

# Entertainment

## MEET RUSSELL HINES — "SOLID GOLD" BREAKDANCER

The Solid Gold show at the Riviera is enjoying its fifth straight month of success in the Versailles Theatre. Not only is the show reaping the benefits of popularity, but with it the many headliners and the 15 dancers who are "Solid Gold."

two different break dancing groups as a youth, the Southside Crows in Philadelphia (his birthplace) and the Crusaders in Virginia (his home).

He now calls West Covina, Calif. home and has performed on the



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This will be the first of several features bringing individual "Solid Gold" dancers into the spotlight. The group consists of 15 male and female dancers and the most unique dancer in the group would be Solid Gold's own Breakdancer, Russell Hines.

"With the sudden popularity of breakdancing, I feel that my individual part in the show is a real crowd pleaser," comments Hines. He reveals that he has been 'Breaking' for 11 years and learned his moves 'on the street' long before movies such as "Beat Street" and "Breakin'" brought the innovative dance moves to the public eye.

Russell belonged to

26th Annual Grammy Awards (the '84 edition) as one of Herbie Hancock's rocket rockers along with a television pilot — "Dazzle Dancing" and a movie with the 'Unknown Comic' — titled the same.

Hines admits he has only had one actual hour of Jazz dance training and learned of the "Solid Gold" tryouts through a friend with the Fame television show.

After an eight-day wait, he was informed he would be a member of the "Solid Gold" show at the Riviera. He had never met any of the other dancers until they all met in Las Vegas in mid-April to put the show together.

"It's definitely one of

## BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

N'YORK CITY: "... they are taking *more* drugs, and starting at earlier ages. This is what we face today: five out of every 10 babies born today will be using drugs by the time they're 15. It could be your child or grandchild. Some three out of every 10 students will drop out of high school before they graduate... including smart kids, privileged kids. Those were the opening remarks of Dr. Mitchell S. Rosenthal, president Phoenix House, at this year's annual awards dinner, held at Windows on the World, saluting James L. Ferguson, chairman and CEO General Foods Corporation, who was the recipient of the sixth Phoenix House Award for Public Service. This award was created "to honor exceptional

the best things so far in my career," smiles Hines. Also quite good at mime, he uses his facial rapport with an audience to his advantage. He enjoys spending time with his 17-month-old daughter, Nicole and is a day person — "I'm almost asleep half-way through the second show." Hines likes to add new moves and steps to his part of the show, but adds, "It's up to the Entertainment Director whether I can add something new or not; I don't ad-lib on stage."

The 24-year-old enjoys the live stage of the Versailles Theatre and although you can't avoid the comparisons between the Riviera's stage version of "Solid Gold" and the television edition, both produced and choreographed by the same people, he feels the warmth of a live audience is 'very special.'

Russell leaves us with, "The Blacklight segment is one of my favorites, but I won't tell how it's done."

Americans — men and women whose achievements and service to society will inspire young people struggling to reclaim disordered lives."

For 17 years Phoenix House has waged this war against drug abuse with outpatient and residential treatment centers for adults and teenagers. This organization has adapted the principles of the therapeutic community — self help, honesty and mutual concern — in this beat-the-clock effort to prevent drug abuse and heal the lives that drugs have wounded. The head of this organization since the beginning, Dr. Rosenthal, a psychiatrist, began treating abusers while serving in the U.S. Navy. Later he became the first Deputy

Commissioner for Rehabilitation for New York City's Addiction Services Agency. Besides New York City, Phoenix House also has treatment facilities in Orange County, Ca., and a residential high school in Westchester County, New York. This past year the Phoenix House/John F. Kennedy High School awarded 47 degrees.

As founder, Dr. Rosenthal offered some very grim facts to this audience filled with the heads of this nation's Fortune 500 corporations: 64% of our high school seniors admit to illicit use of drugs; the death rate of Americans between the ages of 15 and 24 has risen dramatically in the past 20 years. The major cause is drug abuse; 50,000 Americans die in auto accidents every year — again drug abuse is the cause; 40% of our population uses illicit drugs

today, but 20 years ago it was a mere 4%. However, I don't believe that any of these facts are new to my readers. How many times have we seen, heard, or cried about the destruction of a young life of someone who was related to us, or maybe it was just the neighbor's kid down the street who was destroyed by this slow, but deadly killer. The doctor dispelled the rumor, or belief, that "it only happens to them." If I have told my readers once, I have told you a thousand times. Drugs are a big business, and although we spend a lot of bread, \$172 billion yearly, we are not the only consumers of this poison. I don't know how many of our dollars go to this murderer, but any number is too much.

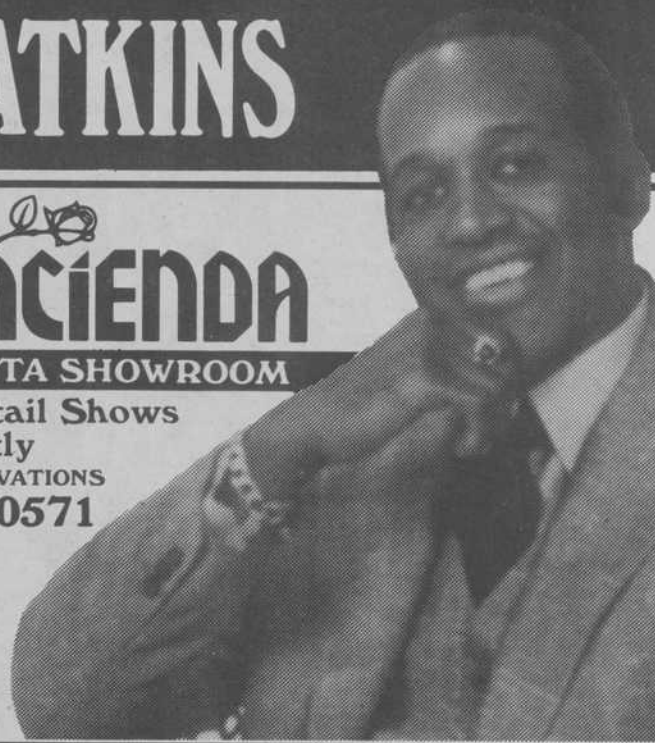
However, there is hope of a silver lining breaking through in this very dark cloud. "In its

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