

Television

 Much debate has centered around the "20/20" segment tonight, which features an hour-long interview with Barbara Streisand. Some have called this interview, prepared by long-time Streisand pal Geraldo Rivera a "love-in." TV critic Mike Duffy of Knight-Ridder said the interview is "sheer fun magazine fluff" and doesn't belong on a news show. For its part, ABC has called the interview "thoughtful and penetrating." You can be the judge tonight, 9 p.m. on Channel 7.

Radio

 Conductor Raccardo Muti leads Itzhak Perlman and the Philadelphia Orchestra tonight at 8 p.m. on KUCV (90.9 FM). Featured on tonight's program are Copeland's "Fanfare for the Common man," Mendelssohn's "Symphony No. 4 in A," and Beethoven's "Violin Concerto in D." Great party music.

At the Sheldon

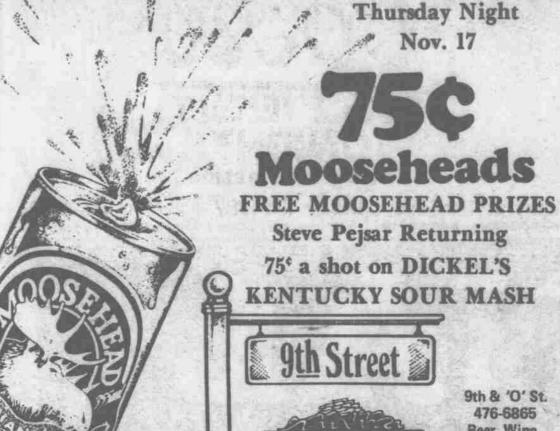
 Tonight through Saturday, the Sheldon Film Theatre is presenting a stunning film documenting gospel music in America today. "Say Amen, Somebody," a film by George T. Nierenberg, is a brilliant look at the music and society of some of the country's most powerful gospel singers. Admission is \$3. It is showing at 7 and 9 p.m., with a Saturday matinee at 3 p.m.

At the Kimball

 The University Orchestra will be featured in concert tonight at 8 p.m. The program will feature three senior soloists (Kelly Ellenwood, Jerlene Finley and Steffanie Hinkley) chosen competitively from the school of music.

Around Campus

 The UPC American Film Committees is sponsoring a screening of "Casablanca," tonight and Friday at 7 and 9:15 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for students with a current student ID, \$2 for others.



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If you're the type of person that drives around Lincoln reading billboards, you've probably noticed amongst the "This is Weird Country" signs that a new billboard has arrived - Big Eight TV, "Nebraska's 24hour independent giant."

Independent

Big Eight TV

has arrived

By Jeff Willcox

Big Eight TV, Nebraska's first independent television "giant" will begin broadcasting late this month, according to Frank Brousseau, gene-ral manager of Big Eight TV and the NTV Network.

Big Eight TV, which will broadcast its free signal 24-hours a day, will be located on channel 8 (thus, the name) and will serve 31 Nebraska counties and provide coverage of approximately 20,000 square miles including Lincoln, Fre-mont, Grand Island, Hast-ings, Columbus and Nor-folk.

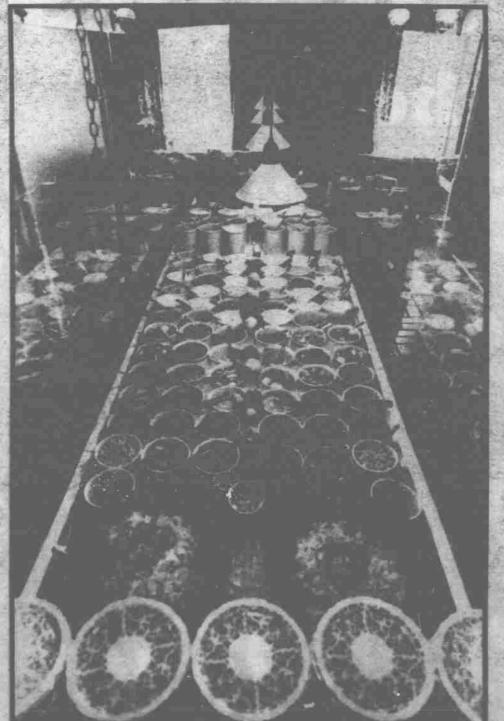
The station's programming will include such series from the past as "Lou Grant," "Star Trek," "I Love Lucy," "Green Acres" and "WKRP In Cincipati" Place Fight TV also cinati." Big Eight TV also will show movies three times a day. The station had acquired the rights to more than 2,500 classic, recent release and made-for-television films.

According to a publication released by Big Eight TV, the channel will attempt to show what viewers want to see.

Through affiliations with KATZ Television, Metro Sports, Kansas City Royals, Big Eight Sports and Notre Dame, Big Eight TV will be able to carry a wide coverage of sports events.

Also new to Nebraska will be border-to-border coverage of state news. Big Eight TV has news bureaus in Lincoln. Grand Island, Hastings, Kearney and North Plat-te and plans to have one in Omaha soon. State news will be broadcast four times a day and the station also will provide six half-hour programs dealing with such local topics as agricultural news, weather, stock reports and updates throughout the day. CNN News and CNN II Head-line News will provide the line News will provide the station's national news.

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