

Tony Brown To Tell About

Blacks Who Helped Settle Old West

What group of soldiers constituted 20 percent of the U.S. Cavalry during the Indian Wars? What man discovered the lowest point across the northern Sierra Nevada Mountain which led settlers during the gold rush? He also is remembered as a co-founder of the city of Denver. What woman reportedly helped to fund John Brown's Raid? Who is one of America's greatest cowboys?

The answers to these questions are revealed on the upcoming edition of "Tony Brown's Journal," "The Black West." The program tells us that these people were just a few of the black men and women who helped to settle the Old West.

"Tony Brown's Journal" is the nation's longest running national black affairs series and has been sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company for seven consecutive years. Televised nationally on public television (PBS), the program will be seen in this area on Channel 42 at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 22.

Over the years, the cowboy has emerged as America's macho hero. He is symbolic of the glorified era of the Old West and his lifestyle has been romanticized in movies, television and novels. However, the image of the men and women who shaped the West has usually been painted with white faces. "The Black West" gives a different version of this turbulent period in American history with historic photographs of black Americans who helped to conquer the new frontier.

William Loren Katz, author of two definitive books on the West, "The Black West" (Doubleday Anchor Books, 1973) and "Black People Who Made The Old West" (T. Thomas Crowell Co., 1977), provides the viewer with several little known facts about blacks in the West such as the revelation that one-third of black Americans have Indian ancestry.

The program points out that because the black presence has historically been left out of the

nation's history books and movies, black children have been denied positive role models. Emerging country-western singer Jae Mason responds to Hollywood's denial of the black existence during the Old West in his song, "Hey, Mr. Hollywood (Little Black Cowboys Need Their Own Heroes Too)."

A movement is currently underway to expose the nation to the contributions of blacks in develop-

ing the West. Guest George Richardson, president of Periscope Associates, explains why he is spearheading the campaign, "Another Piece of Americana: The Black West."

Tony Brown concludes, "Not all American heroes were white and the Wild West was not the white west, so the black cowboy should not be forgotten in American history."

Alan Taylor To Join WBTV News

Alan Taylor will join WBTV News as Assignment Editor on Monday, May 31, replacing Graham Wilson, who has been named Managing Editor of WBTV's 11 O'Clock News.

Taylor is currently Managing Editor of WIS-TV in Columbia, S.C. During the five years he has been with the WIS news department, he has served as a reporter, producer and anchor, as well as Managing Editor, and is considered their number two man.

Prior to joining WIS-TV, Taylor

was a reporter and anchor at WRDW-TV in Augusta, Georgia, and before that worked as a reporter and News Director at radio stations in Augusta and Aiken, S.C.

A&M Records

A&M Records recording artist Joan Armatrading has discovered a new way to raise money. During a sold-out concert on her tour of Australia, the singer-songwriter was applauded so loudly that she jokingly told the audience to hold their cheers and just throw money.

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