

# BILLY ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

## SCOTCHING THE RUMORS!

I finally made the big time! My profile is one of twelve in Dewar's "White Label" "Black History Calendar 1979. " Now you never mind the pun. Among my hobbies is listed that I collect matchboxes. Hah! And another canard: that I am one of "the greatest" newspaper columnist, blah, blah. "Greatest" is exclusively for Ali. Sure my column appears in newspapers throughout the U.S.A., the Virgin Islands and Africa and I have to live up to a lot of things, including the fact that my scotch is Dewars. It's my scotch all right, but my scotch my wife drinks, and I know its good because she lets me sip from the glass. Happy (hic!) New Year as I unveil the Dewar calendar which (gulp!) features 11 other personalities, one for each of the 12 months. We all absholootly adore the stuff and our names in big letters and our Sunday best picture with appropriate legends for all of ush (hic!!!) You see, er, see, we were all chosen to appear in these advertisements so they didn't want to waste, waste, the the ads so they're running them in calendar form like as if we were all pinups. Like dish, this.

For 31-days in January the first sheet, sheet! SHOWS Gale Fulton-Ross, one of this country's finest young artists. Among the notable events memorialized for that month are Martin Luther King Jr.'s birth, Jan. 15, 1929, Muhammad Ali's Jan. 17, 1942, Paul Robeson's death, Jan. 23, 1976 and the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing the slaves, Jan. 1 1863. Gale also drinks her favorite scotch, (hic)...Larry Brown, a financial whiz at E.F. Hutton & Co. gets all the Feb. credits and is enmeshed by historic data. You see Lincoln was born Feb. 12, Washington's Feb. 19, Malcolm X was assassinated Feb. 25, 1965 and A. Philip Randolph big day, Feb. 22, 1925 when he founded B.S.C.P., a black union org...Dr. Lincoln J. Ragsdale, prexy Valley Life Insurance, boots, boosts, the scotch. His March days feature the naming of the first black Cardinal Laurean Rugambwa of Tanzania by Pope John XXII, March 16, 1960, and Oliver Lewis, black jockey won the first Kentucky Derby, March 3, 1875.

Thomas H. Tipton heads Vanguard Associates and is vice-prez National Business League. Tom, the April pinup, sez he is extremely courteous, knows how to say hello and thank you. He's from Minneapolis and dunks, er, drunks, er, drinks H-CTOCS, er, hootch. The big events in April were joined by the saddest, April 4, 1968 when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was slain in Memphis. National Newspaper Publishers Association formed by John H. Sengstacke, Apr. 17, 1940, Apr. 28, 1945 when Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. was first elected to Congress. And Apr. 29, 1954 when Willie Mays was voted M.V.P...Carolyn Baker, assistant producer of the Dinah Shore Show, shows her charming features for May and she is made to say that "Women are capable of doing many things." Outstanding among its thirty-one are these dates: The dread (dread) Scott Decision, May 5, 1857, which ruled that a "Slave is not a citizen and can't sue in court. A May 23, 1910 notation that the U.S. census revealed that 99.2% of all blacks were native born compared to 60% of whites, the sad passing of Duke Ellington May 24, 1974. Then the joy of May 29, 1973 when Thomas Bradley was elected the first black mayor of Los Angeles.

John David, prez of John David Hats, prefers that scotch (gulp!) when he drinks up the events filling the thirty days of June, especially the 19th., 1875 when 14 of the 15 jockeys in the first Kentucky Derby were black. The 20th of June was made important because W.C. Handy's "The St. Louis Blues" was born. And don't expect Muhammad to gorget the 28, 1971. That's the day the U.S. Supreme Court set aside his draft evasion conviction. Out of Cleveland, O. comes William and Gustina white to dress up July. They run a men's wear retail store and have sober reflections when actually they should live it up. For on July 17, 1875 Madam C.J. Walker, the first black millionairess was born. Then on the 29th of that month two blacks captured Wimbledon tennis titles. It was Althea Gibson, 1957 and Arthur Ashe, 1975. Another Jimmy Carter. This one James D. is prez of Ophelia Devore school of charm, and probably has never been near Plains. Nor was he around when Pearl Bailey and Cab Calloway got standing ovations for their performance, Aug. 5, 1967, in "Hello Dolly." A toast to them and Marcus Gar-

vey who had the first hand laid on him Aug. 17, 1887 in Jamacia, W.I. if he played golf he could have hit the tee of the Alanta, Ga. public courses which were opened to blacks Aug. 22, 1955.

