

Mark Tan IN LAS VEGAS



NOTES FROM ALL OVERSIG SAKOWICZ, the noted radio and television personality who was the top star of Chicago's WGN for more than two decades, has been named Publicity and Public Relations Director at the Silverbird Hotel. Sig (and his wife Gina) have been living in Las Vegas for the past several years; Sig has had his own radio show on KLAS-CBS, and his "Superstar" television series on KLAS-TV**ABBE LANE** with a new single for Butterfly Records being rushed into early summer release, will follow up with a new album for the fall. Abbe is also being offered a whirlwind South American tour to help promote the international disc release, and has a firm offer to star in her own telly series to be filmed in Milan, Italy, and practically anywhere else in the world Abbe would like to go!!! Abbe who is one of Italy's number one film favorites (she has done more than thirty films in Italy) also has a pitch to star in a series of telly specials for the Latin American market and that series would be filmed in Las Vegas, Hollywood, and other entertainment centers in the U.S. Abbe's first sin is "I WILL SURVIVE" backed by disco "SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW" Speaking of tv series, **JACK JONES** got the greenlight for his new series "THE PALACE PRESENTS" for **WILKS & CLOSE PRODUCTIONS.** Taping start in the U.S. and Canada on July 28 and will be aired in the US, Great Britain, West Germany & Canada starting in September **CONGRATULATIONS** to the soon to be wed **VALERIE JEAN SPENCER & singer GARY LEMASTER.** They'll wed in Las Vegas, at Sam's Town Hotel, on May 20. Valerie is the daughter of popular Strip veteran pr and newspaper lady **DEE SPENCER** (of the Stardust advertising &

CHARO, JOEL GREY AT SAHARA TO MAY 10

The sum total of talents exhibited by the current co-headliners in Hotel Sahara's Congo Showroom is overwhelming, to say the least. The fiery Charo and energy-charged Joel Grey sing, dance, play musical instruments, do "shtik" and in general give their audiences much to remember.

Charo is everything showgoers have come to expect from her appearances on the TV talk and variety shows. Her natural beauty is enhanced by the colorful costumes adorning her dance troupe and singers, the stage

setting (very disco!) and the up-tempo of her performance. Except for the serious moments on her classic guitar (a show-stopping virtuoso segment), Charo has Congo patrons on the edges of their seats as she sings and dances her way through a dozen musical trips.

Joel Grey cannot be taken in small doses. Once sampled, there's no turning off. His bag of tricks has something for everyone.

Recipient of Oscar and Tony (and a host of other) awards.

Joel's greatest success was in the



CHARO

Broadway and film versions of "Cabaret." Charo and Joel Grey can be seen at the 8 o'clock-dinner show

publicity dept). Valerie, who was also active in publicity for several years, has recently joined her fiance in his nitery act as a singer. Gary is currently appearing at the new Sam's Saloon showroom at the Boulder Highway hotel/casino..... **BOBBY VINTON & DAVID BRENNER** will now replace **STEVE MARTIN** at his scheduled Riviera date, June 7-13. Steve had to postpone his engagement because of filming commitments; he's making his first full length movie "THE JERK" at Universal **RUSTY WARREN**, the Original "Knockers Up" lady, will be back in town, at the Sahara Casbar, in July

"ROUND TOWN..... **BRENT LEWIS**, the uniquely talented percussionist now featured in the CHARO-JOEL GRAY show at the Sahara, is credited with having "the fastest hands in the world" for his extraordinary talent of playing the "ika uma drums" (the only drum type instrument tuned to the piano and capable of playing melodies) - a set of twenty two chromatic drums that resemble bongos. In Charo's show, Brett has his own spot where he not only plays the ika uma drums but has the intricate and exotic patterns accompanied by a sound-triggered light sensor system. Lewis who is a native of Los Angeles, has a wide variety of experiences and not all musical - he was a scholarship swimmer at the University of Wyoming, is a graduate in business from the University of Arizona, and has had three years of law at Hastings Law School in San Francisco. His musical career includes tours with folk rock groups as well as tours with The Grateful Dead, Iron Butterfly, Jefferson Airplane and Steppenwolf (all in the 1960's). He started playing the ika uma in the early 70's and has been in all of Charo's nitery shows for the past two years **PATRICK, THE ALL AMERICAN MALE STRIPPER**, just back from his star spot in "Jubilation '79" in St. Louis, round town to see Strip pals and meet with several Strip producers who are interested in presenting his unique song & dance act. Patrick, a native of Hawaii, was "discovered" here in Las Vegas by producers **BARRY ASHTON & WOLF KOCHMANN** who put him into a featured slot in one of their Miami-Americana Hotel extravaganzas which led, later to his year long stint as star of **BRECK WALL-PATRICK MAES'** "Wow '78" at the Sahara Tahoe And speaking of producers **WALL & MAES**, they were in town rehearsing

TWO separate companies of "BOTTOMS UP" - one opening this week in Boston at the Chateau de Ville, the other prepping the "BU '79" premiera for the Sahara Tahoe on May 22. Another Wall-Maes revue, "LEGS" is currently running at the Sahara Tahoe with **FATS JOHNSON** starring and will be alternating with "Bottoms Up" thru the summer **FRANKIE VALLI** will have **RODNEY DANGERFIELD** as his comedy costar when he returns to the Aladdin Bagdad in July. Rodney recently signed a deal with Casablanca Records and will be cutting a "I Don't Get No Respect" comedy album later this year **LIBERACE** and his newly formed **LIBERACE FOUNDATION FOR THE CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS** will shortly announce a worldwide search for keyboard performers as its first major project in aiding and developing the highly gifted in the creative and performing arts.

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Returning to the Crystal Room stage at the Desert Inn and Country Club, Robert Goulet and Joan Rivers are once again treating the "D.I." audiences to their entertainment excellence.

Vocal master Goulet, who has achieved fame in the recording field, television, theater and nightclubs, will once again thrill the crowds with his natural gift of song.

The local comedy queen, Joan Rivers, shares the stage with

Goulet during this two-week engagement and is sure to win laughs from all corners of the audience.

Rivers creates her own topical material which ranges from housework to husbands to children -- situations and subjects which everyone can sympathize with.

The Goulet and Rivers combination of talent is one show not to be missed. Reservations may be made daily by calling the showroom office at 733-4566.

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