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IN
LAS VEGAS



LIFE UPON THE WICKED STAGE.....ANN-MARGRET returns for her first appearance of 1979 (and after a six month hiatus from all of show business) to Caesars Palace on June 14. A-M will break in her all new act with a 'quickie' stint at the Sahara Tahoe in early June, with **RIP TAYLOR** just about firmed to be her comedy gueststar.....Meanwhile, **RIP TAYLOR** flies off to Chicago for his headliner bow at The Blue Max, opening April 29, followed by a May 14 opening in Pittsburgh at the Holiday House, and as the premiere attraction at a new New York city nitery, Le Mouche opening over Memorial Day.....**DONNA SUMMER**, a sensation in her MGM headliner bow, returns for one week only opening July 5. In the interim the torrid Summer will be appearing at the Resorts International Hotel in Atlantic City, the Sheraton Hilton in Honolulu, and a tour of Japan.....**PHYLLIS DILLER** will gueststar with **STEVE LAWRENCE & EYDIE GORME** when they return to the Las Vegas Hilton on May 29.....**TONY BENNETT** makes his official debut at the Desert Inn opening May 15, with David Brenner. Tony has played the D.I. but only a fill-in for postponed Dionne Warwick.....**SERGIO FRANCHI** moves over to the Frontier Hotel with **NIPSEY RUSSELL** opening mid-May. **DEBBIE REYNOLDS**, currently in her Frontier bow with an all new act (Debbie Goes Disco!) returns in July.....**SAMMY DAVIS JR.**, **DON RICKLES**, **ABBE LANE**, **JERRY LEWIS**, and just about the entire **WORLD** of show biz will be on hand sometime during the upcoming April 21-22 **OLYMPATHON** telethon (for NBC) from the Crystal Room of the Desert Inn..... **ANDY WILLIAMS** who introduced his breathtaking new scenics and bandstand setup in his last act at Caesars (his 25th anniversary appearance show) returns to the Palace for a quick May 3-9 engagement.....**JOHNNIE RAY** who has played the Strip

"TONY" NEWLEY SUPPORTS JULIET PROWSE AT D.I. TO APR. 30

Dancing delight Juliet Prowse and co-star entertainer Anthony Newley continue to thrill the Desert Inn Crystal Room audiences during their month-long engagement at the "D.I."

However, the pair will step aside Saturday, April 21, when the NBC Olympathon '79 telethon is broadcast nationally "live" from the Crystal Room.

They return, as captivating as ever, on Sunday evening for their regular nightly performances -- an 8 p.m. dinner

show and a midnight cocktail show.

Juliet, currently introducing a new show full of musical movements, is off to the London Paladium following her Desert Inn engagement.

Newley, who receives nightly praises for his original songs performed, will be joining Juliet for the May 8 - 13 London shows.

Following them in the Desert Inn Crystal Room will be Robert Goulet and Joan Rivers who open May 1 for a two-week engagement.



TONY

for a couple of years is mulling several Strip dates this summer. Johnnie recently returned from a concert tour in Australia and is in Nashville to record a new single and album.....

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO.....BUDDY VEST???.....
COLLEEN ASHTON???..... **LEE MEZA???**..... **GARY GRANDE???**..... **FRAN JEFFRIES???**..... **JEANNE NAPOLI???**..... **RUTH BUZZI???**..... **BOBBY RYDELL???**..... **JOHN ROWLES???**.....

NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....JOEL GREY, who's been away with another Broadway show returns for his first Strip date in two years or so, co-starring next with **CHARO** at the Sahara Hotel opening May 3-10.....**JIM BAILEY**, currently at the Princess Hotel in Bermuda, headlines at the Fairmount in San Francisco opening April 25. Jim's comedy gueststar will be **SANDY HACKETT** (Buddy's son) in his first mainroom stint.....Versatile actress-singer-comedienne **DYANNE THORNE** back in town for her role as Miss Wilkerson in the Union Plaza's latest bedroom farce, "Too Many for the Bed" starring **VIRGINIA MAYO**. Dyanne who is known throughout Europe for her movie series of "Ilka, the She Wolf of the S.S.", recently starred in Breck Wall/Patrick Maes' Sparks Nugget opus "Naughty But Nice".....Singer-impressionist **BILL ACOSTA** who has been appearing at the Cleopatra's Barge at Caesars Palace since the days of Caesars' Nero's Nook (that commutes to a couple of years!!) continues to charm and entertain nightly from 9 p.m. Acosta is currently

prepping his new nitery act for clubdates in the east and south, and hopefully, moving on to a Strip mainroom.....The new **LIBERACE MUSEUM** (on East Tropicana at the Liberace Plaza shopping mall) is now open daily. The proceeds derived from the Museum are to aid "exceptionally talented" in the performing and creative arts.....

STRIP CHATTER....."DESIGNS BY DUDAS" of Detroit is the trademark name of one-of-a-kind precious stone and metals jewelry creations by former Las Vegas and singer **RICK DUDAS**. Now in the import biz, Rick's new line of custom jewelry will be "on display" this month when Dudas and his designer staff visit Las Vegas for talks with worldwide exporters of precious gems from Australia, Japan, South America, and Asia. Rick will also be showing some of his more exceptional originals to several Strip stars who make ideal potential clients including **LIBERACE**, **WAYNE NEWTON**, **SAMMY DAVIS JR.**, **ABBE LANE**, **CONNIE STEVENS**, **RIP TAYLOR**, **JOAN RIVERS**, **LOLA FALANA**, etc etc.....Singer **TOM CHRISTI**, who'll be returning to the MGM Cub Lounge in mid-summer, will be making his first visit to England to perform at a new nitery in London in August.....Multi-faceted **MS DELL LONG** who has been associated with **B.B. KING**, **LOUIS PRIMA**, **PHYLLIS DILLER**, **ROY CLARK**, etc etc in various capacities, has been signed as entertainment director and talent booker for a new nitery in New Orleans. Dell, just back from that city, will be scouting **NAME STARS** and new talent for a special fifteen week period.

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One of television's most popular stars of the seventies and one of the nation's most popular female vocalists will share the spotlight for two exciting weeks to run through May 2.

Newhart, whose "Bob Newhart Show" is still in syndication around the country and for years was one of the top network comedy shows on TV, brings that same smooth, mellow story - telling style to the Celebrity Room.

Miss Carr, celebrating her 20th year as an entertainer, is the first female singer of Mexican - American heritage ever to "make it to the top."

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