

# Entertainment

## BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

**N'YORK CITY:**—Morton Downey, Jr., TeeVee's newest talk show host, literally and actively has a big obscene mouth. His appeal seems to be to those who make up the downside of the nation. To date, his kind of venom is being sprayed through seven outlets. What could be a ground swelling attention getting stopper is the action taken by WGB-TV, the CBS affiliate in Schnectady, NY. In the words of David Lynch, vice pres/general mgr, "The language and content of the show were too obscene for the image of the station." In a column for the Daily News, staff reporter George Maksian paraphrased that language on the program gets so out of hand at times that much of it has to be bleeped as unsuitable for airing. NYC's Mayor Koch, in his familiar words, "You have to be a lunatic to be a guest on his show." On occasion, Downey's audience behaves like a lynch mob, the KKK syndrome from behind sheets. In sumation, Mark-sian revealed that "despite the hoopla about increased

ratings, the show has a dismal count during its channel-9 outing here." Its insult cut across all racial borders and is a smear on the face of human decency that should be wiped off . . . The Nat'l Minority Business Council Inc. Planned luncheon, honoring Ralph McNeal, Sr., was cancelled without explanation. As prexy of General Foods' North Street Capital he is responsible for many of this org's members being in business . . . Don't expect anything to halt the tribute Miller Brewing Co. has put together to welcome Stan Scott to N'Orleans where he will head the Crescent Distributing Co., one of the biggest in the nation.

**NEWS WORTH:** — Dick Griffey, Solar Records top gun, is cash serious about acquiring Motown Records. At press time he went public that he is positioned to match or better any offer up to \$100,000,000. However the belief along tallow alley is that MCA has the inside "track" with Motown Industries . . . Both Barbara and Illinois Jacquet jetted to Cali-

fornia, but not together. The sojourn was for the graduation of their daughter from medical school. It's now, "our daughter, the Doctor, Pamela Jacquet." . . . Jim Cuffee, the international realtor, has a bid in to take the Claridge Hotel and Casino off the "For Sale" block. Should he become successful he will be the only bro chief of a major piece of gambling property on the B'-walk. He currently owns a motel a sea mist from it and a vacation farm on the outskirts of town . . . You can ignore that garish concocted story of that young cad who's passing around the story that one of our loveliest and highly regarded super stars is easy to bed and begs for more . . . It must have been a proud day for mom and daughters. Diahann Carroll made it to Boston to pick up an honorary degree. She also addressed Pine Manor's 77th graduation class. One of her two attending daughters was a graduating member.

**CHATTER BOX:** — Lovely and talented Whitney Houston told a London concert audience she was bigger than the Beatles having had seven consecutive number-1 chart toppers. There was nary a dissenting voice though the English are not all that polite . . . "Franks Place," starring husband and wife team, Tim and Daphne Maxwell Reid, was one of two CBS-TV programs to win one of the first annual Multimedia Mentor Awards. However it did not win a pickup slot on the net's fall season tube fillers. "Frank's Place" has been put on standby. However all isn't lost. "Sonny Spoon" has a Friday's date on NBC's net this fall and "Heat of the Night" will warm up winter nights and The Bill Cosby show will keep laughter in our house to abut those gloomy evenings to keep the fire burning into "A Different World." . . . Prince's just released album, "Lovesexy" has run smack dab into sales problems against a hi-flying bootleg version of his never before released "The Black Album." I have no idea why it was not released. Think it could be the title? NAACP's Chief Benjamin Hooks hooked Jondella H. Johnson, the Atlanta Branch spark plug to head a national radio-

thon drive for a million new members. You better bet she's up to the task. The problem is what will Atlanta do without her . . . Financiers say that the big money plans for reopening Smalls Paradise as a posh Harlem jazz/supper club will not make the credit line. During the roaring 20s it was an uptown landmark with The Cotton Club and Connie's Inn. What a story book, "The Resuscitation of the Life and Times of Ed Smalls" would make.

**"WRITE" OUT:** — The other media, electronic and print, seems to be playing hard ball with heavyweight king Mike Tyson, his new bride, Robin and his mother-in-law, Ruth Givens. Look for a strong rebuttal. The root of the matter is a behind the scenes control of the title holder . . . Denzel Washington's Oscar nomination for his performance in "Cry Freedom" did not carry him to the winning circle but it has brought him greater recognition as an actor. Now he's set to team with Ruby Dee and Paul Winfield for a B'way staging of "Checkmates." Bill Cosby, making his only live appearance in Hartford, Conn., sold out its Civic Center's 16,000 seats before you could pronounce "Dr. Huxtable." The Greatest Sports Legends Class of '87 will spotlight baseball's diamond of the Diamond Dave Winfield without a bat or glove as host . . . Open your ears, this is "Black Music Month." . . . Opening Julio Iglesias' stint at the Music Hall, Doug Starks' off the wall impressions of Michael Jackson turning into Sammy Davis, Jr. exacted a 1/2-hour of audience laughter . . . TeeVee talk host Tony Brown, turned film producer, can think of only bleep words for the H'wood rating system. The body gave his "White Girl" an R rating and he's teed. His flick has to do with dope rather than the title . . . A sigh of sadness gripped the international music community with the passing of Sy Oliver. Musically he arranged himself into immortality. Wherever instruments are blended, the sounds, as arranged by this genius of another time, will keep coming on . . . When kids match their skills on dusty and green acres with an ambition to make the big leagues, color will not be a

## POINTER SISTERS AT CAESARS PALACE



The Pointer Sisters

Just in time for Independence Day festivities, Ruth, Anita and June Pointer return to headline the Caesars Palace showroom — a trio of sparklers who have covered the full range of popular music with inimitable grace and style.

Scheduled for Caesars cocktail shows June 29-July 4, The Pointers Sisters recently released a new single from their 16th career album, "Serious Slammin'". Titled "I'm In Love," the song is proof that the ladies haven't forgottn how to sell a romantic cheek-to-cheek number. "I'm In Love" sharply contrasts with "You Turned Me Out," the album's first single, a steamy dance tune featured in the motion picture "Action Jackson."

Singing everything from jazz scat to pop and R&B in their early career, The Pointers' first two albums were certified gold, with country song "Fairy Tale" copping the group's first Grammy. In 1978, working with longtime producer Richard Perry, they adopted a hotter sound with sassy lyrics and driving rhythms. Under Perry's direction, they recorded numerous hit singles, including "Fire," "Happiness," "He's So Shy," "Jump" and "I'm So Excited." More recent chart singles were "Twist My Arm," "Dare Me" and last year's "Mercury Rising."

For show reservations at Caesars Palace, phone 702/731-7333 or 800/445-4544.

## SAFETYPUP'S CUTE KIDS

Nevada Child Seekers is presenting "Safetypup's Cute Kids" Photogenic Contest.

There are 5 categories: 0-3, 4-7, 8-12, 13-15, and 16-18. Entry fee is \$10 and deadline for entries is June 24.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the Broadway Tire Center Charity Car Show, Meadows Mall, on July 2.

For entry forms, or more information on Nevada Child Seekers, Call 796-7333.

barrier. That's the legacy of Joe Bostic and Wendell Smith who are now joined in that great hereafter . . . STAY LOOSE . . . Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.

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