

# Entertainment



## BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

### NEWS FIT AND VICE VERSA TO PRINT

**N'YORK CITY:** —The short love affair of the dominant press, electronic and print, and New York City's historic Mayor David Dinkins seems to have ended before the gun barrel was cool proving that it wasn't true affection after all. Their latest and on-going malicious adjectives against him are slanderous bed-fellows. If they only read what they write they should be aware that the entire nation, small and big towns, hamlets and villages are caught up in the dust of a crime stampede. What is needed is a stronger form of law and punishment that fits the crime! To press pick on Mayor David Dinkins is unfair and counter productive. After all, let the record show that he was elected Mayor and not Wyatt Earp. The Okay Corral is history. Our forces of law must be better equip-

ped to prevent and then apprehend, but first the judiciary must unshackle their lawful action and let the punishment fit the crime, young or old folks.

**GOOD NEWS:**—In 1976 the record showed that there were a mere 450 African American CPAs. Today the figure has increased to somewhere in the neighborhood of 2,500. The study was made by Bert Mitchell of Mitchell/Titus & Co. It's the largest Black accounting firm hereabouts. As impressive as the increased figure count, it's just 0.6% of the nation's CPAs. The study illustrated that the market would supply more such certified public accountants if the industry demanded more. Only seven of the 150 large CPA firms responding to the survey were actively recruited on Black college

bases...If the Wall Street Journal is correct, more African film makers are making deals with major studios than ever. It's the dough that's changing the color spectrum from Black to green. Warrington and Reginald Hudlin, whose "House Party" grossed over \$25 million was a top eye opener. Their new deal is with Tristar films, the Sony film arm...Charles Lane, the critically acclaimed director, has a new deal with Walt Disney Studios...Best of all, Academy Award winner Denzel Washington and Danny Glover have several production deals along with several Black writers and directors...An independent British TV producer has struck it lucky. A Japanese "Angel" has pledged the needed \$8.5 million budget necessary to produce the pending six hour TV series resuscitating the boxing career of the legendary Muhammad Ali. The



Muhammad Ali

program will be eye-ear marketed to coincide with "The Greatest's" 50th birthday come '92...Speaking

of birthdays, the invite that Deputy Police Commish, Community Relations NYPD, Billie Holliday dispatched to invite friends to celebrate the b'day of her mom, Leah B. Holliday, is an eye arresting keep sake. Expressing her job dedication, the astute Commish ignored her own birthday lining up participants to perform in the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith's "World of Difference" Talent-a-Thon as part of the Columbus Street Festival celebrating the cultural mix of the city. Natch, this year's theme is a plea for racial and ethnic harmony...Come to think back all the "Black Miss Americas" are living monuments to the late Larry Steele. He lead the charge to win the opportunity for them to compete. We of the Black Press were his big guns...And now there are four...A couple of music legends, Ruth Brown and Arthur Prysock were honored during Jack The Rapper's annual "Family Affair." It was a deserved highlight of the event...Those sleaze super-market mags seemingly can get away with "murder": The latest slander in print is alleging that talk show queen



Oprah Winfrey

Oprah Winfrey's embarrassing ordeal on her show caused one guest to commit suicide.

**NEWS ROWE:**—Janet Jackson will spend the fall touring Europe. She'll begin with three nights at London's



Janet Jackson

Wembley Arena...Producer/REMIXER Hank Shocklee and Bill Stephney, former members of the Def Jam Records staff, have formed their own label, SOUL, Sound of Urban Listeners. Acts are primarily rap/hip hop and include Young Black Teenagers, Son of Bearek and Raheem...It is good to know that mainstays the Temptations and the Four Tops are still the masters. Their show at the Greek Theatre in Hollywood garnered solid reviews.

**THE HATE REPORTS:**—In our neck of the woods it received very little print and electronic media attention. Thanks to the National Institute Against Prejudice and Violence we are able to print same here. "The Hate Crime Statistics Act -- A Bill -- To provide for the collection of data about crimes motivated by race, religion, ethnicity, or sexual orientation. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) this Act may be cited as the "Hate Crimes Statistics Act." (b) Under the authority of section 534 of title 28, United States Code, the Attorney General shall require data, for the calendar year 1990 and each of the succeeding 4 calendar years, about crimes that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnicity, including where appropriate the crimes of murder, non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, aggravated assault, simple assault, intimidation, arson, and destruction, damage or vandalism of property. (2) The Attorney General shall establish guidelines for the collection of such data including the necessary evidence and criteria that must be present for a finding of manifest prejudice and procedures for carrying out the purposes of this section. (3) Noting in this section creates a cause of action or a right to bring an action, including an action based on discrimination due to sexual orientation. As used in this section, the term "sexual orientation" means consensual homosexuality or heterosexuality. This subsection does not limit any existing cause of action or right to bring an action, including any action under the Administrative Procedure Act or the All Writs Act. (4) Data acquired under this section shall be used only for research or statistical purposes and may not contain any information that may reveal the identity of an individual victim of a crime. (5) The Attorney General shall publish an annual summary of the data acquired under this section. (c) There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section through fiscal year 1994...Too bad they can't pass a bill to prevent hate crimes...STAY LOOSE...Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.

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