

# Mark Tan IN LAS VEGAS

**AND THE STRIKE GOES ON.....**With predictions of a long and unresolved strike still hovering over the Strip, there are still some hotels/casinos maintaining full operations (including the showrooms). Only the members of the NEVADA RESORT ASSOCIATION are being 'struck' by employees of four different unions (the Culinary, Bartenders, Musicians and Stagehands) with 'sympathy' walkouts by several other hotel-connected unions. Open and flourishing are the RIVIERA (with PETULA CLARK opening March 18), all of the ARGENT Hotels (Stardust, Hacienda, Fremont and Marina) and non-union members The Holiday Casino, Silver City, etc. and all of the smaller casinos, motels, restaurants throughout Las Vegas. An announcement is imminent from the negotiating parties, and everyone is hoping for a quick end to the crippling and million dollar losses of the strike that started on March 10.....

**NOTES FROM ALL OVER....**Detroit singer BOB ANDERSON, who has an all new act together with his own rhythm section and a new spate of vocal impressions, opens this month at SNEAKY PETE'S in Miami, Florida. The club is owned by Petey Foxx.....Songstress-actress ANNE SIMMONS follows hilarious impressionist Craig Russell into the new Upstairs Side Door Dining Theater in Toronto, Canada, opening March 23. Miss Simmons, who recently resumed a fulltime nitery career, has also been set for engagements in New York, Washington D.C., Atlanta, and New Orleans, prior to a mid summer Las Vegas debut.....JOAN RIVERS now with JOHN DAVIDSON in Miami, opens April 1 with PETER MARSHALL at Harrah's Reno.....DAN ROWAN & DICK MARTIN return to the Vegas scene and return to their longtime Strip base, the Sands Hotel. Rowan & Martin's last couple of dates have been at the Sahara.....PAUL WILLIAMS, originally announced to join HELEN REDDY at the MGM Grand this



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spring, may have to postpone the outing because of conflicting film and concert commitments.....BETTE MIDLER, now confirming reports that she'd be headlining at Caesars Palace, will reportedly play a late April date at the Circus Maximus.....

ALEXIS SMITH, who took Broadway by storm as the star of "Follies", is now branching out with a new nitery act.....Singer JIMMY RANDOLPH, who played several engagements here at the Stardust, has been signed to star in the all black version of "GUYS & DOLLS" opening this month in Philadelphia.....BRECK WALL and PATRICK MAES French revue "LE SEXY" opens this week at the Players Club in Palm Desert (just outside of Palm Springs). This will be the show's second engagement at the new resort cabaret. Entertainment director AL ANTHONY was so pleased with "Le Sexy's" initial bow, he's brought the show back for at least another four week run. SANDY WILLIAMS, MICKI HO-TACK, TOM SCOTTALATO, & LEOPOLDO FERNANDEZ are among the featured dancers with impressionists JOEY SKILBRED & JOHN HUCABA starring. JERRY NORMAN is staging and choreographing the new edition.....

STRIP CHATTER.....ANN-MARGRET (with an all new show ready and waiting for the Hilton showroom to reopen) is scheduled to be "on stage" the night of the Academy Awards (March 29) and will be unable to attend the ceremonies. A-M is the front running contender in the BEST ACTRESS awards for her magnificent portrayal in "Tommy". Speaking of A-M, her May dates at the Hilton will have to be postponed til later this summer.

Ann-Margret, who is easily one of the most - constantly-in-demand stars in the world, has been signed for THREE top starring roles: ROSS HUNTER'S multi part drama for tv "The Moneychangers", a tv special on the life of Aimee Semple McPherson, and opposite Broadway star PETER FIRTH in a British comedy "JOSEPH ANDREWS" .....JEANNIE LINERO, a former Vegas, who's been busy with her acting career in Hollywood (starring in "HOT L BALTIMORE" and more recently as Chico's girlfriend on "CHICO & THE MAN") has also been finding time to try out her talents as a songwriter. Jeannie's new tune "BRAVE BRAVE WOMAN" is now being heard and considered as the next single release of MISS HELEN REDDY .....Because of the strike delays, JOE PETERSON & DAVE BARRY'S upcoming bicentennial' flavored comedy romp "RED, WILD AND BLUE" has been postponed to a MAY 1 opening. The show was originally set to open April 15. AL GOSSAN is staging & choreographing the revue.....

DATELINE SAN DIEGO.....TOM JEPPELSON who has become one of the Southland's most popular and talked about new stars, is winding a long stint at La Jolla's Summer House Hotel (upstairs in the elegant ELARIO'S restaurant/cabaret). JEPPELSON who has a bravura Broadway style and can do lyrical wonders with the most contemporary music, has been polishing his act for a Vegas outing. Tom's showstopper segment after some thirty minutes of pop, standards, country western, etc. repertoire - is a mini-production from Broadway. The finale seg is a narrative of a famous Broadway show like "Camelot".

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....IF THE STRIKE IS STILL ON .....PETULA CLARK at the Riviera..... LIDO DE PARIS at the Stardust.....BARE TOUCH OF VEGAS at the Marina.....SPICE ON ICE at the Hacienda.....IF THE STRIKE IS OVER: ANN-MARGRET at the Las Vegas Hilton.....RED SKELTON & DES O'CONNOR at the MGM.....BOBBIE GENTRY at the Frontier.....GEORGE BURNS & DOC SEVERINSEN at the Sands.....

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