

Billy Rowe's Notebook



A LETTER TO THE EDITOR AND HIS SPOUSE

N'ROCHELLE, N.Y.:— "Dear Izzy and Billy: The letter is addressed to Bill because it is directed more to his business than personally. But how can old friends avoid being personal? In your Christmas card, Izzy acknowledged receipt of my disclosure that I will be in the Apple for April 8-12 and if we don't get together this time, the gauntlet will be thrown. However this correspondence relates to the upcoming re-union here in Las Vegas of The Ladies Who Danced. This eagerly awaited event will take place at the Stardust Resort Hotel & Casino from April 20 through April 26, 1992, and the centerpiece of the glorious week of festivities is a star-

studded presentation in a "Remembering Ellington" tribute to the Duke and his Music in the Stardust Hotel's State of the Art Trianon Ballroom, Friday, April 24, 1992. Actually, we are commemorating the anniversary of Duke Ellington's 93rd birthday which of course, is April 29. A bevy of the "Ladies" are coming from New York, others from Los Angeles, Detroit, Denver and, I think Philadelphia. Have had no confirmation from there but Atlantic City will be represented by Jessie Redfox, I know. We are seeking the participation of as many artists as we can to do something of Ellington as part of each performance. Please make a special effort to be on

the scene. You and Izzy don't particularly care for Las Vegas, I know but, after all, where else (or when) will you both have the opportunity to "hob nob" with old pals? Vivi Brown is coordinator of the New York contingent. I am also writing to Marion and Honi Cole. Honi, I understand, is recuperating at home from his recent surgery—as is Audrie, or did you know about her. Vivi will fill you in but she's going to be O.K. because my cousin, Gay, who prayed with her via long distance before Audrie went into the hospital, assures me that Audrie is A-O.K. I believe her. Also dashed off a letter to Lena a few minutes ago to tell her how much all of Audrie's friend appreciated Lena's caring and loving solicitude of Audrie during this trying time. By the way, The Ladies Who Danced have incorporated a non-profit organization (State of Nevada) in order to assure the Senior Programs of the City of Las Vegas and the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County will benefit from the proceeds. Should you ever need information (or gossip) about what's happening in The Apple, call me. I'm in touch, as

you see. Affectionately Alice Key.

ENCORE NOTES:—Alice Key is Deputy Labor Commissioner, the State of Nevada, and along with the Nevada based committee have arranged for guests to stay in the Delux new or remodeled rooms, adjoining the casino at the Stardust. Suites must be requested in advance and will be made available over the above dates on a space available basis. Guest Room rates are as follows: \$48.00 per night (Sun., Thu.); \$62.00 per night (Fri., Sat.) and 1-bedroom Spa Suite \$150.00 per night. Room reservations are being accepted by the Stardust's room reservation dept., 1-800-634-6757, with a credit card guarantee, Alice asks that all those making reservations identify themselves as a part of her group. Cut off date for reservations is March 23, 1992, but the Stardust Hotel and Casino will work with the group to ensure that last minute or late reservations will be accommodated on a space available basis. Rooms released less than 48 hours prior to arrival time will be subject to a cancellation penalty equivalent to the first nights room and tax. The Ladies Who Danced are also sponsoring at 1992 Reun-

ion Journal. Front and back covers are \$200.00, full pages \$125.00, half pages \$62.50, quarter pages \$31.25 and eighth of a page \$16.00. For further information about the Ladies Who Danced Reunion here are the numbers to be called: (702) 733-0139, (702) 458-3444, (702) 898-9091, (702) 386-6131 and (702) 451-9827.

NEW NEWS:—According to a report in Medium Rare, the quarterly newsletter of the Native American Journalists Association, researcher as been commissioned to help generate tribal solutions to the problems associated with expanding press freedoms in Indian Country. With the support of the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development located at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, graduate student Ellasion Phillips will be conducting a survey of tribal leadership attitudes toward freedom of press issues. The survey is an attempt to document tribal charis' views in the hope of uncovering ways to resolve Native Americans press freedom issues independent of federal intervention. Survey results are expected to be out by mid-April. Black freedom will not come easy in South Africa. White South Afri-

cans recently voted for "aparthate" in a parliamentary by-election in the Potchefstroom constituency in Transvaal province. The vote was called a harsh rebuff of President de Klerk's reform movement. This was a victory for the pro-segregation Conservative Party, which seized the local legislative seat from De. Klerk's National Party. This is surely a sign that we must "Keep The Pressure On." Because of an embargo clause in Alice Walker's contract, the "Color Purple" will not be broadcast in the Contemporary Community Values channel until 1994. The network was set to run the flick in March '92. Eddie Murphy, who is busy making "Boomerang," with Robin Givins, is just as busy denying rumors that he is goofing off. People close to the set, report that Murphy keeps the crew waiting for hours, however, those close to him say that he is spending his time putting together an album, recording with Michael Jackson, Hammer and Bon Jovi and in meetings for his next pie for Disney's "Distinguished Gentleman," which is scheduled to start a month after "Boomerang" wraps...STAY LOOSE...Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.

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NOTICE OF VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

In accordance with Nevada Revised Statute 386.270, the Board of School Trustees of the Clark County School District shall fill the vacancy in School Trustee District C. This vacancy shall be filled at a public meeting to be held on April 21, 1992, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., at 2832 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada. The appointee shall serve until the next general election. The person appointed to fill the vacancy shall have the qualifications provided in Nevada Revised Statute 386.240. Letters of application shall

be received in the office of the Superintendent of Schools on or before April 3, 1992. The letter shall contain a resume. The map below represents only a general description of the area contained within District C. For specific information, please contact the Election Department.

