

Entertainment

Billy Rowe's Notebook



TOP COPS ARREST MOMENTS TO HIGHLIGHT N.Y. HISTORY

NYPD:— An array of New Yorkers rubbed shoulders and exchanged memories with New York's Finest, who have made history that is stored in the archives of the Police Department of the City of New York and in pictures and words that are put on display each annual "Black History Month." The 16th annual event conceived by Deputy Police Commissioner Affairs Billie Holliday in recognition of the event grew in stature as usual. Among the honorees were Mrs. Joyce Dinkins, NYC's First Lady and Chief of Department David W. Scott. There were remarks from the honorable Lee Brown, Police Commissioner. Det. Suzanne Peters was Mistress of Ceremonies which robbed a male policeman from introducing a former "Miss America," Ms. Suzette Charles.

Mayor David Dinkins and Commissioner Lee Brown were the moving speech makers. The event is an eye level display of the advancement democracy has made in the affluent archives of New York's Finest.

G&B NEWS:—The legendary late Nat King Cole and Redd Foxx are this generation's most surprising keep alive performers by the keep alive series on T.V. Jack The Rapper informs this corner that Nat has broken new turf in the two 40 charts arena. The problem of "Iron" Mike Tyson are a reminder of the problems of heavyweight title holder Sonny Liston. In a long ago time, his mouth piece kept him from getting a ticket to fight in California. Wonder how many, if still alive, Blacks who owned property that later turned into the fabulous oil fields of east

Texas will recall that President Bush was a big oil man. Many of them lost this rich land through alleged legal subterfuge. "Thinking old," we wonder what happened to the "Black Economic Union." It was founded by football great Jim Brown. Then the star of 20th Century Fox's world premiere "100 Rifles." He captured it for a DeeCee opening for the benefit of the Black Economic Union. Among the black tie dignitaries were Vice prexy Spiro Agnew, also our only Black Senator Ed Brooke, DeeCee Mayor Walter Washington, Representatives John Conyers, Shirley Chisholm and Louis Stokes. As well as the late jazz great Miles Davies, Burt Reynolds and a prominent list of politicians and socialites... Continuing in time. It should be in the history books that Ossie Davis was the initial member of our race to be signed by a major Hollywood film producer to direct a flicker. Sammy Davis was his choice to play the lead in "Cotton Comes To Harlem." This was the first of a series of Chester Himes comedy-detective stories that were produced by Sam Goldwyn, Jr. At one point the "Candy Man," Sammy Davis, Jr., wanted to purchase the series and personally produce some.

NOW NEWS:—The death of Alex Haley struck this scribe and perhaps all of similar race like a major league baseball that will leave an uneraseable scar. In

life his writing genius added racial dignity to us throughout the world. It erased the false establishment of Africa painted by "Me Tarzan." In doing so he won the hearts of perhaps a hating majority which had relegated our racial birthplace to mere jungles, instead of the world's great continent Africa. Thanks to his God endowed genius he has just passed away but will never die. It's a good thing that Spike gave a special screening just for Haley a week before he died. After seeing the Malcolm X film, it's reported that Haley said Denzel Washington really captured Malcolm X. During the Newark Museum screening of the Peg Leg Bates documentary, Dr. Clement Price, prof. of History at Rugter University's Newark Campus, said that tap is to dance, what jazz is to music. At 84, Peg Leg has a new career:—lecturing children. He also became a hero to people with physical disabilities. Dorethaan Kirk, of WBGO and the N.J. Council of the Arts, attended the event as did singer Little Jimmy Smith and Charles Linton. The London musical hit, "Five Guys Named Moe," based on the music of Louis Jordan, will come ashore with an all American cast. Kevin Ramsy, of "Miss Saigon" fame may be on the guys. Gladys Knight, without the Pips, may launch her own syndicated gab-show in Jan. '93. Byron Allen will distribute the show, which is looking for a

SENTINEL-VOICE TOP 10 SINGLES

- 1.) REMEMBER THE TIME - Michael Jackson
- 2.) THE RUSH - Luther Vandross
- 3.) DIAMONDS & PEARLS - Prince
- 4.) CAN'T LET GO - Mariah Carey
- 5.) DO UNTO ME - Karyn White
- 6.) AIN'T TOO PROUD TO BEG - T.L.C.
- 7.) PEACEFUL JOURNEY - Heavy D.
- 8.) HELLUVA - Brotherhood Creed
- 9.) SOMEBODY LOVES YOU - Patti LaBelle
- 10.) LET'S STAY TOGETHER - GUY

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TWO WEEKS @ #1 SONG: Remember The Time

PICK HIT OF THE WEEK: Helluva

POTENTIAL TOP 10 SONGS: No Nose Job - Digital Underground; Thinkin' Back - Color Me Badd; Testify - Sounds Of Blackness; Unobtainable - The Escobfreys

*****FURTHERMORE... Two weeks at #1 for Mr. Sequence: Be on the look-out for Brotherhood Creed: I wonder what all T.L.C. will beg for, hmmm...; Heavy D. smoothes it out with Peaceful Journey; Color Me Badd should enter the Top 10 next week; Congratulations to all the Grammy winners!!!**

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late afternoon spot. This will put her in direct competition with good friend Oprah Winfrey who also does after talking some markets. Gladys will do some of the things she does best like talk to celebrities, cook, and sing. WDIA, the county's first all-Black radio station, has been immortalized in "Wheelin' on Beale." Louis Cantor is the author.

Administration continues to send mixed messages to the Historically Black College and Univ. (HBCU) community. Recently Robert K. Goodwin, director of the White House Initiative on HBCU's, was reportedly fired by Carolynn Reid-Wallace, new asst. Secretary of Education for postsecondary education.

STAY LOOSE...Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.

END NOTES:—The Bush

SPIKE LEE EDITING FOOTAGE FOR PRINCE'S NEW VIDEO

Filmmaker Spike Lee is editing footage he shot in Africa and Brooklyn for a video to go with Prince's next single, a spokesman for the rock star said Mon-

day. While Lee was in Africa to shoot part of his latest film, about the slain black leader Malcolm X, he also shot footage to be used in a video accompanying Princels single, Money Don't Matter 2 Night, Prince publicist Garvey Rich said.

Footage of a struggling family in Brooklyn shot under Lee's direction will be included in the video, as will archival footage of the Great Depression, Rich said. He described it as a topical video.

The single is expected to be released at the end of the month, Rich said.

Lee said on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" program, that the Malcolm X film is planned for Christmas release.

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