

Entertainment



BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

COURAGEOUS DeeCee RUN TO CHASE SUBSTANCE ABUSE

NEW ROCHELLE, NY: - With courage and determination of purpose, teenaged members of the Remington Boys and Girls Flyers Track Team have shaped up for what they termed their most challenging adventure since the formation of the group four years ago. It's an eleven-leg relay run from the Queen City of the Sound, to Washington, D.C. The ready-get-set gun will be triggered the morning of April sixth. Three days later the nation's capitol is expected to be reached. Walter Brown, coach and senior coordinator, informed that the project is the outcome of the participants' determination to run away from drugs on their run into the future with clear, useful and productive minds. More

than half of the relay team of girls and all in the 6-to12 age brackets. Their effort has been highly praised by lay, religious and political leaders. Among this cadre are Congressman Charles Rangel, the astute and progressive chairperson of the House Select Committee on Narcotic Abuse and Control., Mayor Leonard Paduano, New Rochelle, the City Manager Samuel Kissinger and the members of the City Council, spearheaded by Dr. Francis X. Judge, the keeper of this corner, Napoleon Holmes, prez of the Queen City of the Sound NAACP branch, and Nancy Hite, its 3rd veep coordinated portions of the program. While many in and outside of the Westchester area contributed the

necessary funds for such an event, Karl Hofer, general manager of N'York's newest and tallest hotel, the Rihga Royal, was the largest financial contributor. More on this when the deal is done.

NEWS LINES: - Counted as They struck 1,623 home runs. Jointly and individually that's more than any baseball player in the world. Now Henry Aaron and Sadaharu Oh have joined forces to promote international goodwill and fellowship among children of the world



Henry Aaron

through baseball under the umbrella of the World Children's Baseball Fair Foundation. The inaugural event is scheduled for late in July and will extend through August. Some 300 youths from around the world will be invited guests of WCBF. Charitable organizations throughout the world will share in the proceeds of this, and all the future promoted events. To refresh your baseball knowledge Sadaharu Oh hit 868 career home runs with the Japanese league. On the American baseball circuit Henry "Hank" Aaron stroked 755

baseballs out of American's major league parks to eclipse the seemingly unbeatable record of baseball's immortal Sultan of Swat, Babe Ruth. Ernie Banks, Tommy John, Mike Schmidt, Olym-



Spike Lee

pic Decathlon champ Bruce Jenner and astronaut Buzz Aldrin are among a growing cadre of sports and entertainment celebrities who continue to come aboard as advisors with their hearts in each extended helping hand.

WHAT ELSE IS NEWS?--A most reliable coin dropper informs that Spike Lee, the refreshing new "kid" on the block, has done the right thing and bought himself some Oaks Bluffs turf as an R&R getaway from the fickle world of the rich and famous...It wasn't told to me, but I sure did hear that Spike's coat is being pulled to alert him about the life and conquests of J. Raymond Jones, the "Harlem Fox." It was he who opened the door through which "ethnic Americans" are now gaining some of the power of democracy that's planted within the ballot box...Jim Cuffee, the international land baron was honored by the "Black Mayors" Association

during their annual confab in N'Orleans. He was awarded for his continued support of the group and his enterprising entrepreneurship...The Joint Center is wising up. It has added "Economics Studies" to its title...In an earlier write on Spike Lee we overlooked the bit that our Nancy brought in about his "We Was Robbed" pre-Oscar bash in B'klyn. On the scene were Joe Seneca, wax spinner Frankie Crocker, Kid N Play, stars of the hit flick "House Party" Run from rap group Run DMC.

PREDICATORY:--April has showered B'way with August Wilson's latest, "Piano Lesson." It has brought to the Big Apple actors Lou Myers, Rocky Carroll, Charles S. Dutton and Carl Gordon for a run on the illuminated lane. Director Lloyd Richards, who collaborated with the triple award winning playwright when his other works came to the big street, fills the same role this go-round...Tickets went on sale March end for what its "praise agent" Joshua Ellis dubbed an extra special musical, "Truly Blessed," the Musical Celebration of Mahalia Jackson. Gospel great Esther Marrow in the

lead role heads a cast which included Carl Hall, Lynette G. DuPre, Doug Eskew and Gwen Stewart. The play had a critics' embraced run at DeeCee's Ford Theatre last season under a marquee billing, "Don't Let This Dream Go..."The mystery of the month, perhaps an April Fool's gag, has to do with a lady in full wedding regalia who hit the City Center scene claiming that she and soulful delineator James Ingram were to be married before the first show. Since the soulful balladeer was Patti LaBelle's opening act, security kept the lady on the run. She finally hitched up her wedding gown and nixed the scene...Henry Brown, the veepee, Marketing and Development, with the power to do, at Anheuser-Busch, is chairperson of the gala to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Howard University School of Business. Dean Milton will also be honored for his 20 years of distinguished service. Recent milestones in the school's history included reaccreditations of the graduate and undergraduate programs by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business...STAY LOOSE...Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.

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