

Entertainment

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

There is a brilliant and charismatic person in the political arena of the U.S. Virgin Islands that Americans should know about. Although hers is a story which should have long since been told by Ebony, Essence or Sepia, her achievements even fit the mold of the Lady's Home Journal, Time, Red Book or even Vogue. Also the talk, talk ear-beaters and any other print or electronic media used to transit the greater human activity. The subject of this write approach is an American patriot, a person of ideals, and obviously a unique human being. Her name is Ruby M. Rouss and she is president of the 14th Legislature of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Her total career is intimate with "firsts" and

pregnant with determination and purpose. She is the first black woman to head a legislative body in the United States, or its territories, in our history. Not to date the lady, but her phenomenon of firsts started back in 1943. That was the time she became the first Virgin Islander to enlist in the Women's Army Corps. Next she became a Master Sergeant. As expected, she served on the staff of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, and then Supreme Allied Commander. So she became the first black woman enlisted person to be assigned to SHAPE headquarters in Paris. Still adding number uno, she became the first member of the Women's Army Corps to be assigned to infantry headquarters, Fort Dix,

N'Jersey. She gave the armed service 21 good years; therefore, it wasn't strange when she became the first member of that military body to retire.

Returning to her Virgin Islands home on St. Croix, she added another first when she was employed by the Harvey Alumina, the Island's first major industry which later became Martin Marletta. However, perhaps with an insight on things to come, she became the first parole and probation officer for both the Federal and Territorial courts on St. Croix. In 1974 she really became politically ambitious and added to the record as being the first woman to seek the office of Lieutenant Gov. However, she was denied; but the next vote-time around, her bid for the 10th Legislature met with greater acceptance and she

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TERRI BRYANT IS A NEW STAR ON THE HORIZON

Terri Bryant, formerly of the 5th Dimension, and now a formidable talent in her own right, is a new rising star on the entertainment horizon here in Las Vegas. She is currently taking the Strip by storm as she appears in the Winners Circle Lounge at the Sands Hotel and Casino.

Ten years ago, Terri, a lovely young songbird, blossomed out of Youngstown, Ohio. Having a need to fully bloom she became airborne, landing only to gather the experience necessary to soar the heights of success.

As a student attending the Cleveland Institute of Music, Terri's nights were free to enjoy singing to capacity audiences as an opening act for such artists as Lou Rawls, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, the electrifying Eddie Harris and others. This gave her the experience needed to later merge talents with maestro jazz pianist Dick Morgan. Dick and Terri formed a highly musical and innovative group called "The New Direction" which toured such popular spots as New York, Las Vegas, Puerto Rico and Australia.

Still feeling there was more experience to be gained, Terri landed in Hollywood, California. Here she studied acting at several Hollywood workshops and continued to study music at The Dick Grove School of Music. Terri was one of many who had come to this "entertainment capitol" to advance their careers. Seeing this she began seeking other avenues, aside from the nightclub and lounge circuit, which was a blessing in disguise for it led her to television and studio background singing with such artists as Diahann Carroll, Lola Falana and others.

Little did Terri know that her next step would be to apply this experience by replacing Marilyn McCoo in the famed International singing group, "The 5th Dimension." Terri said,

ever, flying on the wings of another's success left me lofty and unfulfilled. Our parting was one of love and understanding."

More recently, Terri has been a cast member of the smash touring company of the musical, Evolution of the Blues, in which she encouraged her audience to glimpse distinctly different personalities who contributed to that art form. She played an enthusiastic sister in a church choir; appeared as a heart-broken vamp who crooned St. Louis Blues; made the feisty Bessie Smith come alive at a Harlem rent party, as she belted out Gimme a Pigfoot; and while rendering a warm tribute to Dinah Washington, she managed to reflect the blues in its richest hue with What A Difference A Day Makes.

