

Smart Brothers are Going Home to Celebrate Independence

By LEE IVORY
LOS ANGELES — (KNS) — Emeline Smart thought it would be just another Mother's Day. With six sons successfully reared in the United States, all of them gainfully employed in varied trades, the native of Belize was prepared to sit back, relax and enjoy the day.

But the boys — Keith, Ken, Phil, Anthony, Dell and Jerome, better known as Dell and the Sensations, the hottest party band in Southern California — had a surprise for their mom.

First of all, on the Saturday

night before Mother's Day, the Smart Brothers, augmented by three great hornmen imported from Orange County, donned their show business persona and unveiled their smash hit album for a proud and happy mother at Shirley Jex Phillips' crowded "Mother's Day Splashdown '85" held at the Park Plaza Hotel near downtown Los Angeles.

Then, a few hours after the party-goers stopped jamming at the Park Plaza, Dell and the Sensations played "Sugar Daddy," "The Rod of Correction," and other

selections from the album, "Freedom Fighter," for a gathering of honored mothers at the Betty Hill Senior Citizen Center in South-Central Los Angeles.

"We waited until Mother's Day to tell her that we are all going back to Belize this

has been thrilling music lovers on the West Coast for more than a decade.

"The band is a credit to the values we live by in Belize," said Eddie Seferino Coleman, number one disc jockey in that Central American nation and co-star



Emeline Small and Sons (Dell and the Sensations)

September to join in the 117th anniversary celebration of the independence of our homeland," said Phil Smart, spokesman for the group that

on the show with Calypso Rose. "They have worked hard for their success and they are very good role models for young performers who will be following in their very talented footsteps."

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Gregory Hines, Wilson Pickett, a little bit of Diana Ross and Stevie Wonder, to make the show click.

THE NEWS FRONT — Those were large honors ASCAP bestowed on Lionell Ritchie. He limo'ed away from the Society's 2nd annual Pop Awards as the "Top Song Writer," "Publisher of the Year" and for good measure his songs were rated as "Most Played."

The only thing that bothered Billy Eckstine about his gall bladder operation is that his medic told him not to tee-up for a healing spell . . . They didn't forget in Detroit so they baked a cake, imported Martha Louis and paid b'day tribute to her late husband, Joe Louis, the immortal heavyweight. Mayor Coleman Young even declared it a day in his honor. In the Big Apple, State Athletic Commish Jose Torres gathered a group at Ellen Hart Sturm place opposite City Hall and dedicated a corner to the late great fighter. Mayor Koch's annual event honoring him has been switched to the big Yankee Stadium and a June 4th date.

FAREWELL — C. Melvin Patrick was born at a time of outer calm and inner turmoil for Afro-Americans. Seemingly there was no light, nor end to the tunnel of freedom for America's then "One Tenth." However, what he accomplished during almost his 71 years of life to help stop the slaughter of hope, is a saga of aggressive determination. In every sense of the phrase Mel was "A one of a kind human being." His dry wit was clear and clean and he seemed to be a person who has always deeply engulfed in a purpose. However, it was impossible to monitor the depth of his feelings. He was brilliant in his chosen profession and pursued success along a single course to insure victory over failure. He put a full measure into life and his outtake was measured by his input . . . HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED AND HIS PASSING WILL CREATE A DROUGHT IN SOME HUMAN QUARTERS . . . STAY LOOSE . . . BILLY ROSE IS A SYN-DICATED COLUMNIST.

called the toll-free number in the first six months of the campaign to ask for the booklet and additional information about cancer prevention. Of those, fewer than seven percent were black, according to call records of the Cancer Information Service, although blacks make up more than 11 percent of the population.

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traced to some large trends, such as the mechanization of agriculture in the rural South; the decline of smokestack industries and all its effects on the black community; the tightening of the job market in the 1970's and 80's; the exit from cities of the black middle classes, portions of which traditionally provided an informal job network; and the growth of the "underclass."

The government must take on the difficult tasks of promoting economic development and initiating greater educational and job opportunities for those who need it most. The subminimum wage is simply another way for the Reagan administration to avoid dealing with the real problems.

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