Remember, this is New Years. What better way to shellabrate than to ring out the old than by joining Alfredo Placers and Caesar Pillot in their N.Y. office where they are prez and veep of Latin Exchange, an outfit that links Hispanics to the professions. "To stimulate each other's thinking," as they say in the ad. Of course they could stimulate by drinking doers, pronounced Dewars. Edpecially for Sept. 25, 1854 when Knight and Bell, two blacks got the contracts to plaster a public bldy in Cincy. The month is also memorable for it was Sept. 2, 1966 when two Robinson, Jackie and Frank, captured the two league's M.-V.P. awards...And October, when yours truly shows his pan and produce a selfserving quote to save his job, but ya gotta read it, I ain't gonna repeat it. Memorable Oct. daze: on the 18, 1970 Angela Davis was arrested on murder and kidnap charges. It was on the 21, 1936 that Jesse Owens won 4-gold medals at the Berlin Olympics, and was snubbed by Hitler.

Idella Hudson, teaches deaf children in Chgo. and has Nov. staked out, the month that two eyepoppin' events happened. Shirley Chisholm became the first black woman elected to Congress, Nov. 5, 1968. On the 18th of that month, 1930 the Scottsboro case ended with a sentence of death for the nine boys. They were acquitted after prolonged litigation in '72. Dec. was reserved for Robert L. Brown and Brenda C. Thornton, prez N'Orleans. One date stands out on that calendar sheet, Dec. 14, 1908, when Jack Johnson became heavyweight champion of the world... Get yourself we've made the grade... HAVE A HAPPY!

### History Of "Black Music"

"The History of Black Popular Music" will be taught at UNLV this spring by the author of a critically acclaimed book on the subject.

Arnold Shaw, author of "Honkers and Shouters: The Golden Years of Rhythm and Blues" will use his new book as text for the course. The class starts Feb. 7 and meets every Wed. from 4 - 7 p.m.

Rolling Stone magazine recently called "Honkers and Shouters" the most important music publication of the year, "a monumental and fundamental study."

Book reviewer Dave Marks wrote, "As a reference book, Shaw's work is virtually unmatched. Shaw has given us back an important portion of our musical heritage. To anyone who cares about the roots of rock and roll, or about the diversity of American music, "Honkers and Shouters" immediately establishes itself as an essential."

Co-sponsored by the music department and the division of continuing education, the class will trace the development of black rhythm and blues through the spiritual, minstrel, ragtime, classic blues and soul eras.

The course is designed to communicate the importance of black music in American culture and provide information concerning the background or rock and roll. Recordings will be used throughout the course to illustrate the history, style and sociology of black popular music.

Shaw, who also teaches a class in the history of rock music, has written nine books, including "The Rock Revolution," "Sinatra," "The World of Soul," and "The Street That Never Slept." His articles have appeared in numerous publications.

As an executive at several New York publishing companies, Shaw promoted numerous hit songs and was instrumental in the careers of such artists as Paul Simon, Elvis Presley, Rod McKuen and Burt Bacharach.

Students enrolled in the course can earn three upper division credits. To register, call 739-3394 or go by Frazier Hall, Room 109.

## Las Vegas Teacher

An opportunity for Las Vegas teachers to learn what their counterparts at other schools are doing will be offered this spring by the UNLV division of continuing education.

Co-sponsored by the UNLV department of curriculum and instruction, Southern Nevada Teachers of English and the Nevada State Right to Read program, "Teachers Talk to Teachers" will be offered Feb. 2 and 3 on the UNLV campus and in six Clark County schools.

The one-credit workshop, under the direction of UNLV associate professor of education Eva Bortman will allow teachers and Librarians of elementary, junior and senior high schools to share ideas.

A general evening session on Friday will feature Las Vegas educators speaking on various topics. Speakers include Dr. Richard Kunkel, dean of the UNLV college of education, who will speak on curriculum; Edward Howard, state department, talking on competency in testing; and Mary Ellen Schwartz and Linda Morrison of the Clark County Teachers' Center who will discuss the operation of the new teachers' center.

Curriculum techniques and ideas will be presented and discussed on Saturday in each of the six schools designated as training centers.

For more information, contact the division of continuing education, UNLV.

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