

Entertainment

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

GIRLS-ALL BABY MAKERS ARE NOT FATHERS!
N'YORK CITY: Sex has become such a visible portion of everyday living it's getting more difficult to shut it out at the cradle or the graveside. Notwithstanding, the National Urban League has mouthed the bullet and triggered plans to chew away at solving the awesome side effects of this problem which plagues Black teens. The program will be a major thrust of the NUL in marking its 75th. ann'y. Its heart and soul are the visual and sound components which have been created by the Mingo-Jones Ad'Agency, one of the city's best. The urgency of the thrust is contained in some '82 figures quoted by John Jacob, president and CEO of the NUL, during a press conference announcing the campaign. "The need is obvious," he said, pointing out figures which showed that out of 145,929 Black teen's births, 87% were out of wedlock. By the time our teen girls had reached their 18th b'day, 22% had become mothers. Out of every 1000 of them, some 163 unwedded are reported pregnant. The figures pointed out other alarming side effects. Teen parents tend to complete fewer years of schooling than those who wait until they're 20-plus. Teen parents also end up with larger families and experience poverty more frequently, and to be disproportionately represented on welfare.

According to Dr. Kristin A. Moore, Ph.D., Child Trends, Inc., "A dramatic trend towards delaying marriage has taken place in just a few years. Among women aged 19, the proportion single has risen from 60% in '60 to 83% in '83." He also pointed out that because a higher number of teens are unmarried and premarital sexual activity is more common, a higher proportion of teens are at risk of premarital pregnancy. The report shows that among all teenagers since '70 more than 2/3's of the first-born of

teen mothers have been conceived out of wedlock. Yet the number of premaritally pregnant women who marry before the baby's birth has dropped. The abortion rate among young women rates considerably higher here than in other developed countries. The number of legal abortions in the country were substantial in the '70s. However, with fewer teenagers in the population, the report shows a slight drop in recent years. Unmarried teens of all races accounted for 80% of abortions obtained by teens and half of all teen births.

A MILLION TEEN MOTHERS:The NUL's press conference to announce its assault on teenage pregnancy was quite a shocker. It brought out that the risk is higher among teens just starting. Half of all pregnancies occur to young women who have first had intercourse within the previous six months. The report further alarmed this old timer with the fact that 30% of the 15-17 teens and 57% of the 18-19, females all, reported they had sex. In the '82 target period of the findings there were 523,531 births recorded. 9,773 of the mothers were 14-teen and younger; 181,162 were between 15/17; and 332,596 were in the 18/19 brackets. The above is for all teenage girls. Broken down whites had 362,101, 38% out of wedlock. The NUL's campaign is aimed at the male teenager and "the nasty old men" with elevator zipers. It's theme: "Don't make a baby if you can't be a father." It's backed by the nation's top Black media groups; The National Newspaper Publishers' Association, Black Media, Black Music Ass'n, Inner City B'casting, Nat'l Ass'n of Black Owned B'casters, Nat'l Ass'n Media Women, Nat'l Black Media Coalition and the Nat'l Black Network.

OF THEY WE WRITE:—South Africa's created free Black Sun City resort is reported falling on bad times. Seems they are having problems securing acts to per-

Sickle Cell Foundation Honors Mother's Day

The Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation of Nevada, Inc. presents a Mother's Day Afternoon Delight on Sunday, May 12. The affair will feature a buffet dinner and Las Vegas Strip entertainment, 3 to 6 p.m. at the Imperial Palace Hotel.

Albert Crosby, Foundation President, announced the entertainment would include songstress Janis Carter, singer-pianist Henry Shed and dancers from The Simba Studios. Crosby bills the event as a Sunday Afternoon of Entertainment and good food to honor all Mothers and their families. Donations for this event are \$17.50 per adult and \$12.50 per child in

form there at any price, in view of the growing worldwide spotlight being focused on "APARTHATE." The casinos have come under fire from artists' unions and the United Nations which has blacklisted all who have performed there, including Frank Sinatra who's in line for the nation's highest Medal... Deliaha Jackson, the theatrical historian, has herself another chore. She's deep into researching the life and time of the legendary Black Patt... Has there been a reconciliation of that pal of mine who tells everybody else's biz but his own... The Cotton Club Girls have been reborn since the flick hit the silver. The other eve Marion Egbert, Ruby Dallas, Julia Nosett Wheller, Edna Mae Harris, Deliaha Jackson, Bessie Dudley and Vivian Harris were the spotlighted guest at the new Cotton Club on the river end of 125 St. To show that they could still step a bit, Baby Sanchez, Sammy's mom, and Marion Coles, Honi's long time spouse, both former Apollo line dancers, showed the new rainbow line how it's done during their rehearsal at the Joffery Studios.

lucky NO. 13 — This is Maxine Sullivan's b'day month. May 13th, same as your 50th Ann'y and the late Joe Louis' natal day. Wondah how Izzy, a lady with such a sweet disposition, stood you for all those years. Congrats. The Jazz Coalition, Inc. is sponsoring a b'day

advance or door donations of \$20 per adult and \$15 per child.

The Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation of Nevada, Inc. is a non-profit community-based organization that educates the public regarding the sickle cell disease, and will coordinate community activities involved with the disease, and establish a program for testing and treatment for the disease.

Interested citizens are encouraged to support this event. Call 363-1070 for more information regarding this event or for materials and/or presentations regarding the sickle cell disease.

concert party to mark "The You Take The Hi' Road" fame supersong-stylist's 74th summer. She, by the way, can be caught in "My

GONG SHOW! AUDITIONS CONTINUE TO BE HELD AT WEST LAS VEGAS LIBRARY

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! All jugglers, musicians, jazz and ballet dancers — there is still time to get your acts together for the second annual Gong Show to be held June 22 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Las Vegas High School Auditorium located at 9th Street and Clark Avenue.

All dramatic readers, impressionists, and ventriloquists are invited to call the West Las Vegas Library, 647-2118, Tuesday through

Saturday, for an audition appointment.

Besides the opportunity to take their first curtain call, participants will also vie for first place and a video cassette recorder. Other survivors of the "gong" will compete for second prize, \$100 cash, and third place, dinner for two at Port Tack Restaurant and a \$25 gift certificate from J.C. Penney's in the Meadows Mall.

WRITE NEWS: ALBERTO-CULVERT TCB line is sponsoring the Jackie Robinson Foundation Jazz invasion of Daker, Senegal in Oct. Rachel Robinson write hands us that participants will get a full wk of VIP treatment, plus a

Only Friends" at the 92nd St. YMCA... That is also the date your pal "Jack The Ripper" is urging all of Black, and interested White, Radio Stations to make the sounds in honor of Stevie Wonderful's birthday.

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MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON DELIGHT



JANIS CARTER

**Imperial Palace
May 12, 1985
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Dinner Buffet
Entertainment**

featuring

**Janis Carter
Simba Studios
Henry Shed**

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