

# ENTERTAINMENT

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## Hues & Cries

### RAY CHARLES SCORES

NEW YORK - (NPI)--With singer-pianist Ray Charles putting on a great show, the 1966 Forest Hills Musical festival closed with dramatic impact last week. Charles delighted 90,000 fans singing blues, show tunes, standards and country songs at the final performance. He also drew terrific response from the audience, which joined him singing his popular hit tune, "Let's Go Get Stoned."

### SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENT

NEW YORK - (NPI)--Singer Carmen McRae, her warm, husky voice as appealing as ever, this week closed out a successful engagement at the Village Gate. Backed by the Norman Simmons trio, Miss McRae was especially popular with the nightly audiences with her singing of a cutie number called "Kick Off Your Shoes and Relax."

### RENEWAL

NEW YORK - (NPI)--The National Broadcasting company has renewed the popular adventure comedy series starring the interracial team of Bill Cosby and Robert Culp for another year of color television exposure. The show, a cloak and dagger affair mixed with humor, is filmed on location in Italy, the Green Islands, North Africa and various U.S. sites.

### RAWLS THRILLS HOMETOWNERS

CHICAGO - (NPI)--Lou Rawls, the gospel-oriented blues singer and Capitol recording star, returned to the Chicago scene to thrill hometowners in concert performances at McCormick Place, Sept. 2-3. A native of Chicago, Rawls is a graduate of Dunbar High school on the Southside and sang in the church before branching out with the Pilgrim Travelers gospel group.

### AL HIBBLER SCORES

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - (NPI)--The Diamond Horseshoe Bar & Grill reverberated to the deep-infused tones of banjo player Al Hibbler last weekend, as the former Duke Ellington vocalist opened a stand at the club. Among the evergreens,

Hibbler sang to the delight of the audience, on opening night, his famous renditions of "Trees," "I'm Just A Lucky So And So," and "Ebb Tide."

### NELLIE STILL SENDS 'EM

LOS ANGELES - (NPI)--Nellie Lutcher, who scored a big hit many years ago with her rendition of "Fine Brown Frame," still sends 'em, balladwise, as her performance at the New Orleans Square showed. Miss Lutcher closed out a successful engagement at New Orleans Square, the newest of Disneyland features, on Sept. 3, singing many of her song hits.

### ACTRESS REJECTS CLEOPATRA ROLE

NOTTINGHAM, England - (NPI)--The opportunity of becoming the first of her race to play Shakespeare's "Cleopatra" in a British theater apparently meant little to American-born actress Diana Sands recently. She turned down the offer to return "home" to consider "alternative arrangements." She said the "matter is now in the hands of legal advisers."

### NANCY'S "EVENING" DELIGHTFUL

LOS ANGELES - (NPI)--"An Evening With Nancy Wilson" at the Greek Theatre last week turned out to be an enthralling experience for jazz fans, as the famous jazz singer and recording artist turned in a sterling performance in true Wilson tradition. Nancy was accompanied in the musical program by a group of 20 called the "Doodletown Pipers," and, on two Brazilian numbers, by Brazilian guitarist Laurindo Almeida.

### FILM ROLE FOR CULLEN

NEW YORK - (NPI)--Mrs. Ida Cullen, widow of the late celebrated author and playwright Countee Cullen--who penned the screen hit "St. Louis Woman"--has been given the role of a school teacher in the new Warner Brothers film, "Up the Down Staircase." She is one of a cast of high school teachers featured in the film about the frustrations of a new young teacher in a big city school system.

## Mrs. Motley's Judgeship Wins Senate Approval

WASHINGTON--(NPI)--The Senate, sitting as a body, confirmed by voice vote the Presidential appointment of Mrs. Constance Baker Motley, 44, as the first Negro woman U. S. District court judge. The vote came quickly after Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss.) had sought to drum up support for refusing the confirmation by claiming the candidate had been active with the Young Communist League in 1942-43.

The action of the entire senate was in sharp contrast to that of the internal security subcommittee headed by Eastland, which had delayed action on the nomination since it was made by President Johnson last January.

Mrs. Motley, is currently president of the Borough of Manhattan, and a former New York state senator. She has served on the legal staff of the NAACP for 20 years.

New Haven (Conn.) born, she attended Fisk university, received a B. A. from New York university, and a law degree from Columbia university. Married to Joel Motley, a real estate broker, she has a son, Joel, Jr.

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