing around their necks. Some feature necklaces, some religious medallions, some their names embedded in diamonds and some featuring the "Muntu," the new national black symbol. No matter what, this "jock jewelry" is the thing today.

The critics were mixed about "Timbuktu", but the box-office looks okay with a \$300,000 advance and theatregoers, especially Blacks, flocking to see Eartha Kitt, Melba Moore, Gilbert Price, and Ira Hawkins who now has a featured role. Melba, spokesperson for ITT's "Big Blue Marble" drew a rave from one critic. "And Allah be kind," he implored. "Give that vibrant little chick Melba Moore a classy new musical comedy and let her shine forevermore, or what passes for such in Broadway's sands of time."

Playwright Richard Wesley's latest, "The Mighty Gents" is now trying out in Washington, the first drama by a black Playwright to play the Kennedy Center. It's due to hit Broadway at the Ambassador Theatre on April 13. In the leading role is Dorian Harewood, last seen in "Streamers". Harewood can also be seen in the new Charlton Heston movie, "Gray Lady Down." the busy Wesley not only is writing a series script for "Roots: The next 100 Years." He also has a TV pilot, "Cool Breeze" that Alan King's King-Hitzig Productions is producing for CBS.

Thomas "Satch" Sanders, coach of the Boston Celtics received a plaque from the Holcombe Rucker Community League during halftime at the Garden recently during the Knicks-Rockets game "in appreciation for his interest, dedication and involvement in the Rucker Program over the years." Earlier some Harlem youngsters got the thrill of their lives playing in the Garden as the Rucker-ITT Memorial Winter League's playoffs got off with the Boys of Yesteryear, trouncing Minisink, 47-35. ITT's yearly \$50,000 grant keeps the league operating year-round.

Baltimore native singer Renaud, who has been an opening act for such as the Jackson Five and Sly and the Family Stone is busy cutting an LP of his own that those in the know say will launch him



**Paul Winfield**  
...Leading actor

on his own as a top entertainer. He was once under contract with Motown. They didn't appreciate him.

Richard Pryor's "Blue Collar" and "Which Way Is Up" are Nos. 16 and 17 in the list of "50 Top-Grossing Films." "A Hero Ain't Nothin' But A Sandwich" is No. 21. Also still on the list, in No. 43 spot, is "Short Eyes."

An exhibit of "African Inspirations" from The Design Works of Bedford-Stuyvesant goes on display March 14 at the New Muse at 1530 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, in cooperation with The Henry Street Settlement and The Brooklyn Museum. It will continue through April 11.



**Sly Stone**  
...Famed musician

Philly Newsman Claude Harrison, Jr. says reports that he's leaving the Philadelphia Tribune for Metromedia also.

James Earl Jones, now starring on Broadway in "Paul Roberson" makes a guest appearance on "Sesame Street" in the role of a Hollywood superstar in quest of the perfect egg cream in a segment which illustrates the program's curriculum goal of career awareness. He'll appear in the award-winning TV series show that airs on April 5, on the local PBS stations.

Former world heavyweight champion Joe Louis, 63, has returned to his Las Vegas home and reported making

good recovery from illness that had him in hospitals for the past four months. He's confined to a wheelchair but should be able to walk again after therapy. Frank Sinatra, who reportedly footed the Brown Bomber's hospital bills said to be planning a huge benefit for him.

Harlem hears that the once famous Red Rooster bar and dining room will be converted into a discotheque.

"Roots" has become a big hit in Germany. Newspapers there report that 19 million of the nation's 62 million people watched the first installment and 20 million saw the second. The mini-series is being shown in 11 parts.



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