

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

N'York City -- The cops and the world of records are shirling about trying to fathom the strange and mysterious gunning down of Tazz Lang, mgr. of the rising super wax star, Teddy "Bear" Pendergrass. Tang was killed in the City of Brotherly Love when she stepped out of her car. Strange, strange! . . . Much to nobody's surprise, lovely super model and budding actress Farrah Fawcett-Majors, has publicly admitted what everyone suspected, that Bill(cutie) Cosby went more all out to lose rather than win their highly publicized TV battle of the sexes tennis match . . . Our man at the U.N., Ambassador Andy Young, has won the backing of Rabbi A.M. Schendler. He was quick to inform Prez Carter that he "totally backed" the outspoken Young. Good, how about more of the same. To us Andy is like a breath of fresh air in the foul atmosphere of tricksters and liars within the world "peace" center . . . Amiel Brown, formerly half of the dance duo of Sneeks and Amiel, and a long time rights crusader, his telegraphed an invite to Prez. Jimmy Carter asking him to conduct a forum at the 369th Amory in Harlem.

PBS writers are using courtroom transcripts fashion a documentary of the abortion case of Dr. Kenneth Edlin. He is the medic who was convicted of manslaughter after performing a legal abortion at a Boston Hosp. The widely publicized decision was recently overturned . . . The passing of her sister, Janet Wilson Phipps leaves Lucille Armstrong, widow of the late immortal Louis, without a living relative . . . FLICKER FACTS There are no major black film productions on the '77-'78 H'wood horizon other than Sidney Poitier's continuing series, going before the camera this time as "A Piece of the Action." the mucho talented artist will huncho the entire deal, write, direct, produce and co star in the opus. Other stars will include Bill Cosby, Denise Nicholas, with her lovely self, James Earl Jones, Terry Reed and Mark Lawrence . . . A wise bro. just told an ofay producer not to attempt a revival of "Blackbirds" with Vivian Reed as his topper. "Black is beautiful" he said, "but some titles

report. Several black stars have been inked to top roles.

Among them is Clarence Williams III who has only been screen-scened in re-runs of "Mod Squad". He has a major role in "Straight Time" a yarn about Folsom Prison, co-starring Dustin Hoffman . . . Gridiron Great Jim Brown will co-star in "Fingers" . . . Lou Gossett has a big part in "The Choirboys", and Altovise Davis, junior's spouse, will make her important film debut in "Kingdom of the Spiders", starring William Shatner.

WRITE HERE --- Phillipe Wynn, ex of the Spinners has inked an exclusive with Cotillion Records. To top it off he has sole-spun "Hats Off to Mama", and "Like a Lose r Needs a Friend", for his new boss, Henry Allen . . . Ear happiness is a Glen Covington wax groove of "Preacher's Son From Georgia". You don't hear Glen hearabouts too much as he stays on tap in those posh hotel lounges . . . Have you hear about the Fatback Band? Well the group is on Spring Records and these dudes are on with some heavy git down cuts with their latest LP, "Bus Stop". The line is mine, but the rap is from the "Rapper" who's preparing a June blow-up in Atlanta. With fun and games, not dynamite . . . The Negro Actors Guild will ask President Carter to name a black ot one of those five slots on the Copyright Royalty Commission. Why not Eubie Blake, noby alive knows more about such things than this immortal composer. In confirming a longago report in this corner, that Sammy Davis, Jr. would not continue his "Sammy Davis & Co., we add this additional info: He just wanted to prove that he could sustain a show on the tubes until he wanted out. However like all routine things, it becomes boring and in the case of super star starts to conflict with commitments on the agenda, world entertainment . . . Candace Carruthers up'grading as editorial chief of WABC-TV is regarded as the biggest black promotion ever in the teevee news-room . . . Dick Clark gathered a group of hard rock heavies to clebrate the 25th anny of "The Bandstand". Among the marquee illuminators inked were Fats Domino, Chubby Checker, Little Anthony, Bo Diddley, The Marvelettes and

Danny and the Juniors . . . Johnny Mathis

Danny and the Juniors . . . Johnny Mathis is being hailed and hello'ed on his 4th concert tour of the old land in 5 yrs . . . They continued to segregate music (tch tch!) so you will find Oscar Fields in the office of director of Black Music Marketing for Warner-Elektra-Atlantic. He was snatched from RCA, for the post, where he was a product merchandising manager. A more non-segregated soulding position, but we guess with less bread . . . B'way thrilled to the New York debut of Teddy (Bear) Pendergrass, Philly's International recording artist and former lead singer of Harold Melvin and Blue Notes. He solo-artisted at Carnegie Hall with such hits as "Wake Up Everybody", "I Miss You", and "Bad Luck". The acclaim was marred by the gunning down of Tazz Lang, Teddy's mgr. in the City of Brotherly Love Phila. to the unhepped.

