

Entertainment

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

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NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y.:— A cadre of his worldwide admirers jumped to the coin box post haste when the news broke that the IRS was investigating the tax deduction of the "Greatest," the now ailing Muhammad Ali. Most of them wanted to volunteer putting their money where their sympathy lies. The legendary champ's '78 returns are allegedly under scrutiny. In your "hear"-after tell him about it, Joe Louis . . . There are two quiet political moves in the direction of Congressman Charles Rangel; a run for the Senate in six years, or the "Big Apple" executive chambers in '89 . . . Speaking of politics, now that Nita Lowey has made it to Congress on the ballots of W'chester 20th district, can the Dems continue to deny the move-up ambitions of State Legislator Geraldine

Daniels? Speaking of the Congress-lady, the liberal members of her district would like her to keep open former, comes '89, Congressman Joe DioGuardi's battle to resuscitate due honors, Congressional Medals, Silver Stars and the like for African American heroes of World Wars one and two . . . Copeland's new eatery in the shadow of the Duke Ellington Statute Bobby Short is having erected at 110-St. and 5th Ave. will contain a "Major Robinson Wall of Fame."

NEWS & VIEWS: — This wk's tipped heart is to Jack "The Rapper" Gibson whose "write hand" accolades far exceeded the accomplishments of this scribe . . . We do not have an answer as to why Joe Louis Barrow, Jr. selected Barbara Munder as co-author of his book "Joe Louis—50 Years An American Hero." However, I'm aware it is good reading

with many heretofore unprinted facts . . . The verdict is in and The Dance Theatre of Harlem is "guilty" of mishandling School Teacher June Gay's advance ticket buy for ninety of her students to view a performance. The grand gesture would be to complimentary invite them all as VIPs to the very next performance of this fine role model group of stellar young performers.

The N'Rochelle Police Dept. has added an advisory board to ease tensions caused by alleged police insensitivity in the Black community. Former Deputy Police Commissioner Alex Toone, a reactivated volunteer, chairs the group. Others are youth board topped Paul Dennis, Jacquetta Coles, Lonnie Barnes and this scribe . . . There were problems aplenty in the Soviet Union for cast and crew of "Sophisticated Ladies." However the first full bloomed musical to perform in the kleigs there since the late 50s, has no ax to grind. Gregg Burge and Hinton Battle topped the group of



An evening of jazz, wine and art, featuring jazz great George Howard takes place this Saturday, December 3rd at Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV. Tickets include the wine tasting and art show and are available at Mail and More, Vesely Music, Nellis Air Force Base Ticket Office, De Paulis Music and at Artemus Ham Hall Boxoffice.

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'50 . . . Those two New Rochelle professors who were axed in May, Thomas P. Brennan and Andre Have have taken their complaints to the Unfair Labor Practice Board. Their allegations are that the COLlege of New Rochelle dismissed them because they are leaders of the College Chapter of the American Association of University Professors . . . The West Coast NAACP Prexy, Willis Edwards coindropped that the drive to have CBS-TV return "Frank's Place" to the eye/ear waves has generated 30,000 'write hand' supporters. Hope they will include "Sonny Spoon" to their write-in list. NBC-TV has also squandered the life of the fast paced provocative private-eye of many disguises . . . Which is a reminder that it's "Image

Awards" time again. Eye/Ear time is Jan. 14th. However, if bent on knowing the winners earlier coin drop to the coast where shooting is Dec. 10th . . . That busted nose upheaval with lights bright and cameras rolling got Geraldo Rivera top slot as Nielsen count every place except Philly which gave the show its lowest spot on the chart. Roy Innis, the CORE head, is in great demand since his two tube tussles have proven to be assured Nielsen raisers . . . **MARQUEE NOTES:** — The Hite of this corner did B'way last wk and left the following accolades about a couple of shows she eye-viewed. "George Bernard Shaw's "The Devil's Disciple," at the Circle In The Square is brim full of waspish humor which everyone can, and

did, enjoy. Victor Garber and Remak/Ramsay are the standouts of this fast paced comedy . . . Michael Weller's "Spoils of War" struck her eye level as a human comedy with a measure of pathos that's strong enough to lift those rose colored glasses of youth. She was moved by Kate Nelligan's excellent and believable emoting as the hippie good-intentioned mom . . . Roosevelt Zanders was in town for a Sunday memorial service for his late spouse who passed away July '88 . . . Coast coin droppers are touting James Earl Jones for his performance in the upscheduled flick, "Bailey's Bridge" . . . Sidney Poitier has been singled out by the American Museum of Moving Images as its '89 honoree. This puts

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