

Entertainment

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

N'ROCHELLE, N.Y.—Dr. Bill Cosby "Huxtable" makes millions of house calls weekly. In his off time he rolls on those silent human summonses that are astounding. Through legitimate organizations he has become the "earpost" of souls burdened by poverty, neglect and ig-

norance, the bedfellows of inadequate education. His next venture will lure worldwide attention to the National Dropout Prevention Fund dinner Feb. 7th, '89. His appearance is a coup for Esther Ferguson, founder of this concerned organization. The spouse of James Ferguson,

retired Chair/CEO General Foods, she has already received a commitment from Dr. Henry Kissinger, former Sec'y of State. Then also it is no surprise that he is expected to be joined by a large contingent of affluent members of the financial and political circles of power. Two of the nation's most dedicated widows, Maria Cole and Rachel Robinson have both blueprinted programs that will add to the

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Little Anthony at Four Queens

Little Anthony will be appearing in the French Quarter at the Four Queens Hotel & Casino December 27 through January 1, 1989.

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were invited to bring their instruments to insure a rockin' good time . . . The praise agent wrote; Columbia Records takes a giant step in the ongoing documentation of the jazz world's most important living artist, "Miles Davis: The Columbia Yrs-1955-1985 . . . An announcement from the American Publishers' Association Foundation is that it has signed on as a participant in the American Bar Association's national project to increase the use of minority law firms by businesses. ANPA seemed disturbed that so far, of the 22 companies, none of which are in the newspaper business, have agreed to participate.

THE CHATTER BOX is brimming over with speculations about Eddie Murphy and his photo captured date with whom the dailies termed a white waitress . . . Jack "The Rapper" Gibson took his mellow Yellow to a print beauty parlor and it emerged a three color gem with eye arresting magic and knowledgeable enrichment . . . Those 66 candles on Redd Foxx's birthday cake inspired a long line concept from more than one of his coast buddies. All agreed that the master of double-entendre must have failed to count those barefooted years . . . There's a mystery about that lovely quiet lady stalking

the "Checkmate" stage door for a nightly peep at co-star Denzel Washington? Those everyday kleig light critics seemed to have ditched their better adjectives reviewing Alex Haley's "Roots" spinoff, "Roots: The Gift." To this scribe the David Wolper's production for ABC-TV, though not a sequel, was a timely reminder of the 12 yrs ago blockbuster which established author Haley and pride in the heritage of Africans in the homeland and all other parts of a civilized world. It reminded us that we all have a heritage to stand on and a sense of belonging never experienced before millions identified with "Kunta Kinte." Louis Gossett, Jr., LaVar Burton, Avery Brooks and Shaun Cassidy topped a superb cast. They made one feel the pain and experience and plight and harbor the disdain of those entwined in the historic growth, and shame, of a nation when the future destiny of human beings were at stake. "Write" on Alex, this side enjoyed the "Gift." If your bags are easily packed — and your educational equipment is knowledgeably oiled, there are top job needs at Lincoln U., Missouri, Morehouse and Spelman Colleges in Atlanta . . . STAY LOOSE: — Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.