

Entertainment

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

"Roots" Success Failed to Sprout Opportunities

N'YORK CITY:—The 10th anniversary of "Roots," the most famous miniseries in TV history, has revived animated discussions and arguments among historians and record keepers whether it bloomed off shoots dense enough to shelter opportunities for the long denied. To dramatization of Alex Haley's best-selling book was big news. To the Afro-American community it

was a proud, but unbelievable, coup. ABC-TV opted to spend \$6-million to route Haley's roots from Africa through America's shame of slavery and the heroic struggle for Civil Rights via a 10-hour all star second presentation of its highly promoted "Novels for Television" series. David Wolper was named executive director. The eye magnetism of the show, and its eight

nights successive presentation, were unprecedented. "Roots" became the most watched TeeVee series in the history of the industry. Looking back, unfortunately, its success has not played the significant role expected in stimulating the industry use of similar talents and stories necessary to break the backs of repression and racialism which are rampant throughout the industry...This period also marks the ann'y of the sad Astronaut disaster. It leaves me wondering what has happened to the once spirited drive to establish a Dr. Ronald McNair Memorial



John Kraft (center) of Kraft Production, Inc. is pictured with (L to R) Charles Cooper, Susan Walter, Tye and Joe Venniro of "Love All People."

Entertainment and Dance to Benefit Music Academy Building Fund

John Kraft hosts an enchanted evening of entertainment and dance, for "Love All People Music Academy's" future home and building fund. The event will be held at Mr. Kraft's dance establishment, "Krafty's," located at 2101 S. Decatur, Saturday February 21, from 8 p.m. until 12 p.m. Formal attire is suggested.

The entertainment will feature: Hoyt Henry and His Band, Prentice Minner and the Love All People Singers, Rick Lane and Company, John Lerner and Entity and surprise guest performers.

"Love All People" is a drug redirection group established eight years ago to assist young people to find an alternative to drug abuse and has continued to serve the Las Vegas and Nevada community since their inception.

Included on the Music Academy Board of Directors are: Governor Bryan, Sheriff Morgan, Honorable Judge Don Mosley, Karla McComb, Noel Manoukian, and Don Jaye, Chairman.

For ticket information and reservations please contact John Lerner 731-0502 or John Kraft 871-0023.

Scholarship Fund? Though the most hyped, the Giants/Broncos Super Bowl XXI pigskin classic was not the most eyed. A.C. Nielsen charted it 9th. However, neither rain, snow nor sleet could sack the Bill Cosby show. The Nielsen quarterback tossed it a record pass as the most watched comedy series ever on the tube. Would you believe that when "Roots" was doing its thing worldwide 10-yr's back, a sitcom starring Cosby bombed on ABC-TV. His current show on NBC is enjoying its third season atop the rating charts.

WRITE-A-TO-Z:—Millionaire chauffeur Roosevelt Zanders is one of the only six Rolls Royce owners in Atlanta, Ga so natch he had no problems when requesting special plates. They collect lots of eyes and an occasional parking citation...W'Chester's winter snow storm forced the postponement of General Foods executives' retirement party for departing corporate Veep Lee A. Archer...Ralph McNeil, prexy of G.F.'s North St. Capitol, minority funding operation, gets the after Xmas Santa Award. He started a west coast minority trucking firm off in hi'gears with a funding packing that will keep it out of the potholes of bankruptcy...During all that inner circle infighting at

Freedom Bank everybody seemed to have forgotten that it was the late Dunbar McLaurin who was the founder of the institution...That Conn. ice up-ended Sally Nix putting a hurtin' on her spinal region. Her buddies, like this scribe, are overjoyed she just has to stay from behind the wheel a spell...Jack the Rapper has established a fund to insure a marker for the final resting place of the late legendary singer Jackie Wilson. Jack has put his money, \$500, where his intentions are, urging all those who benefited by Wilson's greatness to kick-in. He's buried in Detroit...Brenda Schofield, who was a super Giant fan, is still burning. Though she's a season ticket holder her Super Bowl XXI ducats request was nixed...Warren Jackson, Circulation Expert, soothed his frustrations over the

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Unity Theatre Presenting "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enough"

Unity Theatre in conjunction with Nucleus Associates, L.D.C. presents "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf" by Ntozake Shange Sunday, February 22 at 8:00 p.m., in the Heritage Hall, located inside the Nucleus Shopping

Plaza, 950 W. Owens Ave. Tickets are priced from adults \$4.00, children \$2.00 and may be purchased at Sight & Sound Center, 811 W. Owens, 648-4444.

For further information please call 646-1926 or 876-1478.

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PAINTING CHURCHES

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Directed by Paul Thornton

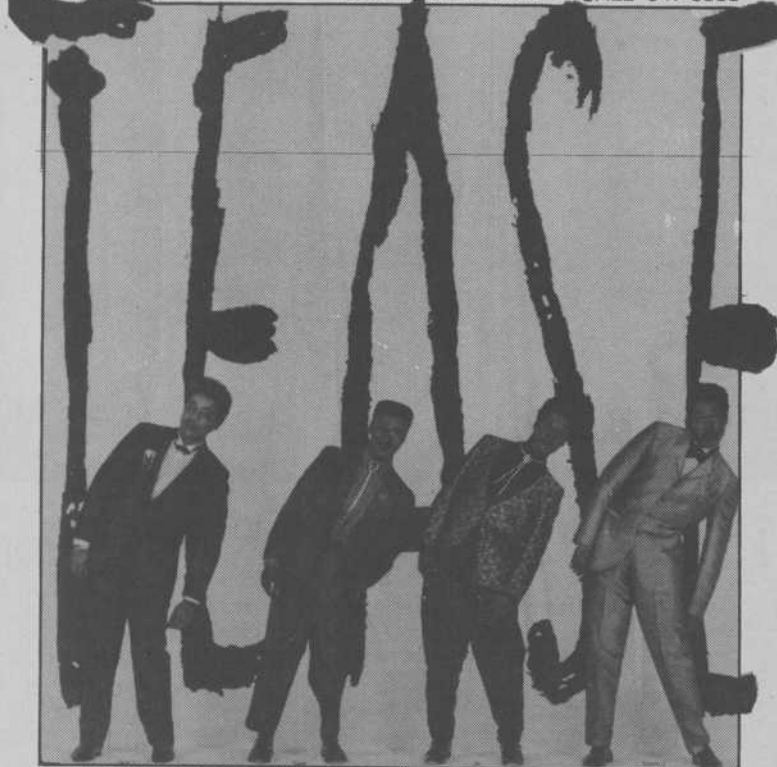
NOTE: Season ticket holders are entitled to see both plays as a part of the season membership. Reservations must be made for each play and will be honored until ten minutes prior to curtain due to recent long standby lists.

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