



STRIP CHATTER.....ABBE LANE returns to headline, with Norm Crosby, next at the Desert Inn. Abbe opens her new act June 26.....Strip matire'd ALLEN CHAPIN recuperating at home after a week long stay and surgery at Sunrise Hospital.....KLAV Radio personality SIG SAKOWICZ culling thru his many years of radio interviews and WGN (Chicago) broadcasts for an hour long tribute to Judy Garland, on the anniversary of her death June 22.....DYANNA WHITMAN, the featured songbird, in the Flamingo Casino Theater's new revue "FANCY THAT" opening June 21. JERRY NORMAN is doing the staging and choreography; JOSEPHINE SPINEDI the costumes.....JOAN RIVERS & AL MARTINO, who were teamed here last at the Desert Inn reunited for an early July outing at King's Castle, Northshore Tahoe at Incline Village..... LIBERACE, departing the Hilton to make way for GOLDIE HAWN's mainroom debut on June 25, is putting the finishing scribbles on his new autobiography, for Putnam, out this fall..... At the Sahara Casbar: THE GRINGOS, one of the dynamite new groups out of the Charlie Johnston management stable. Johnston also manages S.O.U.P. and the incomparable but rarely seen in Vegas songstress, LEE MEZA.....WAYNE COCHRAN, just gone from the Flamingo, and onto a date at The Newport Inn in Miami, and then Gitmo Air Base in Cuba, is back in harness in spangled, sequined wardrobe and long flowing platinum hair. Wayne and his C.C. Riders getting their new duds from noted Sonny & Cher designer, MICHAEL BRAUN.... Speaking of costumes and wardrobe, RAY AGHAYAN & BOB MACKIE, who've dressed stars like MITZI GAYNOR, ANN MARGRET, ABBE LANE, JULIET PROWSE, etc. have been signed to dream up the more than 700 new costumes needed for DONN ARDEN's superspectacular at the new MGM Grand Hotel.....And speaking of the Grand, inside and informed sources say that BOB HOPE is not opening the new hotel, FRANK SINATRA is definitely not opening the new hotel, and DEAN MARTIN is definitely not opening the new hotel. Then, who is???? Latest rumors include such far-flung guesses as JACKIE GLEASON, ELIZABETH TAYLOR & RICHARD BURTON, MAE WEST, DORIS DAY, and ELVIS PRESLEY (who by the way, returns to the Hilton on August 6).....

LAS VEGAS IS TALKING ABOUT.....the brilliant and dynamic musical banquet currently being served up by the inimitable MEL TORME, now at the Thunderbird Hotel,

with DICK SHAWN. Mel's first Strip appearance in more than two years is another blockbuster for the T-Bird. The original Mr. Versatility, Mel's drum 'duet' with BUTCH MILES is one of the highlights of the show.....The Union Plaza's new hit and somewhat updated version of "SOUTH PACIFIC" starring SHERRI SPILLANE.....JACKIE GAYLE, funnier, faster and more outrageous than ever at the Sahara Casbar. Among the celebs popping in to see the most outspoken comedy genius in town: MILTON BERLE, MEL TORME, JACK CARTER, ROWAN & MARTIN, JERRY VAN DYKE, SLAPPY WHITE, REDD FOX, BRECK WALL, SUZANNE BUHRER, JACK JONES, PETER ANTHONY, JIM "Vegas Vampire" PARKER, SIG & GINA SAKOWICZ, FORREST DUKE, DAPHNE DAVIS, ZELLA LEHR, and showfolk from all the Strip spectacles from the Hacienda's "Turn It On" to the Fremont's "Minsky's Burlesque".....

NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....MILTON BERLE, closing this week at the Desert Inn, goes into rehearsals for his first, of several, guestings on the new NBC series, "Follies". Milton makes his first guest shot taping July 1.....JACK CARTER is the first comedian signed for the upcoming ABC special called "Comedy Backstage in Vegas" for producers Kukoff & Harris. Carter will tape the show from the Tropicana on June 25.....TAKEUCHI KEIGO's colorful Oriental extravaganza, "GEISHA-RELLA" now at the Thunderbird (early July) is scheduled to close its six month run in early July, but biz has been so solid for the popular revue it may be held over into summer, or make a reappearance at another Strip hotel.....A new GEORGE ARNOLD ice show (re "Nudes on Ice") will bow at the Hacienda around July 15.....Singer BOB ANDERSON, a solid smash in his first mainroom appearance with THE NANCY SINATRA SHOW at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks, goes home to Detroit for the 4th of July celebrating. Anderson also celebrates his 25th birthday, on June 23, with a special Happy Birthday song led by Nancy and Hugh Lambert and Pat Buttram, on stage at the Nugget.....Also up north, at KING'S CASTLE (where former Vegans like RON ERICKSON & BILL BRAY are now heading up entertainment and publicity), the bosses are as happy with the DIAHANN CARROLL-MARTY ALLEN teaming as the audiences. Marty & Diahann are doing strong biz at the elegant hotel-casino in Incline Village, just recently re-opened with big name stars. JOHNNY MATHIS & THE UNUSUAL WE follow on June 30.....

'ROUND TOWN.....Philadelphia's most popular ambassador, MIKE DOUGLAS, set to tape his show from Lake Tahoe and San Francisco. Douglas, whose top rated tv-er, has also been beamed from San Diego, Cypress Gardens, and Hawaii, should be the next singing host to bring his show to a Strip hotel for a week-long session of stars.....JACK JONES, back in town after such a long stay in England where he is the number one American singer and one of the hottest cafe attractions to cross the pond in years, is at the Flamingo. Jack's fans have been missing him



Bobby Morris

THE CHANDLER CONSPIRACY AT THE LANDMARK HOTEL PRESENT A SOPHISTICATED BUT BOUNCY SHOW THAT IS COMPLETELY RIGHT FOR ALL SUPPER CLUB PATRONS. RON CHANDLER, LEAD SINGER AND EMCEE AND HIS TWO BEAUTIFUL SONGBIRDS, NANCY DIPALMA AND DEBBIE BARTLETT PRESENT VOCALS SPARKED WITH DASHES OF COMEDY, STRENGTHENED BY TOE-TAPPING FROM BILL BARTLETT AND THE GIRLS. SHOWTIMES ARE 6:00, 7:45 AND 9:30 P.M.

and waiting for him. His new single "You're A Lady" starts hitting the charts this month.....THE MICKEY FINN SHOW will open at the new Holiday Inn Riverboat Queen casino in July.....THE CHANDLER CONSPIRACY, now back at the Landmark Hotel supper club, have a lot of local fans from their previous engagements here both at the Landmark and other Vegas hotels.....SONNY & CHER return to the Strip, and the Sahara's Congo Room opening June 30.....PAUL ANKA and Hawaiian favorite DANNY KALEIKINI at Caesars Palace. Paul & Danny will be followed by HARRY BELAFONTE & special gueststar DIAHANN CARROLL on July 5.....Burmese-Italian singer PETER GORDENO, who makes his Riviera debut with DON RICKLES on July 11, follows his Strip bow with his first South American tour; he'll open in Caracas, Venezuela on August 16.....A new vocal group from Japan, called BROWN RICE, open at the Golden Nugget. The group's first disc for MGM, "I Never Had A Love Like This" was written for the quintet by PAUL WILLIAMS.....

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