

**Black TV, Movies**

**News Briefs**

Here's the lineup for last week's Top Five in the list of "50 Top-Grossing Films": 1. "Marathon Man," 2. "Car Wash," 3. "Norman Is That You?," 4. "The Ritz," 5. "The Front."

"Melba At The Met" will mark another first for singer-actress Melba Moore when she appears at the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday, Dec. 12. Melba, the spokesperson for "Big Blue Marble," ITT's Emmy and Peabody Award-winning public service TV series for children has a new release out on Buddah label, "Melba." She's also entertaining at Capital Press Club's annual dinner next month in Washington.

FCC Commissioner Benjamin L. Hooks' decision to take over as executive director of the NAACP means that on becoming president Jan. 20, Jimmy Carter will have the option of choosing his own FCC Chairman or selecting one from within the commission. Many people felt that Hooks was the frontrunner for the chairmanship. He said that he recognized that possibility but that he thought "the NAACP needs me." Blacks will now demand at least another black on the commission.

"Open Sesame," a 65-program series drawn from the original version of "Sesame Street," is being broadcast in six countries under varying names. Children of 42 countries and territories enjoy the original production in English. Four co-productions of "Sesame Street" are on the air in Europe and Latin America.

Ready to travel? The 100 Black Men have a fantastic trip to Jamaica, Dec. 3-6. Then there's the United Negro College Fund trip to Las Vegas, Dec. 16-19 to help Sammy Davis Jr. celebrate his birthday, to be finalized in a dinner featuring Frank Sinatra, Pearl Bailey, Steve Lawrence, Eydie Gorme, Flip Wilson and Sandy Baron. And you can start planning now for The Fellas' Lake Tahoe Weekend Thing, May 27-30. Or The 15th Annual 1977 International Golf Tour which includes air and sea cruise to Italy and Greece, July 14-25.

Ron Delsener, New York's major concert promoters of rock shows, has a point. He says when there's violence and vandalism at rock shows the cry is to ban them-permanently. But when there's even greater violence at athletic events there's no public hue and cry to ban sports events. He cites the tearing up of Yankee Stadium field after the Yanks won the American League pennant, the vandalism and mugging at the Ali-Norton fight and two killings at the Jets-Patriots game in Foxboro, Mass.

The National Touring Company of Raisin has grossed \$4 million since it went on the road on Dec. 3, 1975. Expectation is that gross will hit the \$5,000,000 mark in 1977.

Harry Belafonte's concert tour of West Germany was such a hit that the promoters had to downplay the advertising because all the tickets were sold out within a few days of going on sale. His tour across Canada was also a sell-out.

The U.S. Zone Committee of the Second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture (FESTAC), has announced that 32 high school and college students essayists will be invited to attend the Festival next January. They have to write 1,000-word essays on "How Do You See the Relationship Between Culture and the Struggle of African People for Self-Determination." Essays must be in by Nov. 30.



**K.C. AND THE SUNSHINE BAND**

*...Hard-driving 9-man aggregation*

**K. C., Sunshine Band To Boggie Down On Soul Train**

Two stellar acts appear on Soul Train this weekend-K.C. and the Sunshine Band, of "Get Down Tonight" and "Rock Your Baby" fame, and Tony Award winning singer, Dee Dee Bridgewater.

Harry Wayne Casey, the "K.C." of the Sunshine Band, and Richard Finch, originators of the group, write, produce and perform their own material which includes, "That's The Way I Like It," "I Like To Do It" and "Shake Your Booty," their Soul Train selections.

The nine-man aggregation is a hard driving, innovative band of Black musicians, with

the exception of Casey and Finch, who developed their "Miami sound" near the Hialeah, Florida racetrack.

A vocalist earmarked for stardom, Dee Dee Bridgewater brings a wealth of talent to her renditions of "Going Through the Motions" and "My Prayer."

