

# Entertainment

## Billy Rowe's Notebook



### TIME TO UNSHACKLE CHAIN OF DRUG ABUSE SLAVERY NOW!!!

**N'YORK CITY:**—In 1989 as executive editor of the National Newspaper Publisher's Association's Convention Journal this scribe wrote what follows as a call to arms against the enslave-

ment of people of African descent by drugs. "Drugs and alcohol abuse are the keys to crack hell before one dies. Both habits have constituted major problems in the African-American community for too long. Through the years these problems have escalated to the point where many feel that drugs and alcohol are literally destroying African-American community life, physically, psychologically and spiritually. Some activists have expressed the thought that the African-American community must unshackle the chain of drug abuse slavery through its own efforts. White concern, in their belief, has been primarily in response to the drug involvement of whites. Their programs directed at African-Americans have been more inclined to containment of the problem within ghetto borders than towards valid and lasting solutions. It is further suspected that African-American and whites drug abuse is different in both dynamics and degree. Therefore solutions conceived by whites may be applicable only within their communities. The drug abuse problem has been overwhelming, but in no way is it unconquerable. Those who serve the Afri-

## SENTINEL-VOICE TOP 10 SINGLES

- 1.) STAY - Jodeci
  - 1.) KEEP IT COMIN' - Keith Sweat
  - 3.) LET'S STAY TOGETHER - GUY
  - 4.) WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND - Eric B. & Rakim
  - 5.) REMEMBER THE TIME - Michael Jackson
  - 6.) THE RUSH - Luther Vandross
  - 7.) CAN'T LET GO - Mariah Carey
  - 8.) MY WORLD - ABC
  - 9.) SOMEBODY LOVES YOU - Patti LaBelle
  - 10.) I WANT YOU - Jody Watley
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- DEADLOCK FOR THE #1 SONG - Jodeci and Keith Sweat**  
**STRONG CONTENDERS TO TAKE OVER #1 - Keep It Comin' - Let's Stay Together**  
**PICK HIT OF THE WEEK - My World**  
**POTENTIAL TOP 10 SONGS - Diamonds & Pearls - Prince:**  
 What You See - Aretha Franklin; Do Unto Me - Karyn White;  
 Can't Stop - Z'Looke; Ain't Too Proud To Beg - T.L.C.  
**\*\*\* FURTHERMORE... -** For the 1st time int the Top 10 there is a tie for the top spot. **Jodeci** holds strong for the third straight week as **Keith Sweat** sneaks in for the tie; **Eric B. & Rakim** fails to kick it to #1 and begins its slide down the rankings; After viewing the **Remember The Time** video, a standstill at #5 was in order for **Michael Jackson**. The "gloved one" should move up in the rankings, eventually reaching the #1 position.  
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can-American communities nationwide, politicians, the news media, doctors, social workers, psychiatrists, lawyers and the business establishment all have the responsibility and opportunity to join forces in a more concentrated effort to contain this scourge of humanity. In their strategic roles as communicators, healers and advocates they have an excellent vantage point from which to proceed in assessing and analyzing this problem and all its ramifications.

The definition of drug abuse must include those obtained both legally and illegally, youths, adults, white collar and "ghetto." The need is to be concerned about the total spectrum of substances that are subject to misuse, alcohol, barbiturates, narcotics, hallucinogens, amphetamines, tranquilizers, cocaine, cannabis and inhalants. Statistics are hard to come by on the growing incidence of today's drug abuse. However the media made belief that drug abuse is primarily an African American problem is like one sticking ones head into the sand as protection against a sand storm. It is far too closely a habit and involves too large a profit to allow minority control on either the selling or taking end. On either side it's a sure way to GO TO HELL BEFORE YOU DIE.

Back in the early seventies Naomi T. Gray Associated researched and developed a proposal to attack the very same problem with funding from the NNPA, the National Bar Association and the National Business League. The time is now to provide a setting that will inspire citizen support in a police and people surge to close up every crack hole in every neighborhood and sweep cocaine down the drain.

**IT'S GETTING HOTTER:—**  
 Last week this space reported that Samuel L. Myer's president of the National Association of Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO), letter accusing the American Council of Education has caused quite a furor within his own organization. It now seems that a group of Black College and University presidents, NAFEO members, are planning a summit to chart a new course for Historically Black institutions. The College Presidents want to set their own agenda, instead of always seeming to be on the responding end. This call to action was a front (See Billy Rowe, Page 11)