

Entertainment

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

WILL A KING MUSICAL OVERCOME BROADWAY?

N'YORK CITY:—Four producers, Harold Thau, Richard Blackford, Howard Grossman and John Williams, have announced joint intentions to premier 'King' a new musical on B'way. It will coincide with the initial official celebration of the nat'l holiday to immortalize Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Book and lyrics are from John Briley with complementing music by Richard Blackford. It is developed to tell the story of the immortal peace maker from the 50s through the turbulent events leading to his April 4th, '68 tragic assassination. Based on words from the mouth of the author, 'I think what we're doing is something that will be totally unexpected, yet true to Martin and the movement. In a sense Martin was a truly operatic figure, and I hope we captured the essence and depth of that.' This corner has been told that the project has the enthusiastic endorsement of Mrs. Coretta King who has given its researchers exclusive eye-writes to all material in the family's private archives. Many of his close associates during his non-violent quest for an awakened dream of equality and freedom have agreed to the use of their name and likeness in 'King'. Among them The Hon. Andrew Young, mayor of Atlanta, Dr. Ralph Abernathy, Hosea Williams, C.T. Vivian, James Bevel and Dorothy Cotton. However, I wonder if the highly dramatic and historic thrust the Nobel Peace Prize immortal 'Drum Major for Peace' made, can march in telling step to the beat of a B'way musical drum?

WRITE TALES:—After introducing Walter Payton, the Chgo Bears' record-setting running back, as Gordon's Gin 'Black Athlete of the Year', Howard Cosell, the no tongue biting ABC-TV sports commentator took some lipshots at those who control the Heisman

Memorial Trophy. He said it was a shame Black College grid iron greats were not eligible, and that the award ceremonies were held at Downtown Athletic Club in N'York where once disdain set in when a shadow darkened its door.

The explosive running back, who amputated Jim Brown's long standing NFL record, received the hand sculptured trophy by Ed Dwight and a \$25,000 cash prize. And as Cosell pointed out, since his wife had a new bun in the box, the dough was most welcome....Wondah what they're up to now? Sipo Bhengu has been named program organizer of the state-run South African B'casting Corp. The first titled Black African, he will huncho all religious programming on its Black TV2....Many of those eyes that have lifted lovely Sue Simmons and Jack Cafferty to Neilsen 'Live At Five' NBC-TV top of the heap, have their owners wondering. 'Is Sue gaining girth fat or expanding signs of motherhood?...Hope is that 'Denny' Farrell's almost quiet reception at the 100-Blackmen/The Ass'n For A Better NY Brotherhood bash was in no way an indication that he's a lost ball in high weeds....Historic tennis great Arthur Ashe and his lovely spouse, Jeanne

An Easter Egg Hunt for children 10 years old and under will be presented by the Doolittle Community Center, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Black Fire Fighters on Saturday, Apr. 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

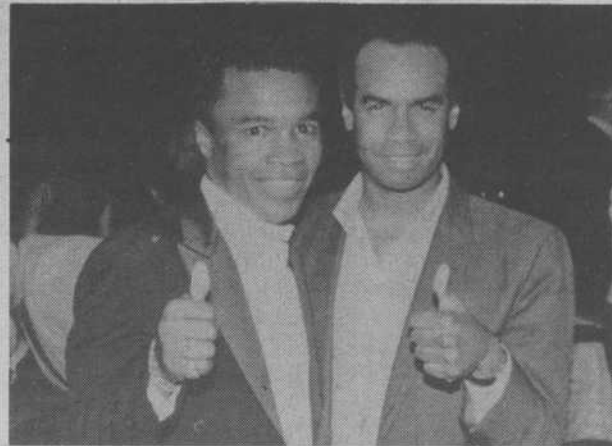
Admission will be by free ticket only. Tickets can be picked up at the center, Herbert Gerson Boys Club, Zion Day Care Center, or Poor People Pulling Together.

This event is sponsored by the City of Las Vegas, Department of Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizen Activities. For more information call 386-6375 or 649-0880.

Doolittle Community Center will sponsor the first annual 8th and 9th grade Roundup Basketball Tournament on Apr. 13 and 14. Awards will be presented to first, second and third place teams and there will be an all-tournament team selection.

The entry fee for this tournament will be \$35 per team plus \$12 for each official. The deadline date for entry fee will be Apr. 4, 1985 at 7 p.m. For more information call 386-6374.

POST-FIGHT PARTY A SMASHING SUCCESS !!!



While Larry Holmes retained his IBF World Heavyweight Crown by defeating David Bey on Friday night, March 15 in the Riviera's outdoor arena, several Las Vegas and visitors to the city maintained their ability to enjoy late night social activities.

Following 'Perser-Moutoussamy, are both preparing books. His will be a montage of words and pictures of Afro-American sports greats. She on great lensmanship of Afro-American cameracraftmen. Her first was a photo essay on Daufuskie Island that's full of eyepoppin' lenswork with a foreword by Alex Haley. Because folks forget so easily, thanks to my most respected write hand men, Jack the Rapper and Les Matthews/for treating some of our exploits as historic...STAY LOOSE....BILLY ROWE IS A SYNDICATED COLUMNIST.

verance...The Grand Finale' the Riviera hosted a gala post-fight extravaganza honoring 'the Champ'.

Celebrities in attendance included Boxing Promoter Don King,

An Evening With The Alphas Held At Athletic Club

Members of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. launched their scholarship drive for 1985 with a unique affair held at the Las Vegas

several members of the Jackson family (dad Joe, Randy, Jermaine, Janet, LaToya, and Jackie), Sugar Ray Leonard, Hugh O'Brien, Matthew Modine, Kevin Guillaume and Ed Begley, Jr.

While fighters on the Riviera card were in full force at the party (Holmes, Bey, Smith, Tubbs, Cobb and Dokes), it was also well attended by other 'heavyweights' in boxing circles such as Pinklon Thomas and Mike Weaver.

Athletic Club on March 30.

The affair featured racquetball, basketball, an aerobics class for the ladies, jacuzzi, sauna, volleyball, a bid whist tournament, backgammon tournament, a disco with a local DJ spinning records and other athletic-related activities. Free refreshments were served the participants.

All proceeds from the affair will benefit the Alpha Phi Alpha Scholarship Fund.

During the fraternity's First Annual Scholarship Ball in May 1984, it selected an area student as the first recipient of a scholarship to be used for college education.

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