

# Entertainment

## BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

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In the language of the scientist, cocaine is Carbon-17, Hydrogen-21 Nitrogen Dioxide-4. On the street it's snow, blow, toot or nose candy. To any student of higher education it's an alkaloid derived from the leaves of the coca plant. 90 percent of all of these are found in Peru and Bolivia and shipped to Columbia to be refined into cocaine where the Kings of the trade ship it to the United States and the rest of the world. The cost of this drug is 10 times that of gold, and even way above diamonds and platinum. In America that little white powder has hit with cyclone effect and is blowing away the lives of the high and the mighty, the weak and the lowly. It has developed into a problem which is causing devastating social and financial changes in every walk of life. In '82 street sales will exceed \$50-billion by year's end. According to a story in the July 6th '81 issue of Time magazine, "Cocaine is becoming the all-American drug. No longer is it just an exotic indulgence of H'wood types and hi'rollers, to be sniffed through crisp \$100 bills. Today, in part because it is seen as an emblem of wealth and status, coke is the drug choice of millions of otherwise conventional citizens. The kick they get from it can lead to devastating consequences." What should have been written is that COKE IS THE CHOICE OF A LOT OF DOPES!!

**WHAT A WASTE:** — It was a tough headline to eye: "Lou Gossett Jr., Emmy award winning star of the TV mini-series, "Roots," was arrested in Malibu on charges of possessing cocaine and giving it to his 7-yr-old son and his live-in girlfriend's two children, ages 4 and 6. Detectives from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept.

said they searched the actor's house on a child-endangering warrant and found evidence of both narcotics and paraphernalia. The 44-yr-old actor and his lady, Honey Rufner, 34, were held over nite and released on \$2,500 bail each. The children were temporarily placed in foster homes. The story speaks for itself. However, the shock of the happening carries no words as it is unbelievable that Lou would waste such a talent on so baseless an act. Rumor is that an ex-love of his dropped the dime which brought the gendarme down on him ... The next narc bust in the H'wood set will not surprise anybody, who for years has been pointing out the fella who has been acting as the supplier of one of the profession's top performers. When the deal goes down he will probably get the heavy time when he's not the heavy user ... Comic-mimic George Kirby should be getting out of the slammer in early June. He

got much time off the 20 yrs. max. sentence he got when he was sent up on a dope peddling bust while performing in Vegas. ... Talk is that the real Marva Collins is being given a bad time out there in Chgo after that dramatic revealing "60-Minutes" CBS-TV story about her, the school she created and the teaching system which made dandies out of perhaps dummies. Maybe a person is without honor in their own hometown.

**HEADLINE MAKERS:** — Those XXX-rated rumors floating all over the country as to why Teddy Pendergrass crashed his Rolls, and perhaps paralyzed himself and career, are vicious ... If one could live forever, Sonny Greer would have been one of my candidates. He was a bright spot in life that should have never been dimmed. I am sure that the former Duke Ellington drummer will add to the joy of the here-after ... **STAY LOOSE.** (Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.)



EVERETT G. EARL: To judge piano finals

## Jazz pianist judges piano competition

Jazz pianist and Berklee College of Music faculty member Everett G. "Dean" Earl has been invited to act as judge for the Yamaha Regional and National Electone Festivals, a series of youth-oriented keyboard competitions sponsored by the Yamaha International Corp.

The music educator will be at the Riviera Hotel May 25-27 to adjudicate the festival's national finals.

A graduate of Berklee, Earl has arranged for theater and jazz idioms. His range of professional credits includes engagements with Billie Holiday, Count Basie, and Ella Fitzgerald.

As a composer, Earl has prepared a variety of keyboard motifs to be performed by the youthful participants in this year's Yamaha Festivals.

The musician also will be a judge at the festival's four regional contests prior to the Las Vegas finals.

Earl is instructor of piano at Berklee, the international center for education in professional music, renowned for its jazz faculty and practical career preparation.

## Theatre of Silence Returns

The famed mime artistry troupe, Theatre of Silence, returns to Las Vegas High School Auditorium on May 6 and 7 for two 7:30 p.m. performances.

During the intermission of the May 7 performance, the S.T.A.R. Auxiliary of the Helen J. Stewart School will be recognized for its support and dedication to the hearing handicapped at Stewart.

The Theatre of Silence, made up of Montana State University students who share a love for the deaf, will not hold special school level performances this year as they have done in the past.

Performing in the sign language of the deaf while using an oral reading of the lines, the group will present, "The West — Its Land and Its People," which may be understood and enjoyed by both deaf and hearing persons. This year's production will feature such historical characters from the Wild West as Sitting Bull, Jesse James and Calamity Jane.

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