The Mickey Rivers - Dock Ellis squabble with the Yankee Baseball management is in the olive branch stage. Could be the yanks may all wind up as kissing kuzzins. Guess what's getting a big ride on the charts in Britan big ride on the charts in Britain, "You Don't Have to be a Star". But Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr. who render it with aplomb are jumpin' all over the sound barriers from town to town or, putting it an other way, to be seen on the scene are George Duke, Chick Corea, Al Dimelola, the O'Jays, Lou Rawls and Teddy Pendergrass. They've been shuffling from Buffalo to Carnegie Hall, to Westbury Fair and you name it. Busy bodies! . . .

A man who admits his errors is good for the soul, brother. Steve Manning mailgrammed to correct an untruth in his "Truth of the Matter" newsletter. He now says (not to us; we didn't print it): "Grover Washington Jr. has not signed with Columbia Records (because) Grover records exclusively for CTI Records . . . "My apologies"! That's the write thing to do Steve, you sure know how to get a plug. A B'way columnist went write into bad health because she saw Harry Belafonte kiss his ex-dancing spouse, Julie, on the dance floor of a posh disco. Guess she isn't used to theatrical super stars being in L'oo've . . . STAY LOOSE

HUMPHREY SAYS PASSAGE OF YOUTH JOBS BILL IS HISTORIC FIRST STEP IN COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM

washington, D. C. - Senator Hubert H. Humphrey today said that favorable action on the Youth Employment and Training Act of 1977 by the U. S. Senate this afternoon 'marks an historic first step toward the development of a comprehensive and effective employment and training policy for the young people of this country.'

'This landmark bill holds out the promise of help that millions of young people are so desperately need to become productive, wage earning members of our economy,' Humphrey said.

Under the Youth Employment and Training Act, \$2 billion will be distributed to the states and to prime sponsors during the next 18 months to develop youth employment and training programs.

'Although this bill is not enough to help all of the 3.3 million young people who are unemployed nationally today,' Humphrey said, 'It is a significant start and a signal to our young people that Congress and the Administration can and will work together to meet their needs.'

Humphrey explained that the amendment to allocate 15 percent of each prime sponsors youth employment fund to serve youths still in school, was added because, many students 'desperately need a job to remain in school' and without this participation youths would have been given an incentive to drip out of school to participate in the employment program.

Noting in his senate remarks that 'unemployment has dealt a devastating blow to the hopes and aspirations of young people,' Humphrey pointed out that in April of this year the unemployment rate among teenagers 16 to 19 years old was 17.8 percent, compared to 4.9 percent among adults 25 years old and over.

among young adults 20 to 24 years old, many

with family responsibilities, the unemployment rate was 36.2 percent and, in many central cities, disadvantaged youths experience an unemployment rate that exceeds 60 percent.

He also pointed out that youth unemployment is a major source of crime. 'Seventy-five percent of arrests for serious crime involve youths under the age of 25 years old,' Humphrey said. 'Most often these crimes are committed by young people who have nothing valuable to do and who have been totally alienated from the mainstream of our society and our economy. The Youth Employment and Training Act provides the first ray of hope for many of these young people.'

SENIOR CITIZENS FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Nevada Division for Aging Services has approximately \$100,000 available for social services programs throughout the state of Nevada', according to division administrator, John B. McSweeney. McSweeney said, 'Private, non-profit and local public agencies are eligible to apply for program funding.' The money is for new grants and will not be used to supplement existing programs funded under the Title III of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended.

Those agencies interested in making application should contact the Division for Aging Services in Carson City at 885-4210 or contact the Las Vegas office at 385-0358, for application kits. The deadline to apply for funding is July 15, 1977.

The division is seeking applications to improve the well-being of the senior citizen. Application priorities include: transportation, chore service, legal services and homemaker and some health aid services, other social services applications will also be accepted.

PUBLIC RADIO OFFERS VOLUNTEER TRAINING

The Nevada Public Radio Corporation will hold its first volunteer training workshop on Saturday, June 11th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room of Frontier Savings, 2135 S. Decatur Blvd. The Nevada Public Radio Corporation is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation organized to establish KNPR-FM, a non-commercial public radio station for the Las Vegas area.

The half-day training workshop is offered to train Jr. League and other community volunteers in the basics of public radio, preparatory to the development of a public radio volunteer organization.

Board members of the corporation will serve as workshop leaders. Chairman Lamar Marchese will open the morning with a look at the history of public radio and go on to explain the structure of public radio both nationally and locally. Vice-Chairman Lee Winston will then touch on some of the technical aspects of FM broadcasting, including the licensing procedure and the FCC.

Apace is available for only 50 volunteer participants, so if you're interested in helping in the development of KNPR please drop a postcard to the Nevada Public Radio Corp., P.O.Box 43177, Las Vegas 89104 by June 8th, listing your name, address and phone number.

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