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Diana Ross



Smokey Robinson

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Q. I'm 14 years old and love to write. I've written a school play that everyone enjoyed. Maybe one day I'll write for the movies and the stage.

Suzy Willis

Ypsilanti, Mich.

A. Elizabeth Swado, who is quite young herself, has written, composed and directed a play that has found its successful way to Broadway. It's called "Runaways." The age range of the cast is from 11 to early 20s. The play is a rare and timely treat. The young cast gives a fresh, honest and entertaining performance. Swado admits that

kids through improvisation.

Q. Smokey Robinson is so rich and powerful at Motown, why does he continue to perform? He could just be relaxing!

most of the script came from

Philadelphia, Pa.

A. Smokey realizes he still has a great following and enjoys performing. Women moan, groan, scream and fall to his feet as he sings. I just wish he'd take off those boots he wears.

Q. How has Ken Norton taken his ups and downs in the fight world?

Alica Reid Richmond, Va.

A. Ken has shown some strain. Norton sulked on T.V. because the host Joey Bishop asked the question, "If Larry Holmes wins the fight . . ."? Ken felt it was a negative statement and sat brooding. Bishop became flustered and the interview collapsed while Ken stood out like a sore thumb.

Q. Speaking of persons, from the past, what's Etta James doing these days?

Ernestine Clayton Sumter, S.C.

A. Etta James is singing the blues better than ever, after winning a long bout with drugs. I wish her luck.

Q. Do you know anything about Aretha Franklin since she got married?

A. Aretha is a very private per-

son who makes a few parties and

loves television. Recently she was seen leaving her own successful concert with hubby, as Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Turman. That's what marriage will do for you.

Q. I hear there is place in New York called "The Soho Area." Where and what is that?

Louis Green Dallas, Texas

A. The Soho Area is just below Greenwich Village, writers, painters, performers — you — name it — are flocking to this part of town. Jann Parker, jazz singer, extra - ordinaire, is getting started there.

Q. The Ali - Spinks rematch will cost ABC-TV, 5.2 million dollars. How can they afford it?

Cerise Hammie
Kutztown, Pa.

A. They are projecting an audience of more than 75,000,000

audience of more than 75,000,000 for the telecast. ABC could get an average of \$300,000 per minute. That could give a gross revenue figure of \$6,900,000. Subtract agency fees and ABC could net in the neighborhood of five million for the 24 commercial minutes available within the three hours.

Q. I know this might sound corny but I fell in love with Edward Love, after seeing him in "Piece of the Action" and "Chorus Line." What's he doing?

A. Edward Love is one of the stars of Bob Fosse's broadway hit musical "Dancin"." He's receiving raves from all of the top critics. He has also written a screenplay which will soon be produced, "The Bogey Man," regarding a race between a young man and his own fears of success.

Q. If Diana Ross had stayed with the Supremes she would be just like them, jobtess, don't you agree?

Berkeley, California
A. The Supremes have done alright for themselves. Recently, Diana Ross grossed more than \$315,000 dollars for six performances at the London Palladium. That's a house record so why should I agree?

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