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IN
LAS VEGAS



NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....JOAN RIVERS, currently at the Las Vegas Hilton with JOHN DAVIDSON, will be having all of ten days off between her Vegas engagements. Joan closes at the Hilton on July 2 and bounces right back on July 12 to costar with ANDY WILLIAMS at Caesars Palace.....HAPPY BIRTHDAY GEMINIS - SIEGFRIED (of Siegfried & Roy), personal manager BERNIE YUMAN, JOAN RIVERS, JAMES DARREN, and everybody's favorite Girl Friday, MARIE COVELLO (who's worked at various times for Rip Taylor, Joan Rivers, Helldorado, The Las Vegas Entertainment Awards, Breck Wall, Patrick Maes, The Beaux Arts Hallowe'en Ball, Jubilation, Joe Peterson, Dick McNeely, Maya Miller, etc etc and is currently working with DELL LONG & WAYNE OLSON on the upcoming benefit concert for the Houston chapter of the Parkinson's Foundation).....Comedy favorite TOM DRESEN, now in Tahoe with Mac Davis, joins MAC at the MGM Grand in July following his week long guest hosting of the popular Cincinnati tv talk/variety show The Bob Braun Show.....BERNADETTE PETERS, now at the Riviera, will have TWO star headliners with her when she returns to that hotel in August: RICH LITTLE will play one week of the date and GLEN CAMPBELL will complete the second week.....The first, "disco opera", producer JOE PETERSON'S "ENCORE! JOSEPHINE!" is now scheduled for a July opening at the Tropicana Hotel's Fountain Theater showroom. MICHAEL DARRIN will choreograph, direct and design the costumes. Rehearsals for the new Broadway-bound musical tribute to the late Josephine Baker are scheduled to get underway this week, with Casablanca recording artist PHYLICIA ALLEN slated for the title role.....DEBBIE REYNOLDS and DOC SEVERINSEN are replacing Shecky Greene at the Sands. Shecky will reportedly bow out of all Summa appearances until the fall.....ANN-MARGRET, opening tonight at Caesars Palace with an all new show will have dancer-actor BLAINE SAVAGE as her dance partner. Savage who has been devoting his time to an acting career is making his first return to partner A-M in more than a year. Busy Busy MRS. ROGER SMITH has also been signed to star with BRUCE DERN in a new drama/comedy titled "Middle Aged Crazy" for producers Sid & Marty Krofft. Ann-Margret's latest film "THE VILLAIN" with KIRK DOUGLAS hits the movie screen this summer.....

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WAYNE

The Glenn Ostergard sculptures are being featured at the Charleston Heights Arts Center through June 29.

"The Fantastics" a musical comedy is being shown at the Meadows Playhouse through June 30.

IS IT NEWS.....that JAMES DARREN will make his first Las Vegas appearance in more than two years joining his good pal LOLA FALANA in her late July stint at the Aladdin Hotel? Jimmy is also making his Bagdad Theater bow that date (his last several appearances here have been at the Sahara).....that JACK JONES will replace the often-scheduled-but-yet-to-appear SONNY BONO, opening at the Sahara with CHARO (who will have her all new nitery act premiering) on July 12.....that MILTON BERLE (a Riviera pactee) will go on special loan to the Las Vegas Hilton to gueststar with LOU RAWLS in August? Uncle Miltie will also be guesting with BOBBY VINTON at the Riviera, opening June 28.....that PHYLLIS MCGUIRE, who has also been absent as of late from the Strips scene, returns to guest with her good pal JOHNNY CARSON when J.C. returns this weekend to the Sahara for two nights only (June 15 & 16).....that THE OSMONDS have set their once a year Vegas playdate, for the Hilton of course, for September 25-October 15????.....that the "incredible" impressionist JIM BAILEY will be returning to the Vegas Strip with an all new revue that will feature both his star ladies and himself in musical productions? Bailey is currently meeting with several choreographers and directors to mount the new show. And speaking of Jim, former Las Vegas ALLAN CHAPIN is set to take over as his personal manager on July 1. Chapin is forming his own management and production firm and Bailey is the office's first star client.....that tv's "Wonder Woman" LYNDA CARTER is revving up to return to a major hotel showroom with another nitery bid. Lynda's highly hyped

"debut" at Caesars Palace was nipped after only one appearance last summer.....that JEFF KUTASH'S "DANCIN' MACHINE" recently here at the Stardust Lounge will be opening shortly at the Sahara Reno Hotel.....

STRIP CHATTER.....SIEGFRIED & ROY, the Superstars of Magic, take a holiday from their star spot in the Stardust's "Lido de Paris" and will be heading east and west. Siegfried will be going to Europe for a magician's convention in Brussels, and Roy will head toward more exotic shores like Tahiti, Hawaii, and a Colorado River trip.....Comedy ventriloquist SAMMY KING, now starring in Frederic Apcar's "Bedazzle" revue at Harrah's Tahoe, will be commuting all month to fulfill demands for television guestings including several more visits on the Norm Crosby Comedy Shop, Merv Griffin, Mike Douglas, Dinah Shore, and several game shows. Sammy's also wanted for some mainroom guest spots later this year but his current pact with "Bedazzle" will be keeping him unavailable indefinitely.....

LIFE UPON THE WICKED STAGE.....AUDITIONS for male and female dancers will be held this month for the new "CRAZY HEAD REVUE" starring JACQUELINE DOUGUET, LELAND STANFORD SCOTT III and LES BOYS FROM LONDON.....STEVE LAWRENCE & EYDIE GORME, just at the Hilton, now firmed for July dates at the Desert Inn and a September bow at the Frontier Hotel.....

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