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IN
LAS VEGAS



NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....DONNA SUMMER will have BROOKLYN DREAMS as her special gueststars when she returns to the MGM Grand for her second engagement opening July 5. As Summer fans know, the Dreams' guitarist-singer BRUCE SUDANO is Donna's real-life boyfriend SIEGFRIED & ROY, back from their two week hiatus/holiday return to the star spot as THE SUPERSTARS OF MAGIC, in the "Lido de Paris" at the Stardust. The award winning illusionists who introduced lions, tigers, panthers, cheetahs, elephants, leopards, etc in their breathtaking magic show, will star in their own television special later this year JAMES DARREN makes his first Vegas visit in a couple of years, opening July 25 with Lola Falana at the Aladdin Bagdad. Jimmy will be seen on the nation's moviescreens this summer in his new pic "The Boss' Son"..... RICH LITTLE goes "on loan" to the Riviera (where he was one of the star headliners until last year when he moved to the MGM Grand) to costar with BERNADETTE PETERS August 23-29. The week is a fill in for Glen Campbell who will take over, with Ms Peters, on Aug 30 Speaking of BERNADETTE PETERS, because of her current Riv stint with Neil Sedaka, Bernadette had to miss the all star-kling light-limousines and chauffeurs-etc. grand premiere of "THE JERK..." - the film she just completed with boyfriend STEVE MARTIN for Universal. The frolic (and there is a "surprise" element to the premiere) took place this past week in Westwood. "The Jerk" goes into its real release and national distribution for Christmas..... JOAN RIVERS now with John Davidson at the Hilton, takes a ten day breather in L.A. and comes right back to costar with ANDY WILLIAMS in his July 12-25 date at Caesars Palace

TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT CHER (who actually opened last eve) has her "Official" grand opening at Caesars Palace tonight (June 29) which will be followed by a special invitation-only roller skating bash in the hotel's Sports Pavilion. Among the celebs donning four wheels to join in the all night frolic and latest show biz craze: MILTON BERLE, JOAN RIVERS, MARILYN CHAMBERS, JIM BAILEY, GABRIEL KAPLAN, TANYA TUCKER, BOBBY VINTON, NORM CROSBY, TONY BENNETT, HELEN REDDY, SIEGFRIED & ROY, JULIET PROWSE & VIRGINIA MAYO STEVE ROSSI will have his unofficial grand opening tonight of his new STEVE ROSSI'S CELEBRITY ROOM at the Jockey Club in the Turf Bar. Steve will host the

HELEN REDDY, JIM STAFFORD

HEADLINE AT SAHARA

One of the lovely ladies of song, Helen Reddy, is paired with singer-musician-composer - humorist Jim Stafford for one short week in Hotel Sahara's Congo Show-room, through July 4.

Helen Reddy, reaffirming her position as one of the strongest attractions on the entertainment scene with her recent smash TV special, is a total delight. She could do the whole show with her "golden oldie" hit records, but chooses to mix it up with some great selections not necessarily "hers."

Her choice of material is tasty -- a love

ballad, an up-tempo disco beat, a familiar standard -- presented in her own unique and appealing style.

And audience response to Jim Stafford's part of the show is most gratifying to this bright and witty performer.

His boyish charm and warm delivery sets the stage for his strange, off-beat musical compositions.

Titles like "Swamp Witch," "My Girl Bill," "Spiders and Snakes" and "Your Bulldog Drinks Champagne" have a way of keeping show-goers on their toes!



HELEN

Helen Reddy and Jim Stafford do two shows a night -- 8 o'clock

and midnight cock-tails - only per-formances -- through dinner next Wednesday.

room from 2 AM to 7 AM, and will feature live entertainment, cocktails, breakfast, etc and hopes to make the new room THE PLACE for showfolk after working hours. Casual comfortable and completely impromptu, the Celebrity Room will have star drop-ins and spontaneous entertainment all night (or is it morning) long "just like the good old days of Las Vegas" says the popular singer-host (who'll be continuing to star in his own show at the Holiday International Hotel) RIP TAYLOR, - who lives in Las Vegas - had to cancel his trip "home" from Santo Domingo where he has been taping a Home Box Office special "DON'T MISS THE BOAT" with Joanne Worley. Rip had planned to fly into Vegas for a few days rest and relaxation but now has to fly directly from Miami to Honolulu, Hawaii, where he'll be opening Sunday night (July 1) at the Le Boom Boom Room..... And speaking of RIP & HAWAII, singer-songwriter LELAND STANFORD SCOTT III is "standing by" D n eleven flights to Hawaii (everything has been booked solid for three months say the airlines) so that he can make his Honolulu debut as Taylor's guest opening act. Leland will be joining Rip at Le Boom Boom Room this weekend (hopefully) or by the 4th of July for a two week gig. Scott will have to curtail his Hawaii visit on the 15th and return to Las Vegas to prep

his new act to open with DOM DELUISE in Denver, at The Turn of the Century, on July 19

CELEBRITY CIRCUS PAUL ANKA is the premiere star of the new Caesars Palace Regency Hotel-Casino opening this week in Atlantic City, New Jersey Composer-arranger BILL REDDIE ("Casino de Paris", The Debbie Reynolds Show, etc) has been named Musical Director at the Resorts International Hotel (also in A.C.), by entertainment director TIBOR RUDAS. The new pact, set by Reddie's manager, producer MATT GREGORY, will permit Bill to retain his residence and recording studios in Las Vegas, and require his presence in the boardwalk resort frequently but not fulltime MILTON BERLE, now at the Riviera with Bobby Vinton, will gueststar next with LOU RAWLS in another "on loan" arrangement to the Las Vegas Hilton, opening August 7. Milton has a ten week, non-exclusive pact with the Riv STEVE LAWRENCE & EYDIE GORME, off to Singapore, Hong Kong and Hawaii with "The Dinah Show", return for their Desert Inn debut, July 17, with Norm Crosby Hawaiian star CAROLE KAI makes her mainroom bow, with DON RICKLES, at the Sahara in August

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