Terri grew up in a luminous atmosphere of love and compassion that communes to you through her music and comes forth to full manifestation as you are drawn into the warmth of her aura. "There is nothing I enjoy more than participating in the free flow of energy," said Terri.

Terri's engagement at the Sands closes May 30, so Las Vegas and visitors have only a few more days to catch her class act. Show times are at 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. nightly.



"This was a wonderful experience. It gave me a chance to soar the heights and to learn the kind of dedication necessary to succeed. How-

DELTA SIGMA THETA TO SPONSOR ALL-GREEK PICNIC

The Las Vegas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. is sponsoring their First annual All Greek Picnic. This event will be held Sat., June 12 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Lorenz Park.

There will be organized volleyball and softball as well as other games.

Each individual will be responsible for their own food and beverage.

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ALBUMS

1. MR. LOOK SO GOOD - RICHARD D. FIELDS
2. YES IT'S YOU LADY - SMOKEY ROBINSON
3. IF I HAD A CHANCE - CHUCK CISEL
4. FRIENDS - SHALAMAR
5. TASTE THE MUSIC - KLEER
6. KNIGHT TIME - FREDERICK KNIGHT
7. LOVE IS WHERE YOU FIND IT - WHISPER
8. LOVE CONQUERS ALL - MICHAEL WYCOFF
9. KEEP IT LIVE - JAZZ BAND
10. OUTLAW - WAR
11. PURE & NATURAL - T. CONNECTION
12. BRILLIANCE - ATLANTIC STARR
13. I AM - LOVE - PEABO BRYSON
14. GET AS MUCH LOVE AS YOU CAN - JONES GIRLS
15. ME AND YOU - JEANIE TRACY

SINGLES

- MAMA USED TO SAY - JUNIOR
TAKE ME TO HEAVEN - REN WOODS
MUST BE THE MUSIC - SECRET WEAPON
GENIUS OF LOVE - TOM TOM CLUB
WE SHOULD BE LOVERS - RICK SMITH
MURPHY'S LAW - CHERI
THAT GIRL - STEVIE WONDER
MIRROR MIRROR - DIAN ROSS
IT'S GONNA TAKE A MIRACLE - DENISE WILLIAMS
SENDING MY LOVE - PLEASURE

- ALBUM ADDS
WE SHOULD BE LOVERS - RICK SMITH
LOVE CHANGES - O.C. SMITH
FEELING GOOD - ROY AYERS
SECOND CUP - COFFEE

16. TAKE IT OFF - CHIC
17. A LITTLE LOVE - AURRA
18. DREAM ON - GEORGE DUKE
19. ROLL WITH THE PUNCHES - ADC BAND
20. YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND - LAKESIDE
21. CON FUNK SHUN 7 - CON FUNK SHUN
22. ALL NIGHT MUSIC - MCCRARYS
23. IN A CITY GROOVE - MASS PRODUCTION
24. THE POET - BOBBY WOMACK
25. POINT OF PLEASURE - XAVIER
26. THE SISTERS - SISTER SLEDGE
27. AMBIENCE - NOLAN & CROSSLEY
28. SPECIAL DELIVERY - ALVIN FIELDS
29. DOIN' ALRIGHT - O'BRIAN
30. WHO'S FOOLING WHO - ONE WAY

- A FRIEND OF MINE - GLADYS KNIGHT
PARTY IN ME - GENE DUNLAP
I'LL TRY SOMETHING NEW - TAST OF HONEY
JUST BE YOURSELF - CAMEO
THE OTHER WOMAN - RAY PARKER
CHAPTER II - JIM NICHOLAS
BODY MOVES - RARE ESSENCE
I'VE GOT SOMETHING - JUICY
FORGET ME NOTS - PATRICE RUSHEN
YOU BRING OUT THE FREAK IN ME - WALDO

- SINGLE ADDS
DON'T TURN YOUR BACK ON LOVE - ELOISE WITAKER
THE VERY BEST IN YOU - CHANGE
DANCE LIKE CRAZY - KLIQUE