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July's biggest disco hit?? Marvin Gaye's "Got To Give It Up" gets our vote. Disc Jockeys at the WINDOW played the eleven-minute tune 5 times one night last weekend...

The crowd didn't seem to mind. They packed the floor every time.

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BEN E. KING...Still trying to climb the comeback trail after his "Supernatural thing" two years ago...may get a lift from the Average White Band.

The group is getting together with Ben to cut an album for Atlantic. Their soulful instrumentations should provide a lot more background variety.

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The title song of the movie "Disco 9000" sung by Johnny "Disco Lady" Taylor...is out on a 45.

The entire soundtrack album will follow shortly. The movie, incidentally, is doing well, but probably won't be in Charlotte for a couple of months.

JAZZ LOVERS...be on the lookout for Jimmy Smith's latest album on Mercury Records. He calls it "It's Necessary." The album was recorded live in Hollywood in July...it should be out by late August.

ASHFORD & SIMPSON may be in town for a concert soon...Promoters are trying to lure them here along with Rose Royce.

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And everybody at ATLANTIC Records is buzzing about the week-long concert in Montreux, Switzerland.

It featured every star on that label, old and new. Jazz enthusiasts would have enjoyed Herbie Mann, Sonny Fortune, and Etta James.

Band leader Don Ellis was there to showcase his new 22-piece band, Survival.

The band played a soundtrack that you have heard...if you've seen the movie STAR WARS.

And the Average White Band and Ben E. King were there to highlight "Disco Night"...it marked the first on-stage appearance he and the group have made since disclosing plans for an album. Don't be surprised if he becomes part of their regular



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act.

Red-hot mama Melba Moore literally is one, now.

She recently gave birth to a daughter. A spokesman for her said she will be back in action soon.

GOSPEL MUSIC fans...a lot of good things are being said about blind-gospel singer Dan Smith's upcoming album. Like other blind musicians...it has been said that his songs are done with a lot of feeling.

Aretha Franklin and Thelma Houston provided most of the action at Tom Bradley's recent second-term festivities. It would appear that Shirley Brown has finally put together another hit record. Her latest, "I Need Somebody To Love Me" is getting lots of spinning time by the disk jockeys over at WGIV.

If you don't find Dorothy Moore's "I Believe You" and Gladys Knight's "Baby Don't Change Your Mind" fantastic entertainment treats, you do not know how to get down.

Look for Rose Royce and the fabulous Staple Singers new releases. These albums should make you endure the hot, simmering long nights of August with great listening pleasures.

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## WBTV To Present Donkey Baseball

WBTV presents "Donkey Baseball" for the benefit of Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Charlotte at "Family Night at the Orioles," Friday night, July 29, at Crockett Memorial Park.

The fun begins at 7 p.m. when the WBTV "Starlings" play members of the Charlotte Oriole team in Donkey Baseball. The "Starlings" are made up of such well-known local people as Pat Locke, Jim Thacker, Kays Gary, Bob Lacey, Tim Flock, Dick Durante, Dot Jackson, Ray Gooding, Bob Quincy, Jim Patterson,

### District

### Representation

### Is WBTV Topic

WBTV Community Affairs Director, Lou Heckler, will head up a panel discussion of "What's District Representation All About?," Sunday, July 31 at 6:30 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

The panel will consist of several members of the Charlotte City Council: Betty Chafin, Neil Williams and Harvey Gantt; Sam Smith of the Westside Community Organization; and Ed Williams, Editorial Writer for the Charlotte Observer.

The discussion, which will focus on what impact the recently voted-in district representation will have on the community and the upcoming election, will be held in the WBTV studios before a live audience.

H.A. Thompson, Lynne Bradley and Harold Johnson. They will be riding donkeys, as will the Oriole team, in a baseball game that will be, to say the least, different. In fact, the teams will have more opposition from the donkeys than each other. Running the bases, or trying to reach a batted ball, when the donkey decides to go the other way, or decides the rider has been on his back too long, can be difficult. The Donkeys have rather awesome names including "Bucking Pete," "Old Tiger," "Elvis," and "Suicide." Among the umpires will be Fred Kirby riding Calico. It's a laugh-a-second sport, and one the whole family will enjoy.

In addition to seeing the "Craziest Show on Earth," there'll be opportunities to collect autographs, win free drinks and food, and have one of the thousand free baseballs thrown to you. And, following

"Donkey Baseball," there'll be real baseball when the Orioles meet the Orlando Twins.

Join the fun on WBTV's "Donkey Baseball" at "Family Night at the Orioles," Friday, July 29, when proceeds go for a great cause, Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Charlotte.

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