

# BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

(BILLY ROWE IS AWAY THIS WEEK ON THE TRAIL OF SOME HOT NEWS SO HIS ASST., NANCY HITE, WILL PINCH HIT.)

## WATCHDOG ORGANIZATIONS ASLEEP ON THE JOB

N'YORK CITY — I hope it isn't the same way in your town, but where I live they are doing major renovations on a public housing project, which has a predominately Afro-American occupancy, and all the able-bodied Afro-American men and women are standing around talking and looking while white men and women do all the work. Wonda what's happening with the organizations like the NAACP and Ministerial Alliance Groups that are supposed to watchdog to make sure we get our 10% set aside. It's a Federal law in all work done for a municipality ... Speaking of the NAACP, its Image Awards, which passed the late night movie slot, 12 midnight, on CBS in this neck of the woods, was classy. It paid past due tribute to many, gave undeserved accolades to a few and token recognition to some whites who have openly expressed their belief in Democracy. It is too bad that the syndicated showing of the '82 year end taping of the annual Image ceremony of the Bev'Hills Hollywood Branch was off



Robert Guillaume

prime time. It was worth the eyes and ears time of our kids. Robert Guillaume ("Benson"), was the classic host who greeted the likes of Jayne Kennedy, Stephanie Mills, Sugar Ray Leonard and Debbie Allen ... Everybody is so busy talkin' about Herschel Walker's get rich quick signing with the inept New Jersey Generals "feet-ball" team and the fact that he is about to marry "lilly" white, they have overlooked the contract he has in his hip pocket for Addidas USA for \$1.5 million plus royalties. Wish I had hips like that ... Esther Shapiro, who along with her



Debbie Allen

husband Richard, are creators of the top TV rating getter "Dynasty," says that her favorite TV creation was "Minstrel Man," a TV movie that appeared several seasons ago, because it dealt with the creative ideas of blacks in show business, and that she enjoyed working with the actors, when asked by "Good Morning America" co-host David Hartman. My question is, if that is so, why aren't there more of us in her top nighttime soap opera???

READIN', WRITIN' AND Marcus Allen, 1981 Heisman Trophy winner and member of the L.A. Raiders football team, is back on his college campus, USC, working in the public relations office while getting his last few credits for his B.A. ... While across town Bobby Short is holding classes in top-notch entertainment. He will be playing an eight performance run at the Westwood Playhouse. He will be backed by the trio, the Cafe Society 3 ... WSB Radio, Atlanta's largest, presented the Georgia Department of Archives and History with an extensive collection of tape recordings of key events in the life of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ... Beautiful and talented Diahann Carroll and Gregory "Mr. Tap" Hines will join a host of other stars at the Tropicana Hotel in Vegas for the taping of the "Starfest: The Stars Salute Public Television" later this month ... Comedian Bryon Allen, who has been the opening act for the likes of Sammy Davis, Jr., and many other top flight performers on the Las Vegas, Reno, Tahoe and Atlantic City circuit, will return to "Real People," one of NBC-



Stephanie

TV top attractions, as a regular host next season. That is where Allen got continued national exposure. He has the ability to be humorous without being silly ... Roger Mosely was the guest of Tom Selleck, with whom he co-stars in the CBS-TV hit "Magnum, P.I.," at the Hollywood gala premiere of Selleck's new movie.

JUSTICE HAS THE LAST WORD — HOPEFULLY — So far the Bev'Hills Branch of the NAACP is the only cry of protest from our folks in the movie community about the unexplained death of Ray Vitte, one of the stars of the cancelled T.V. show "The Quest." However, Vitte's family has retained lawyer Johnny Cochran to demand a full coroner's inquest into the cause of his death. A final autopsy report is still pending, but a coroner's inquest would allow Cochran to call witnesses to Vitte's death to testify ... Ted ("The Love Boat") and Sherry Lange are busy with new son Truner Wallace. I hear that the youngest Lange has an excellent set of lungs ... Look for the controversial life of Richard Penniman (Little Richard) to make its way to the big or little screen ... Robert Guillaume, will meet with



Herschel Walker

# DIANA ROSS, MUSIC'S LEADING LADY, STARS AT CAESARS PALACE THROUGH APRIL 27



Diana Ross

Diana Ross headlines Caesars Palace's Circus Maximus through Apr. 27, starting at Las Vegas' prestigious resort-hotel during its star-studded, celebrity Alan King/Caesars Palace Tennis Classic (Apr. 18-24).

Diana Ross is the leading lady of the rock era — of a couple of rock eras in fact, as this year Ms. Ross celebrates the 21st anniversary of her first hit record as a member of a fledgling Detroit group, the Supremes.

The Supremes are in the news currently as

people are asking if the Grammy winning Broadway and Los Angeles hit musical, "Dream Girls," is or isn't the story of the trio.

But Diana Ross continues making her own headlines, regardless of anybody else. After all, it was only a few years ago that the trade magazine, Billboard, named her "Female Entertainer of the Century." She is a Grammy winner, an Academy Award nominee, a Golden Globe winner and an NAACP Image Award winner. She was award-

ed a French Oscar — a Cesar — and earned herself a total of 23 No. 1 selling records, one for every year of her professional singing career. (It's a total that only the Beatles and Elvis Presley have bettered.)

Diana Ross is a major star in recording, movies and TV. But she herself insists: "I'm just a singer. But I'm going to be the best Me I know how, because I work with everything I've got to make it right."

For show reservations phone 731-7333.

Prez. Reagan and Vice Prez. George Bush, to discuss his chairpersonship of the 1983 Savings Bond Drive ... The L.A. Urban League presented its 10th Annual Whitney M. Young, Jr. award to William F. Keischnick, president and CEO of Atlantic Richfield Co. Sidney Poitier, recipient of last year's award, made the presentation ... Ray Charles adds his name to those who will live on, immortalized on "music video," with two songs from his new

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Bonnie came to Las Vegas from Texas. She is a graduate of Southwestern Christian College and attended Texas Tech University. Bonnie is quite active socially being a member of Gamma Phi Delta and Beta Eta Iota sororities. She is also a member of the Nevada Voters League and NAACP Women's Auxiliary. Bonnie's hobbies include horticulture and reading.



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