

Entertainment

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

ODD COUPLE FUNNY CHOICE FOR BLACKS

N'YORK CITY — Congratulations to Ron Glass, the best remembered Det. Harris on the still highly rated syndicated tv show, "Barney Miller," for his Emmy nomination as Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy, Variety or Music Series. Right now Ron is suited up for a new fall series, "The New Odd Couple," co-starring Demon Wilson of "Sandford and Son" fame. It's a tired plot which they will have to work their talents to the bone to make successful. Whitey has just about worn this one thin, but we get so little chance any bone seems meaty... On the W'Coast Harold Nicholas, of the Nicholas Bros., will succeed Gregory "Mr. Tap" Hines in "Sophisticated Ladies." However, Paula Kelly, who by the way has started her own production com-

pany so that she can film the Josephine Baker story, Dee-Dee Bridgewater, Hinton Battle, who came with Greg from the B'way company, Gregg Burge and Terri Klausner will continue with the show. Folks are still knee deep seeking tickets to see the B'way original starring Judith Jameson, Phyllis Hyman and Maurice Hines among others. Folks say the show is as fresh and high step-pin' as ever... However, don't worry about "Mr. Tap." Bob Evans, producer/director of the "Cotton Club" story, who saw him in the show and watched him on the "Oscars" and numerous TV specials, has inked him to star in the "Cotton Club" movie... The Hines family stays on the move, Maurice "Mr. Rhythm," Hines will open his own Performing Arts Center along

with choreographer Frank Hatchett. A complete training center, it will embrace all forms of the art, ballet, modern, jazz and tap as well as singing for dancers and dancing for singers, movement for actors, classical acting, soap opera acting, acrobatics and modeling. Natch "Mr. Rhythm" will teach a class in improvisational tap. A list of Who's Who in dance will be guest teachers: Judith Jameson, Louis Johnson of "Purlie" and "The Wiz" fame, and two time Tony Award nominee Billy Wilson.

FOLK-IN-FOCUS: The 5th Dimension, of "Up, Up and Away" fame, will be featured in an 108-inch oil painting by LeRoy Neiman. It will depict the sport of hot-air balloon racing... Susann Akers and Paris H. Qualles are two folks that we may soon be seeing a lot of on the little and big screen. Although the city of Chicago says that Rev. Jesse Jackson's

boycott of the Chicago-Fest did not hurt attendance and that whites turned out in droves, because blacks were protesting, others say that it did hurt the musical festival and that it was not well attended. Any city that would openly brag that they have such a race problem should spend money on breaking down those barriers and stop playing to those bigots, black or white... "A Soldier's Play" the 1982 Pulitzer Prize winner for drama is headed to Chi-town. Douglas Truner Ward will direct original NEC cast members... Tina Turner, James Brown, Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown and a host of others performed during the Bumbershoot Arts Festival in Seattle, Washington recently. It was a mixed media event with films, and comedy.

SPOTLIGHT ON: — Debbie Allen, who was



nominated in 2-Emmy categories, Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series and Outstanding Achievement in Choreography, for her work in the hit musical series "Fame," is a perfect example of talent and hard work paying off. She not only stars in the NBC opus, but is responsible for all that top notch leg work the kids do weekly



Sammy Davis, Jr., is gracing the General Hospital soap this fall. While he was up in Hartford for his annual golf tournament he came to the Apple to see "DreamGirls" for the third time... The month of August passed and so did Shirley Rhode's 30th-plus B'day, and she "ain't" that happy about it either, but the pretty "Leo" is looking good and is probably keeping company with time... Benny Ashburn was very generous in his

will, taking care of family and friends. Aside from all the money there are four (count'em 4) Mercedes-Benz's that will be distributed.

... Lovely and talented Lena Horne has set an all-time attendance record for six shows at Denver's Center for the Performing Arts. She is due to ring up the curtain at the Pantages in L.A. during the middle of Nov. For those who did not have the pleasure of seeing the vivacious one on B'way, or during her national tour, Bill Siegler Prods., has videotaped it for Entertainment TV...

WHAT'S THIS WE HEAR: Now that Atlanta, GA., theatrical attorney David Franklin has to pay Richard Pryor \$3.1 million for "willful misappropriation of monies," Roberta Flack, also a client, may ask for an audit of her books.

As happy as two love birds can be, Miles and Cicely Tyson-Davis, who have been married for ten months were toasting their marriage at Les Agnes in L.A.... Nancy Wilson has had a triumphant return to the Sahara Tahoe. Everyone agrees she has been away too long. That show with Nancy sharing the bill with Tony Bennett and

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The Rapper Set:

THIS WEEK LAST WEEK

★ 1	1	WHAT TIME IS IT-THE TIME-WARNER BROS-23701-1
★ 2	5	VANITY 6-VANITY 6-WARNER BROS-1-23716
★ 3	6	FOREVER, FOR ALWAYS, FOR LOVE-L. VANDROSS-EPIC-FE38235
4	2	GE LOOSE-EVELYN KING-RCA-AFL1-4337
★ 5	8	SILK ELECTRIC-DIANA ROSS-RCA-AFL-14384
6	3	AS ONE-KOOL & THE GANG-DELITE-DSR8505
7	4	ZAPP II-ZAPP-WARNER BROS-23583
8	7	JUMP TO IT-ARETHA FRANKLIN-ARISTA-AL9602
9	10	TANTALIZINGLY HOT-STEPHANIE MILLS-CASABLANCA-NBLP7265
★ 10	13	LIONEL RITCHIE-LIONEL RITCHIE-MOTOWN-6007ML