



TRIPPING AROUND.....JOHN TRAVOLTA'S decision to drop out of Paramount's "American Gigolo" was due to a culmination of major events according to his representatives. The death of his mother, his father's illness and the disastrous reviews on "Moment by Moment" were part of the problem. Fortunately, he's free of any other commitments except for an ABC TV special so he can now take a long deserved rest....

DIANA ROSS has been requested by the White House to be the guest star for the big dinner for President and Mrs. JIMMY CARTER at the Beverly Hilton on March 2.....CHARO will cuchi-cuchi on the Concorde in Jennings Lang's latest "Airport 79 - Concorde".....BARRY MANILOW puts on another hat as he begins producing DIONNE WARWICK's new album for Arista... MICHAEL J. POLLARD joins PAUL LE MAT AND JASON ROBARDS in "Melvin and Howard." Pollard's last appearance in an "and" movie was "Bonnie and Clyde" which netted him an Academy nomination for Best Supporting Actor... "The King and I" hasn't hit town yet but it has already racked up an \$1 million dollar advance. That should keep YUL BRYNNER in dome polish for awhile.....SOUPY SALES is coming back to TV in a new syndicated show called, "The New Soupy Sales Show." And Dracula will also be a new TV series but as a cartoon on Saturday mornings for ABC....RUTA LEE just back from a very successful stint in "Same Time, Next Year" in St. Louis was greeted by a nice guest star job on "Three's Company".....very funny lady DODY GOODMAN joins MTM as a regular on the "Mary Tyler Moore Hour" which reappears on CBS March 4....."Star Wars" will also reappear this summer in a reissue to prep audiences for the 1980 spring release of its sequel, "The Empire Strikes Back."

Meanwhile costs are mounting on Paramount's "Star Trek" feature which may make it THE most expensive movie ever made. Inside reports say that it will outzap both "Star Wars" and "Superman" so it'll be worth it.... GOLDIE HAWN collects a lot of gold from ABC for her new contract with them for her own TV specials plus both TV and theatrical motion pictures....North Hollywood has taken a tip from Hollywood and is instituting its own Country Music Walk of Fame to be located adjacent to the Palomino Club. EDDIE RABBITT is the first star to be placed there. No truth to the rumor that DOLLY PARTON will have two big stars.... The Hardy Boys continue but not together... SHAUN CASSIDY costars with LINDA PURL in "A Very Special Love" and PARKER STEVENSON signed for two two - hour TV movies and that's no mystery....."Another World" takes an innovative step in daytime programming when it becomes television's first 90 minute soap opera on March 5 on NBC. That's a lot of tears under the bridge, fellows....RAY STRICKLYN steps away from his P.R. position and into "The Rockford Files" for a guest shot and I for one hope it means many more of the same.... SHIRLEY MACLAINE is now set to costar with PETER SELLERS in "Being There" which I guess is half the fun....IRWIN SHAW is ready to start his new project as a mini-series called "Beggarmen, Thief" which is a continuation of guess what?..

BOB HOPE says nobody was surprised more than he was when he was announced as the Most Admired Male in a national poll of teen age girls conducted by Seventeen magazine. Hope cracked, "I thought they were putting me on when they told me the results. I mean, can you imagine me being more popular than JOHN TRAVOLTA with teen age girls? I can't even get my hips out of park."

Get your hips out of park and go out and dance it up. Good for your weight and it'll make you feel like a kid again.

New Profession

By Rabbi Samuel M. Silver

Modern American Jewry has produced a new profession: that of synagogue administrator.

Never before were there functionaries like these executives who often carry the congregation on their shoulders, serving as supervisors of the building, financial monitors, liaison between trustees and membership, shielding the rabbi, etc.

Many of these administrators are knowledgeable and devoted Jews, almost clerical in the sense of ecclesiastic as well managers of offices, etc. Some, like the celebrated Dr. Irving Katz, of Detroit, are ordained rabbis.

Each of these people (and there are women in the profession) is worth many times the salaries they get in effectuating economies in synagogal life.

In the Conservative movement their organization is called National Association of Synagogue Administrators: the Reformers call themselves National Association of Temple Administrators.



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The Center promotes spiritual values, the ideals of Peace, Friendship and Understanding in a united effort by Christians and Jews.

In the past the Center has had Seders, Hanukah Parties, Christmas Parties, informal discussions, etc. They also have interfaith classes that cover such topics as Bible Life & Science, Death, Dying and Bereavement. The Center is open every day. They have Hillel Meetings & Sunday Catholic Masses. In addition to all of the above the Center also offers counseling in personal, educational and religious matters.

As a concerned citizen, I believe it behoves us all to be aware of what is available in our community and on the campus at UNLV. I personally offer my hand to this group including Father Walter C. Novak, Penelope Duckworth, Dan Pomerantz and Patricia Coughlin. For a job well done in an area vital to us all, God Bless. Thought for the Day, HAPPINESS IS DOING-----NOT HAVING.

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