

Black Movies, TV News Briefs**"Richard Wright: Ordeal Of A Native Son" Is A "Must" Book**

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A "must" book is "Richard Wright: Ordeal of a Native Son," by Addison Gayle (Anchor Press-Doubleday, \$14.95). This is about this important American black novelist, a literary godfather to such as Ralph Ellison and James Baldwin, and is a case study in the government harassment of a man who had every right to be obsessed with American racism.

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Woodie King, Jr.'s National Black Touring Circuit is struggling and suffering growing pains. It was forced to close Ntozake Shange's "boogie woogie landscapes" in Washington's Kennedy Center due to low attendance. King says the production, starring Calvin Lockhart and Marjorie Barnes, will undergo rewrites and will be reintroduced next season. Meanwhile, the Circuit opens in Philadelphia with Ron Milner's "Season's Reasons", featuring Victor Willis, Vonetta McGee, Glynn Turman and Ted Ross.

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Black-owned WBSL-FM in New York continues as the top station in the nation's No. 1 radio market - the metropolitan area, according to the latest Arbitron survey, covering from February 28 through May 21. It's "Disco and More" format enabled WBSL-FM to climb to an 8.1 share from 7.5 in the January-February book. WKTU-FM remains second with 6.7 and all-news WCBS-AM remains third with a 5.5 share. Incidentally, WBSL's Frankie Crocker was ranked second as New York's favorite radio personality, just behind WOR's John Gambling, according to a survey of 3,500 New Yorkers. WNBC's Don Imus is number three.

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Richard Taylor, former deputy director of the Westchester County Urban League takes over as the new executive director of the Harlem Branch YMCA on July 14, just in time to officiate over the Harlem YMCA-Kentucky Fried Chicken All Stars Contest, July 19-20. With this the final week for entries, some 1,000 contestants are expected to compete for the \$2,200 in prizes as they participate in a basketball "shoot-out", push-ups, broad jump, obstacle course run and one-mile run in neighborhood parks and Downing Stadium Randall's Island.

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The newly-owned Sesame Place playground is located on 15-acre site adjacent to the Oxford Valley Mall, near Longhorne, Pa., in Lower Bucks County, about 30 minutes by car from downtown Philadelphia and about one and one-half hours from New York City. General admission is \$3.95 plus tax for this new amusement park, an important breakthrough in family entertainment. The park will be open daily year round.

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"Artists-in-Residence: 1980" at the Studio Museum in Harlem will feature the works of Louis Del-sarte, Candace Hill-Montgomery

and Jacqui Holmes, from July 13-September 21. The museum is located at 2033 Fifth Avenue, near 125th Street and is open Tuesdays through Sundays.

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The Rucker Memorial-ITT Summer Basketball League plays host to a five-team South Jersey contingent, from the Camden-Philadelphia area, at the City College

Holman Gym on Sunday, July 20. The Camden Athletic Association of Camden, N.J. sponsors the visitors. Games will feature Pre-teen, Midget, Junior, Senior and Unlimited teams. Proceeds will benefit the Holcombe Rucker Memorial Scholarship Fund. Tickets and info are available at regular Saturday and Sunday locations of the Rucker-ITT Sum-

mer League: Colonel Young Park, 144th St. and Lenox Ave.; Mt. Morris Park, 121st St. and Madison Ave.; and Kett Playground, 204th St. and Nagle Ave.; or call (212) 368-2857.

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SINGERS: Hazel Scott and her Trio are in the King Cole Room of the St. Regis Sheraton through September 13. Sandi Russell, billed

as "A Singer Whose Time Has Come," is at Greene Street (101 Greene Street), July 15, 16 and at the West Bank Cafe, (407 W. 42nd Street), July 23. Sara Vaughan is at the Grand Finale, July 29-August 10.

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