Before earning the Tony Award as best supporting actress for her portrayal of Glinda in the Broadway play, The Wiz, she had earned an international reputation as a jazz singer. Mrs. Bridgewater is now living in Los Angeles where she hopes to pursue an acting and recording career.

**Lee, Michaux To Get**

**Top Government Posts**

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office. Lee said, "I have been in one meeting with Governor-elect Hunt but he did not mention any appointment at that time." Hunt made the commitment before the primary to appoint at least one Black to his cabinet. Lee, one of the most active Blacks in N.C. Democratic Party, said his preference for a cabinet post would be the N.C. Department of Human Resources.

The Human Resources Department has never been headed by a Black. Dr. Renee Wescott Hill, Director of the Social Services Division, is the

highest ranking Black person within the department. She recently submitted her resignation to Governor-elect Hunt as he had requested of political appointees.

Political observers familiar with the North Carolina scene say that while Lee and several other Black North Carolinians, including Walter Johnson, a Greensboro Attorney, have a good chance to land at least one cabinet post in Hunt's administration, Michaux's ambition to be the nation's second Black to hold the HUD post is not as politically expedient for several reasons.

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**To Bicentennial Bowl**

ORANGEBURG--South Carolina State College head football coach Willie Jeffries, whose Bulldogs meet Norfolk State in the Bicentennial Bowl at Richmond, Va., on Dec. 11, Washington Heights

has been named "Coach of the Year" in NAIA District 6.

Jeffries' selection as the top coach in the District marks the fourth consecutive time he has received the honor from his fellow coaches.

S.C. State recorded its third straight Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) title with a 5-1 mark and finished 9-1 overall, the best record in the school's history. Jeffries' squad was also one of the top ranked teams in the NAIA.

**Secret Pals**

**Exchange Gifts**

An exchange of gifts between secret pals will take place at the next meeting of the Washington Heights Garden Club.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, December 14, at the home of Mrs. Willett Patterson, 1204 Campus Street.

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**Sanford & Son**

Aunt Esther (LaWanda Page) wears a neck brace in the Friday, Dec. 3 episode of "Sanford and Son," to be shown on Channel Nine at 8 p.m. The dialogue indicates that she sustained the injury in a collision that occurred while she was riding in her husband's delivery truck.

However, the truth of the matter is that actress Page was injured in a real-life accident.

In late August, Page was on a cross-country tour to promote "Sanford and Son" when she was called back to Los Angeles to appear on the "Dinah!" program with Redd Foxx.

After the show was taped, a friend was driving her home when another car ran into them. Page was injured but neither the driver nor the other passengers were. She sustained a mild concussion, multiple back, shoulder and neck injuries, and was hospitalized for ten days.

After her release from the hospital, Page had to undergo therapy for many weeks. Even when this episode of "Sanford and Son" was taped in early October, she had to take frequent breaks in order to take back and neck therapy and treatment.

**SUPER SOUNDS**

- 1 YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A STAR  
Marilyn McCoo & Billy Davis Jr.
- 2 LOVE BALLAD LTD
- 3 CAR WASH  
Rose Royce
- 4 JUST TO BE CLOSE TO YOU  
Commodores
- 5 ENJOY YOURSELF  
The Jacksons
- 6 DAZZ  
Brick
- 7 THE RUBBERBAND MAN  
The Spinners
- 8 SHAKE YOUR RUMP TO THE FUNK  
Bar-Kays
- 9 GIVE IT UP  
Tyrone Davis
- 10 PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC  
Wild Cherry
- 11 CATFISH  
Four Tops
- 12 HOT LINE  
The Sylvers
- 13 A FIFTH OF BEETHOVEN  
Walter Murphy & The Big Apple Band
- 14 LET'S BE YOUNG TONIGHT  
Jermaine Jackson
- 15 GROOVY PEOPLE  
Lou Rawls
- 16 DO IT TO MY MIND  
Johnny Bristol
- 17 I DON'T WANNA LOSE YOU LOVE  
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