

Entertainment

SEARCH FOR GOLD NAMES WINNERS

While past 'Search for Gold' winner Vince Cardell, a pianist, continues to wow them in the Solid Gold show, the Sunday talent showcase saw two new winners named Sunday night, Feb. 3.

Female vocalist Mary

Bond Davis, recently of "Ain't Misbehavin'" on Broadway, overwhelmed the judges to advance to the finals to be held Sunday, Feb. 24. The audience vote went to Rejean St. Jules, a juggler currently perform-



Veva Foote, Mary Bond Davis and Red Saber

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y.—While you're out there in the sunshine of Palm Springs, Ca., rubbing elbows with newspaper moguls at the Nat'l. Newspaper Pub. Association Midwinter

ing at Circus Circus. Both performers will compete in the 'Search' finals along with four talents to be named in the following two Sundays.

'Search' can be seen free of charge every Sunday evening in the Riviera's Versailles Theatre. Cocktails are available for the 8 p.m. performances. Hosted by Red Saber and Veva Foote and produced by Barbara Hayes, the show is currently 'the hottest show on the Strip.' For more information, anyone may call Hayes at 734-5356, Saber at 796-1340 or Foote at 367-6676. Saber oversees all auditions and coordinates talent while Foote handles all promotions and public relations duties.

convention I am covering the homefront and the subzero weather back here on the east coast. Thought I'd better inform you about what's in those unopened envelopes you left on your desk in your hurry to go out west and swing—the golf clubs. I can still hear your last words echoing in my ear as you raced down the hallway. "I'll let you know if you have to change my reservations; I might stay an extra day and play golf!!" All I have to keep me busy is lots of work and a snow shovel.

SPEAKING OF GOLF—All that dough you bet on Calvin Peete has tripled itself. I know you're happy he won the Phoenix Open by two strokes. Now you can pay-off what you blew on Charlie Sifford and Lee Elder competing in the General Foods' PGA Seniors Championship in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., recently, where it was almost as cold as it was in New York when you left for the desert. You should have been betting on Charlie when he won that championship in '75 . . .

MISTAKEN IDENTITY—A lot of people must think that you author that no-byline column in the N.Y. Am' News, cause they keep sending you letters to complain. The latest one is from Edna Mae Robinson, Sugar's ex, who was a Cotton Club cutie. She wanted you to know that as far as she could ascertain, the entertainers came in the front door; in fact, she didn't even know there were back stairs, and that the word nigger was never used by the Bosses in the presence of the employees. Edna Mae also said that the parents of the performers used the back box when it wasn't crowded. She pointed out that the situation was far from perfect, but it was also far from what

was reported in that Dec. 12th column . . . Since you don't like today's night clubs (the music is not your type) why not check out the \$800G's cabaret act "Streetheat" at Studio 54 when you get back . . . Herd Douglas, who is retiring from Schifflin & Co. in April, is going to make this year's Jesse Owens dinner a spectacular event. He is trying to get Dorian Harewood, who portrayed Jesse in last summers teleflick, to m.c. this annual affair . . . Raymond Bonds is happy that Jack the Rapper, pub. of America's oldest and largest circulated Afro-American trade publication specializing in the world of entertainment, spoke up about that delicate situation out west concerning an Afro-American radio station.

ONE LAST ITEM: . . . Looks like Billy Dee William's "Double Dare" drama might make it to TV this spring on CBS. Dwight Ellis, veep Nat'l. Assoc. of Broadcasters, sent you his thoughts about Black History Month and the radio and tee-vee bus. He discussed

the desire to make profits and the need for broadcasters to respond and represent all American citizens and how these two ideas must be successfully mixed . . . Too bad the outside Presidential Inaugural events were cancelled, because you received your press credentials from the U.S. Senate Press Photographers' Gallery.

the 75th ann'y of the Nat'l. Urban League was a very dignified affair, as it was celebrated at St. Marks United Methodist Church. It was indeed a ceremony befitting this bias hunting org. . . . Dancer-Actor Ben Vereen and dir. Steven Binder should be dropping a quarter on you soon, since they are thinking about doing the life of W.C. Handy for the big screen. It seems Binder has been researching Handy and Beale St. in Memphis. . . I always told you that Bob Guillaume was a sensuous gent. Now Man Watchers, Inc., has named him one of "TV's 10 Top Hunks." . . . Enjoy the sunshine and STAY LOOSE . . . THE STAFF . . . Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.



As one of its Black History Month features, Public Television station KLVX-Channel 10 will air internationally-renowned concert pianist and recitalist Andre Watts as he performs the works of Beethoven, Chopin, Gershwin, Debussy and Ravel "Live From Lincoln Center." The show can be seen Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 8:30 p.m.

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